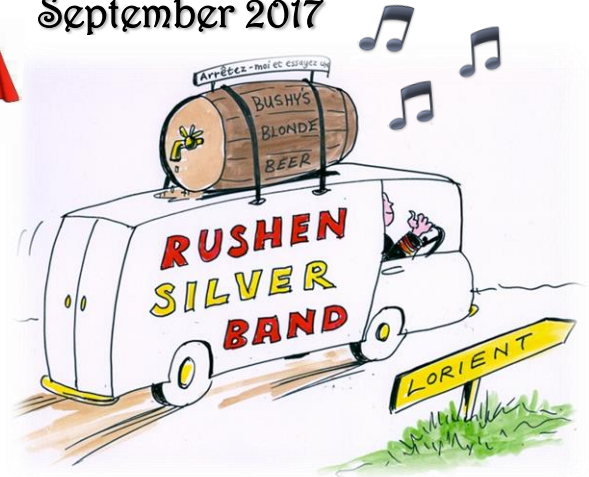




Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter
September 2017



Festival Interceltique de Lorient – August 2017

Rushen Silver Band were honoured to be included in the Manx delegation at this year's Festival Interceltique in Lorient, Brittany. During the course of their week at the Festival, the Band performed 13 engagements to an estimated audience of over 140,000 people.

During the week, the Band represented the Island in the Nuit Interceltique on the Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday nights. This included a solo contribution marching into the stadium playing Mona's Delight, a

piece written by Musical Director John Kinley for the Band's last visit to the festival in 2015. The Band then performed Hunt the Wren to the 10,000 strong audience before marching off. The Band then also performed in the Nuit Interceltique finale with acts from the other Celtic nations.

The Band represented the Island in the Festival's Grand Parade, with an estimated 80,000+ crowd on the streets and in the stadium for the event that includes over 70 acts from across all the Celtic nations.



On Thursday 10th August, the Band took part in a parade of traditional boats. Before setting sail, the Band performed Peel Castle (Harvest of the Sea, also known as the Manx Fisherman's Evening Hymn), traditionally sung before Manx Fisherman were setting off on a voyage. The Band then performed Ellan Vannin and the National Anthem on their way in to port.

Two other parades through the streets, a concert in the Espace Marine, a concert in the Breizh Stade arena and an elderly persons home were also undertaken during the week. The Band's engagements finished with a concert at the Manx Pavilion, with a large audience enjoying performances of Manx music, as well as items from the other Celtic nations.



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Obituaries

It is with a huge amount of sadness that the Band report the passing of **John Crebbin**.

Known affectionately as Diddles, or simply Dids, John had been part of the Band family for over 70 years. A life member of the Band, he served as Chairman, Secretary and Assistant Secretary over the years, and most recently as Band President.

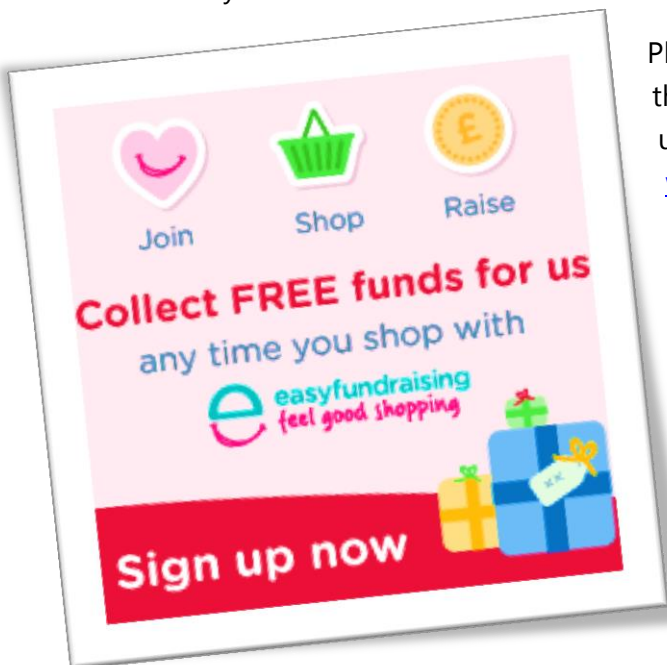
It is not possible to overstate John's value to the Band. We would simply like to say 'thanks Dids, you leave behind a vast number of happy memories for so many people, and we hope you enjoy a much earned rest.'

A long time Vice President of the Band, Marjorie Wilcox, also recently passed away at the age of 98. Marjorie and her husband Norman were always in attendance when the Band played concerts at the Ocean Castle and the Royal Hotel in the 1980s and 1990s. Both were valuable supporters of the Band for many years and Marjorie continued to keep up with the Band and what they were doing via our regular newsletters even though she couldn't make it to any concerts.

