



# Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter  
October 2019



## Last Night of the Proms

The Band were again pleased to be asked to participate in this year's 'Last Night of the Proms' concert that took place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. The Concert at the Erin Arts Centre (EAC) in Port Erin included items from guest soloist Mandy Griffin and from Band player Annabel King on the piano.

The concert included not only many of the items that you would hear at the actual Last Night of the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in London, including Mandy singing the lead in Rule Britannia; but also some of the Band's own choice of music to compliment them. Sadly, founder and Director of the EAC, Mr John Bethell, was not well enough to conduct the Band in the second half of the concert as in previous years, so Band Musical Director John Kinley lead the whole of the evening's music. We wish John Bethell a speedy recovery.



Band soloists at the concert were James Kinley on trombone who played "Blue John", Joanna Kinley on flugel horn playing "Concerto de Aranjuez", and

Martin Norbury on euphonium who played "Grandfathers Clock". In addition, Band pieces 'Prismatic Light', 'Aces High', 'Old Rugged Cross' (arr. Alan Fernie) and Radetsky March were well received by an enthusiastic audience on the night.

Following another memorable concert, the Band are hoping to be invited back next year to what is a really good concert to be involved with.





## Ballafesson Brass at the Howe Chapel

The Band's training band, Ballafesson Brass, have been invited again to play at the Howe Chapel. The concert takes place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October and is due to start at 7pm and will also feature the Scoill Phurt le Moirrey School Choir. Admission is free and there will also be refreshments and a retiring collection. Please go along to support those learning to play a brass instrument who are the future of the Band.



## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Concert with Mr Richard Evans

The Band are once again delighted to welcome back our Musical Advisor, Mr Richard Evans, to conduct the Band at our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Concert on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Mr Evans has visited the Band virtually every year over the past 17 years, and each time he visits us it continues to be an extremely enjoyable experience for both the band members and those in the audience at the concerts too. 2019 is of course a special year with the Band commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since our name change to Rushen Silver Band, and to that effect, we're hoping for a very memorable concert for everybody.

The concert will be taking place in the Theatre at King William's College, 7.30pm. Admission will be £7.50 and £1 for under 18s, and tickets are available in

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with guest conductor  
**Richard Evans**  
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**7.30pm**



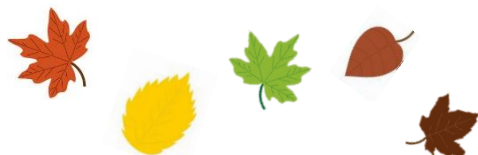
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## Late Bank Holiday Summer Concerts

On the Sunday afternoon of the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of August, the Band undertook a number of small pop-up concerts at different locations in the South of the Island. The afternoon started with a concert at Happy Valley in Port St Mary, a venue that the Band regular performed at in the main as part of the PSM Regatta that took place annually up to the start of the 1990s.



The Band then decamped for a quick stop at Port Erin Railway Station, to welcome the 2pm training from Douglas. A further move to the Quarterdeck on the Lower promenade in the Port Erin was welcomed by all on and around the beach, on what was a very warm afternoon. The Band

then completed the afternoon by returning to the Railway Station to play a short concert, prior to the departure of the train to Douglas at 4pm.

A thank you should go to the Band members for all their hard work on the day, and also to the audience at each location who were extremely appreciative of what the Band were undertaking on the day, to further celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of becoming Rushen Silver Band.



## Groudle Glen Annual Cliff Top Concert

The Band were pleased to be finally able to accept an invitation to play at the Annual Cliff Top Concert at Groudle Glen in August this year. In the end the weather was extremely favourable (it didn't rain but there was a fair breeze), and the audience who packed out the area by the Café at the end of the railway line were very appreciative of the Band's performance. It had been 33 years since the Band last performed at Groudle Glen and, back in 1986, the Band participated in the re-opening of the Groudle Glen Railway itself. Whilst



there were some of the Band still playing in 2019 who were there all those years ago, a large number of our present Band members weren't even born in 1986! Hopefully it won't be another 33 years before we get invited back!



## Dates for your diary...



Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Ballafesson Brass</b> at The Howe Chapel, PSM	7.00pm
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>70th Anniversary Gala Concert with Mr Richard Evans</b> at King William's College, Castletown	7.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Band Annual General Meeting</b> (at the Bandroom, Ballafesson)	7.45pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>Ballafesson Brass at Colby RBL Poppy Concert</b> at Colby Football Clubhouse	7.30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Friends of the Band Annual General Meeting</b> (at the Bandroom, Ballafesson)	7.30pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Band Christmas Concert</b> (at the Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin)	7.30pm

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



## Help us to Celebrate!

As the Band celebrate 70 years of being 'Rushen Silver Band', we would like to ask you about your memories of the Band over these years? What stories have you got in relation to the Band? What does the Band mean to you?

It would be good to feature some of your memories in a future newsletter.

## Friends of the Band Christmas Coffee Morning

Advance notice that the Friends of the Band will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 14<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.



## Band Annual General Meeting 2019

The Band will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.45pm at the Bandroom. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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: [enquiries@rushensilverband.org.im](mailto:enquiries@rushensilverband.org.im)

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