



Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter
December 2020



Remembrance Sunday 2020

The Isle of Man was the only place in the UK where a full turnout for Remembrance Sunday was possible, with the UK in lockdown due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Band were pleased that a gap in the rain appeared briefly, so that they were able to lead the parade for the Port Erin Branch of the Royal British Legion. Our cornet players were also required to play the Last Post and Reveille at a number of Remembrance Services in our local churches and Gardens of Remembrance both on Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day too.



Band Christmas Concert

The Band are holding their Christmas Concert once again this year at the Erin Arts Centre on the evening of Saturday 28th November 2020.

The concert will again be the Band's first concert of the festive season, with a further 16 engagements on the lead up to Christmas Day 2020. As ever, the Band have a great concert planned to put everybody in the Christmas spirit.

Tickets for the concerts sold quicker than ever this year, with the concert being sold out just a few days after the tickets went on general release, so you are very lucky if you managed to get one. You will also find details of all of the public engagements the Band will be performing during December on the flyer enclosed with this newsletter for your interest and information.



Joint Concert with Ballafesson Brass

After raising thousands of pounds for other local charities during 2020, the Band held its own Autumn Concert with its training band Ballafesson Brass at Rushen Primary School on Saturday 17th October. The concert helped to raise funds for the general upkeep of the Band.



Having endured many disruptions to its calendar throughout 2020, the Band have still managed to keep a high profile and remained active by hosting virtual concerts and showing highlights of some of our recent concerts during the lockdown period.

The concert showed the strength in numbers within the Band in general from those still learning, those playing with Ballafesson Brass and those in the senior Band. Both bands played individually and the concert finished with both bands playing a finale together, providing a band in the region of 50 players.

Whilst the concert was a great success for both bands and for the monies raised, it has been hoped that our Musical Advisor, Richard Evans, would be joining us again, but due to the lockdown in place, he was unable to journey to the Island on this occasion. However, it is hoped that he will be able to return again in 2021.



Annual General Meeting of the Band

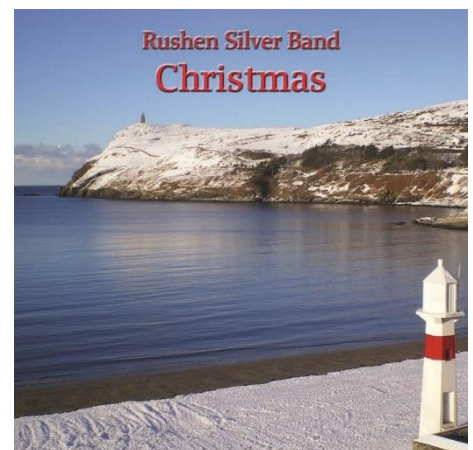
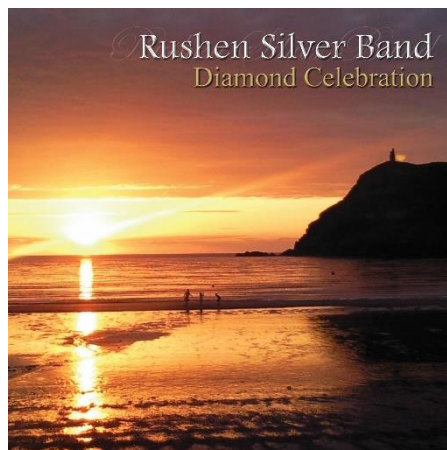
As a result of the changes introduced by the new legislation governing charities on the Isle of Man, the production of the annual accounts has been made a much more onerous job along with the need to now include an annual report too. With this in mind, the AGM will now be moving back a couple of months to give sufficient time for the presentation of the accounts.

As such, there will be a further Annual General Meeting of the Band taking place on Thursday 25th February at the Bandroom commencing at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Band CDs

The Band's three CDs are still available if anybody would like one, they are especially easy to wrap as Christmas presents too.



Diamond Celebration (released in 2009), Sounds of the South (released in 2013), and our Christmas CD (released in 2019) are all still available, either via the Band, or if more convenient, available from Trend in Port Erin, the Manx Museum in Douglas, the House of Manannan in Peel, and the Bridge Bookshop in both Port Erin and Ramsey. Priced at £10 each or £15 for two, they are an excellent and worthy addition to any music collection.

Friends of the Band Coffee Morning

The Friends of the Band will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th December from 10am to 11.30am at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin. Members of the Band will also be playing carols during the event to get everyone in the festive spirit. We hope you can join us.



Band Quiz 2021

Following on from previous quizzes that have taken place now for a number of years, the 2021 version has been arranged for Saturday 23rd January. The event will take place at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin, and will kick off at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £5 and will include food. Please contact James Cherry on 354812 to reserve your place(s).



Dates for your **2021** diary...



Saturday 23 rd January	Band Quiz Night (at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin)	7.30pm
Monday 1 st February	Fundraising Concert for Sailing for the Disabled (at St Columba's Church, Port Erin)	8.00pm
Thursday 25 th February	Annual General Meeting of the Band (at the Bandroom)	7.45pm
Friday 5 th March	Fundraising Concert for Rushen Endowment Fund (at Rowany Golf Club for Rowany Ladies)	8.00pm
Thursday 11 th March	Parish of Rushen Season Concert (at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin)	7.45pm
Saturday 27 th March	Annual Band Dinner and Awards Ceremony (at Bradda Glen Restaurant, Port Erin)	7.45pm

All events are subject to change. Details of other planned events for the Band and Ballafesson Brass are included in a separate flyer, and further information on other dates can be found on the Band website: www.rushensilverband.org.im/engagements



Thank you to Phil Woodford for another fabulous cartoon 😊



**Very best wishes to everyone over the festive period
from all at Rushen Silver Band**



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