The Band would like to pass on their condolences to both families.

Easyfundraising

For the more organised amongst us, seeing the school term start again may have us thinking about Christmas already!



Please remember that if you are doing any shopping on the internet, Christmas or otherwise, please consider using EASYFUNDRAISING. By clicking on www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rushsilverband/ BEFORE you shop, you can get a donation for the Band. It doesn't cost anything extra when shopping, but by using this regularly we are able to raise funds for the Band.



North American Manx Association

Each year the North American Manx Association (NAMA) presents awards to under 25-year-olds who are nominated for their creativity, language skills and community involvement. The tradition dates back to 1979, the millennium of Tynwald, when NAMA established the awards.

Congratulations this year go to Chloe Irving who received the award for 'Outstanding contribution to Manx culture by a student under 18'. Not only is Chloe a member of the Band and plays in the percussion section but is also a founding member of the QEII School Wind Band and takes a leading role in running the School's Ukulele Orchestra. She has also encouraged fellow students to play music and take part in concerts.



Gala Concert

The Band are delighted to welcome back our Musical Advisor, Mr Richard Evans, to conduct the Band at a Gala Concert on Saturday 21st October.

A poster for the Rushen Silver Band Gala Concert. The background shows a brass band performing on a stage. The text on the poster includes:

Rushen Silver Band
Gala Concert
with guest conductor
Richard Evans,
and soloist
Bobby Corkish
(Tenor Horn for
The Fairey Band)

Saturday
21st October
7.30pm
at **Rushen**
Primary School

Admission
on the door £7.50
(under 18s £1)
Funded by the
Alistair Drinkwater Memorial Fund
Proceeds to the Salvation Army & Chris Lucas Trust

Mr Evans has been visiting the Island since 2003, and each time he visits us is an extremely enjoyable experience, not just for those in the audience, but also for the players in the Band who can draw down from a font of knowledge and numerous stories too!

We're also very pleased to say that Bobby Corkish, one of our own players who came through the ranks in the Band, will be the guest soloist this time around. Bobby is currently a student at the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) studying under Sheona White. Bobby began playing the tenor horn at the age of 7 with Rushen Silver Band. After playing in the Band for three years he was appointed Solo Horn when he was only 13 years old. Bobby was a member of the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain for five years, starting when he was 14 years old under the direction of Bramwell Tovey, the highlight of which was playing at the BBC Proms in 2012.

After starting his studies at the RNCM, Bobby joined the Fairey Band in October 2013 and has played around the country at some of the finest concert halls in the UK including The Royal Albert Hall, The Bridgewater Hall, The Sage Gateshead, Symphony Hall Birmingham and has also toured with the Band to Berlin in 2014.

With the concert being funded by the Alistair Drinkwater Memorial Fund, the Band Committee thought it was an opportunity that 20 years after the Fund was set-up we show the general public how far the Band has come and how the Fund has been used to develop local brass players in the south of the Island. The Band are also pleased to say that proceeds from the concert will go to the Salvation Army and to Chris Lucas Trust.

The concert will take place at Rushen Primary School and is due to start at 7.30pm. Tickets on the door are £7.50 and £1.00 for under 18s.

A dark silhouette of a hill with a small tower or lighthouse on top, set against a light background.

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Dates for your diary



Thursday 21 st September	Parish of Rushen Concert at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin	7.45pm
Saturday 29 th September	Ballafesson Brass at The Howe Chapel	7.30pm
Saturday 30 th September	Last Night of the Proms Concert at the Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin	7.30pm
Saturday 14 th October	Royal British Legion Poppy Concert (Ballafesson Brass) at Colby Branch Royal British Legion, Colby Football Club	7.30pm
Saturday 21 st October	Gala Concert with Richard Evans at Rushen Primary School	7.30pm
Tuesday 7 th November	Friends of the Band Annual General Meeting (at the Bandroom)	7.30pm
Thursday 16 th November	Band Annual General Meeting (at the Bandroom)	7.45pm

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS
with
RUSHEN SILVER BAND

Featuring Soloist
Catherine Williamson
Saturday 30th September 2017
7.30pm
Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin
Tickets: Adults £10 - Under 18s £2

Victoria Square, Port Erin IM9 6LD. Tel: 01624 832662
information@erinartscentre.com - www.erinartscentre.com
Box Office open Tuesday—Friday 10.30am—4.30pm

Last Night of the Proms

The Band have been invited to play at this year's Last Night of the Proms that will take place on Saturday 30th September. The Concert at the Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin will start at 7.30pm, and will include items from soloist Catherine Williamson. The concert will include of course many of the items you would hear at the actual Last Night of the Proms at the Royal Albert Hotel as well as the Band's own choice of music to compliment them.

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



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

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