



Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter

December 2021



Gala Concert with Ian Porthouse

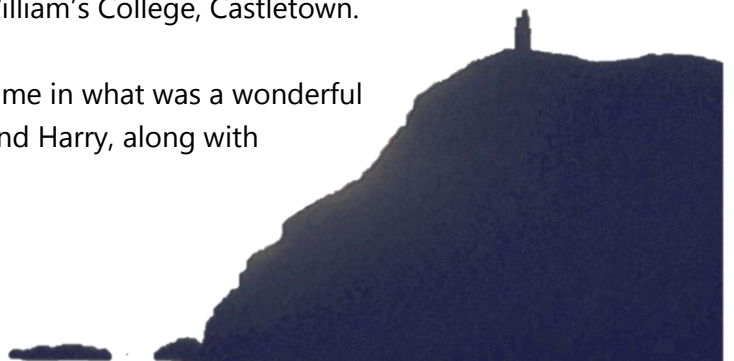
The Band were pleased to welcome renowned conductor of Tredegar Band, Ian Porthouse, to lead the Band in their Gala Concert that took place in October.

Ian was joined on the Island by his wife Leanne and son Harry, and they thoroughly enjoyed their time spent in the Bandroom and their whole visit to the Island. It was hoped that the Band's Musical Advisor, Richard Evans, could also join us too, but due to an unfortunately timed hospital appointment, Richard had to give it a miss this year.

Not only did Ian conduct the Band for the majority of the concert, but he also played the solo 'Concerto D'Aranjuez' on his flugel horn; and 'Buglers Holiday' along with Leanne, Harry and the front row cornets of RSB.

It was unfortunate that, due to the ongoing Covid pandemic issues, as well as being an awful night weather-wise, there were not more in the audience. For those that did venture out, an enjoyable concert was appreciated by all in the Kings Theatre at King William's College, Castletown.

Our thanks go out to Ian and family for giving their time in what was a wonderful experience for all at RSB. We hope that Ian, Leanne and Harry, along with Richard can join us again at some point in 2022.





Remembrance Sunday 2021

The Band were pleased that with it being dry weather on the day, 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.



Friends of the Band Coffee Morning

The Friends of the Band will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th December from 10am to 11.30am at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin. As usual, 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.

Annual General Meeting of the Band

As a result of the changes introduced in 2020 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. As such, and following on from 2020/21, the Band's Annual General Meeting of the Band will take place on Thursday 17th February 2022 at the Bandroom, commencing at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Band Christmas Concert

Following on from the past few years, whilst the Band will be holding their Christmas Concert once again this year at the Erin Arts Centre, there will be two concerts this year. The concerts will be exactly the same in content but will take place on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 27th November 2021. The afternoon concert will commence at 3.00pm with the evening concert starting at 7.30pm.

The concerts will again be the Band's first concert of the festive season, with a further 12 engagements plus carolling events on the lead up to Christmas Day 2021. As ever, the Band have a great concert planned to put everybody in the Christmas spirit.

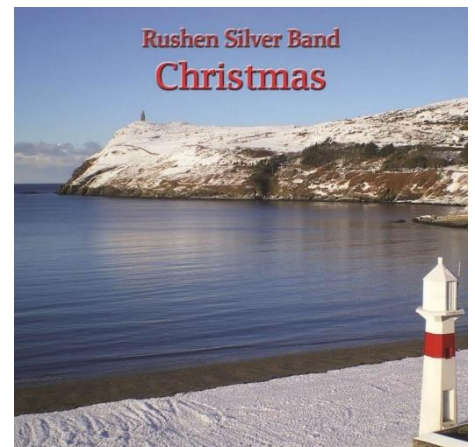
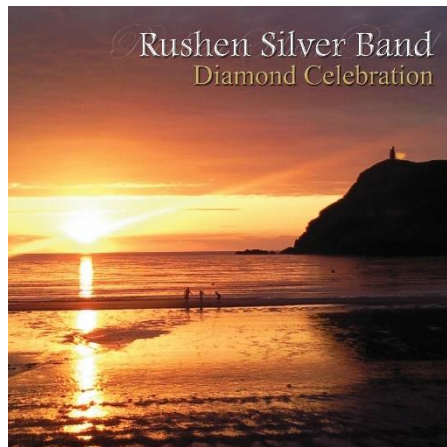
Tickets for the concerts are still available for both concerts and please phone John Cole on 497475 or email at cole@manx.net to obtain them.



Rushen Silver Band
Christmas Concert
with special guest
Stacie Murphy
at Erin Arts Centre
Port Erin
Saturday 27th November
3.00pm & 7.30pm
For tickets, please contact
John Cole on
497475 or cole@manx.net
Tickets £10
(under 18 £2)

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.



Dates for your **2022** diary...



Monday 24 th January	Fundraising Concert for Sailing for the Disabled (at St Columba's Church, Port Erin)	8.00pm
Saturday 12 th February	Concert at Peel Cathedral (at Peel Cathedral)	7.30pm
Thursday 17 th February	Annual General Meeting of the Band (at the Bandroom)	7.45pm
Friday 4 th March	Fundraising Concert for Rushen Endowment Fund (at Rowany Golf Club for Rowany Ladies)	8.00pm
Sunday 24 th April	Manx Music Speech & Dance Festival (The Guild) (at Villa marina, Douglas)	Evening

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.



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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