

# Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter

November 2018



## **Band Christmas Concert**

The Band will be holding their Christmas Concert this year at the Erin Arts Centre in Port Erin on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, starting at 7.30pm.

This concert will again be the Band's first concert of the Christmas season; in fact, the first of 15 engagements on the lead up to Christmas Day 2018. The Band are looking to put on a great concert to set everybody in the mood for Christmas.

Tickets for the concert have gone very quickly, so much so that the concert was sold out after 5 days! It will be great for the Band to play to a full audience.



# Christmas shopping online?.....

.....Help the Band with free donations

Did you know that you can raise funds for Rushen Silver Band when shopping online and it won't cost you anything extra?!

**Shop online visiting the easyfundraising website first** (<u>www.easyfundraising.org.uk/rushensilverband</u>) and they will a percentage donation to the Band for any purchase made through one of their partner organisations. We've now raised over £400 in this way for Band funds so please join in and help the Band.



## Friends of the Band Coffee Morning

The Friends of the Band will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 11.30am at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin.

Members of the Band will also be playing some carols during the event to get everyone in the festive spirit.

We hope you can join us 😊

For all the latest news visit <u>www.rushensilverband.org.im</u>

#### **Concert with Mr Richard Evans**

The Band held a concert in October with our guest conductor and Band Musical Advisor Mr Richard Evans. Due to other events taking place the same day, the concert was a late afternoon affair and it was nice to see a good audience there to hear the culmination of the Band's efforts over the weekend.





The Band had been put through their paces by Mr Evans during three practices on the days leading up to the concert, and Mr Evans was his usual enthusiastic self for which the players certainly fed off. The programme itself was a varied ensemble of pieces that really showed the ability of the band, and Mr Evans has seen a vast improvement in the music the Band members can now challenge themselves to play compared to his first visit back in 2003.

The Band always appreciate Mr Evans' visit to the Island, and we're pleased to confirm that he is already booked for 2019...

...We're already looking forward to it.





#### **Oie'll Verree Service**

The New Year will only be a few days old when the Band plays their first concert of 2019. The Oie'll Verree Service will be taking place at Kerrowkeil Chapel on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Old Christmas Eve) starting at 7.30pm. The Service is always a great way to welcome in both old Christmas Eve and the New Year, but try to get there early as seats are at a premium.



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#### **Band Annual General Meeting**

The Band will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 29th November at 7.45pm at the Bandroom. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

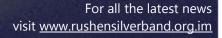
#### Looking forward to 2019

Next year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Band changing its name from 'Surby Silver Band to 'Rushen Silver Band'. To celebrate this, the Band are looking to play at numerous community based events during the year.

Following the Oie'll Verree Service, the Band will be holding a concert on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at St Columba's Church. This concert will consist of music chosen by the members of the Band and will no doubt provide some light relief away from playing carols and Christmas music, although not for long....

...This is because the Band are picking the Christmas music back up for recording a CD. This will be the third CD for the Band and it is hoped to record this in the middle of festive February. We hope it will be on sale ready for the Christmas 2019 season. Watch this space!

Thank you to Phil Woodford for another fabulous Christmas cartoon 😊









Dates for your 2019 dia	ry J J J J J J J J J	<b>Л Л</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Oie'll Verree Service (at Kerrowkeil Chapel)	7.30pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Band Member's Choice Concert (at St Columba's Church, Port Erin)	8.00pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rowany Ladies Fundraising Concert (at Rowany Golf Club, Port Erin)	8.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Parish of Rushen Concert</b> (at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin)	7.45pm
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Laxey Festival</b> (around Laxey Village)	TBC
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Ballafesson Brass Concert (at Castletown Methodist Chapel)	TBC
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Groudle Glen Cliff Top Concert (at Groudle Glen Café)	2.00pm
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Last Night of the Proms</b> (at the Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin)	7.30pm
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Gala Concert with Mr Richard Evans	ТВС

Details of concerts the Band and Ballafesson Brass have been asked to participate in from December onwards can be found on the website (<u>www.rushensilverband.org.im/engagements</u>)



We are sorry to report that the RNLI Carol Concert at Port St Mary Boathouse on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December has been cancelled.

Rushen Silver Band would like to send their best wishes for the Festive Season and wish everyone a

Happy New Year!

For more information about Rushen Silver Band or suggestions for the Sounds from the South newsletter, please contact the Band Secretary: Peter Faragher, 16 Close Cam, Port Erin, IM9 6NB. Tel: 493193. Email: secretary@rushensilverband.org.im

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