

Hyde Band Newsletter – Winter 2017

Dear Band Friends and Supporters,

Well, a busy banding Christmas is just around the corner! The band will help to kick-start the celebrations in Fordingbridge, playing carols for the community outside the Town hall on **Friday 1st December** when Santa Claus arrives and the Christmas Lights are switched on.

On Saturday 2nd, we will be playing carols and Christmas music in **Salisbury High Street** - please come and support us if you are in the city. The next day, Sunday 3rd, the Training band will be joining players from the main band at the **'Light Up A life' carol service outside Salisbury Hospice** at 4pm, and on Sunday 10th, will be playing for the **Damerham Carol Service** at the Village hall at 3.00pm. We are also looking forward to the traditional evening Christmas Service at **Harbridge Church on Wednesday 20th**.



COME TO OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER, 6.30 FOR 7.00PM

This year we have a change of venue for our annual Christmas concert, which has previously been held at the Hulse Hall in Breamore. Due to increased demand, we have decided to hold it this year at the 'Gorley Bygone Days' site, where our very popular 'Roaring Forties' Concert was held in August – the large barn at **Brooklands Farm, South Gorley, SP6 2PW** (not far from Hockey's Farm Shop). The acclaimed local singing group, **'The Bobbies'**, who supported us at our Roaring Forties concert in August, will be joining us again. Hot food and a bar, a great selection of Christmas music to listen to and join in with, and a fantastic start to your Christmas celebrations- don't miss out! Tickets are just £10, available from Caxton Décor in Fordingbridge- our thanks as always to them- or call Martin on 07776 308933. Martin also has a limited remaining supply of our popular Christmas CD, recorded last year – at £10, a great Christmas gift for family, friends- or yourself!

If you or your children would like to join our **Training band**, it can be the beginning of a whole new interest, hobby, or even career. We offer a warm welcome to complete beginners and early learners, returning players, rusty musicians, and those who would like to learn to play a different instrument. We can even provide a brass instrument on free loan, and group tuition from a professional musician. We rehearse on Mondays, 6.30-7.30pm, at The Performance Studio at The Trafalgar School, Downton. Contact Sue Bennett on 01425 654020 for further details.

Don't forget, if you would like Hyde band to play at your special event- a wedding, birthday party, school fair or company event in 2018, contact secretary@hydeband.co.uk or visit the Hyde band website www.hydeband.co.uk for information and for details of the band's history, personnel, and photo gallery.

Join the 100 Club!

The band is constantly in need of funds to cover our running costs, provide new music and replace instruments and equipment.

We have recently launched a **100 CLUB** – an easy way to support your local band. For just £2 per month you can support the band and stand a chance of winning a cash prize each month!

For further details and a Membership form, please contact the organiser, Paul Harrison on 07985 590032 or email pmh501@hotmail.com

We would also warmly welcome any form of sponsorship, personal or corporate, to go alongside our current sponsorship by [Elliotts Builders Merchant](#) and **Bournemouth Water**, (who have sponsored the Training band). We would like to thank both our Sponsors for their generous support, without which we could not continue.

If you feel able to sponsor just one of our concerts or events, or even sponsor an individual player, please do get in touch. Our website www.hydeband.co.uk has further details or contact our Secretary, Jonathan Rayner on secretary@hydeband.co.uk.

Player News- A sad loss- in September, the band was deeply saddened by the news that Steve Mattock, who for many years played tuba with the band, and also served in the roles of Secretary, then Chairman, has passed away. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with his family.

We hope that you will continue to follow the band's activities and progress this year- you will be welcome at any or all of our next concerts, or to book the band for your own event or special occasion - please contact:

secretary@hydeband.co.uk for advance tickets or further information.

With kind regards from

All at Hyde Band

