



# Sounds from the South

Newsletter of Rushen Silver Band

September 2016



## Manannan's Isle Concert

The Band were delighted to be asked to play at the Manannan's Isle Concert which took place at the end of July at the Gaiety Theatre in Douglas.

The concert was a reproduction of the first half of the Manx and Cornish Showpiece Night that took place in the Espace Marine Arena as part of the Inter Celtic Festival 2015, in Lorient, France (with a few extra items from each group). As well as Rushen Silver Band, others groups taking part included Mec Lir, Ny Fennee, Barrule, Ruth Kegglin, Caarjyn Coidagh, Russell Gilmour and Skeddan Jiarg.

The members of the Band enjoyed reprising their role in the event, and to a full audience in the stalls at the Gaiety, and gave it their all remembering the experience the majority of the Band had last year in France.

The Band would like to thank Culture Vannin for their kind invitation, and would be delighted to again take part in similar concerts in the future, as well as hopefully being invited back to Lorient to represent the Island again at some point of time in the future.

The whole event was indeed a legacy of Lorient 2015.



## Mother to Daughter...

*Our last interview with a Band member was with long-serving Band member Claire Norbury, back in February last year. We bring back this feature to introduce one of the newest members of the senior Band; Claire (and Martin's!) daughter, Lucy Norbury.*



### **What made you decide to learn a brass instrument?**

LN: The reason I wanted to play an instrument was because my parents play. It was my dream to play in the Band as when I was younger I would watch and listen to the carolling and jingle along with the bells! So it's always been part of my life whether at home or not.

### **What are your favourite types of music (both within Band and outside)?**

LN: I really like some of the pieces we play at Band – for example Prismatic Light and Newlyn to Niarbyl. Outside of Band my favourites are Walk the Moon and Avicii.

### **You've recently moved into the senior Band, how have you found it?**

LN: With senior Band it was something I was really looking forward to. At first the sight-reading was quite difficult but everyone on the back row helped me along – especially after a few loud notes played on rests!

### **What do you enjoy most about playing in the Band?**

LN: When I'm in the Band and we are at a concert or the Guild playing our march and hymn and concert programme (especially Prismatic Light) I think it's a real 'wow' that we can make this amazing sound. Also, everyone is so friendly which I really enjoy.

### **What other hobbies do you have time for?**

LN: My other hobby I have time for (just!) is scouting (for boys not girls) – I enjoy camping and fun activities with friends.

### **What's it like being in the Band with your Mum and Dad?**

LN: It feels like there is something that I can do with them where we are all on the same level, and under the great control of John.



## **Friends Coffee Morning**

The Friends of the Band are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, from 10am to 11.30am at St Mary's Church Hall, Port St Mary.

Please pop along for a cuppa and a biscuits;  
we hope you can join us ☺

Rushen Silver Band  
present



**By Request Concert**  
featuring music chosen by  
the supporters of Rushen Silver Band

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
7.45pm

at St Columba's Church,  
Port Erin

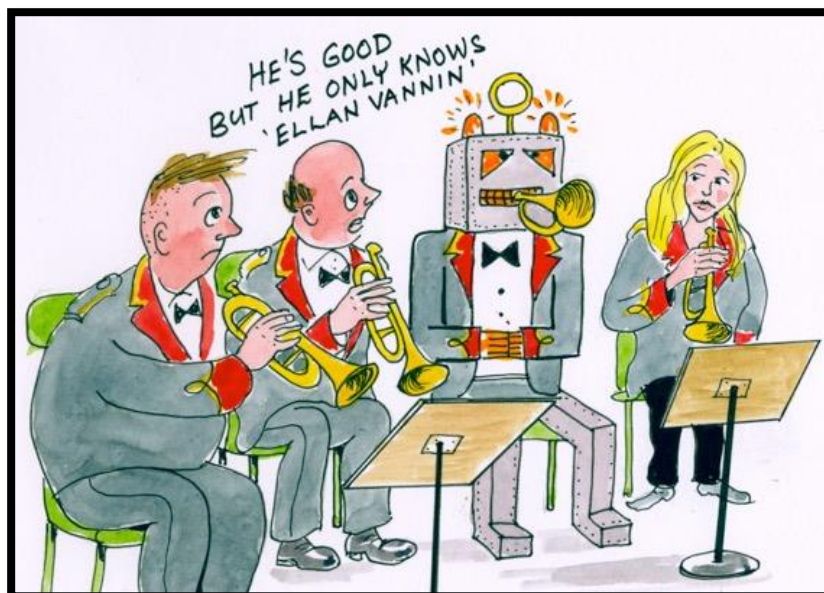
Admission £6 including refreshments  
(£3 for under 18s)

**Raffle**  
Raising money for Band funds

## By Request Concert

As a reminder to all our supporters, the Band will be performing a concert at St Columba's Church in Port Erin on Friday 21st October where the music will be chosen by our supporters. The concert starts at 7.45pm, and tickets will be available on the door at £6 including refreshments (£3 for under 18s).

Thank you to Phil Woodford for another wonderful cartoon to lighten our newsletter! 😊



Friends of  
Rushen Silver Band



7pm  
Saturday 1st October 2016  
at Rowany Golf Club.

Adults £8  
Children 16 years and under £6  
(This includes a buffet)

Tickets available from Adele Parsons at the  
bandroom on Monday and Friday nights until 23.9.16

## Beeeeeeetle!

Join the Friends of the Band for a bit of beetle fundraising fun at Rowany Golf Club on Saturday 1st October at 7pm. Ticket are £8 (under 16 £6) and this includes a buffet supper.

For more information or tickets, please contact Adele Parsons or the Band Secretary on 493193.

## Last Night of the Proms

The Band have again been invited back to play at a Last Night of the Proms concert that will be taking place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

The Concert at the Erin Arts Centre in Port Erin will start at 7.30pm, and will again include items from Bass-Baritone singer Paul Costain. The concert will include many of the items that those who attend the actual Last Night of the Proms at the Royal Albert Hotel would both hear and participate in.

Tickets are priced at £10 with under 18s at £2, and they are available from the Erin Arts Centre Box Office.



## Dates for your Diary



Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>IOM Arts Council Summer Season Concert</b> at Villa Marina Arcade, Douglas	8.00pm
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Friends of the Band Coffee Morning</b> at St Mary's Church Hall, Port St Mary	10.00am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Parish of Rushen Concert</b> at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin	7.45pm
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Last Night of the Proms Concert</b> at Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin	7.30pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Anniversary Concert</b> at Ballafesson Chapel, Port Erin	8.00pm
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Ballafesson Brass at RBL Colby Poppy Concert</b> at Colby Football Clubhouse	7.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>By Request Concert (music chosen by supporters)</b> at St Columba's Church, Port Erin	7.45pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Ballafesson Brass at Parish of Rushen Concert</b> at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin	7.45pm
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Band Christmas Concert</b> at Rushen Primary School	7.30pm

Details of concerts the Band have been asked to participate in from December onwards can be found on the Engagements page of the website ([www.rushensilverband.org.im/engagements](http://www.rushensilverband.org.im/engagements)).

## Obituary

The Band were sad to hear of the recent passing of Ella Quilliam. Ella served as Band President for two years 1986 and 1987; and both of Ella's children, Judith and Lawrence, and her son-in-law, Paul, played in the main Band for a number of years.

Being regulars at the Chapel, Ella and her late husband Arthur were always present for many years when the Band played at Ballakilpheric for Anniversary and Harvest Services.

The members and friends of the Band would like to pass on their condolences to Ella's family.



For more information about Rushen Silver Band  
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