



# Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter

March 2022



## Band raises funds for Sailing for the Disabled

The Band raised £500 for local charity 'Sailing for the Disabled' at a recent concert. The event, which took place at St Columba's Catholic Church in Port Erin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January, marked the start of the Band's busy 2022 calendar.

Over recent years, it has become tradition that the Band's first concert of the year is used to raise money for local charities, with previous concerts benefitting 'Southern Befrienders' and 'Grai'. 'Sailing for the Disabled' was chosen for last year's event, but this had to be postponed due to COVID-19, and the Band was delighted to be able to reschedule this year.

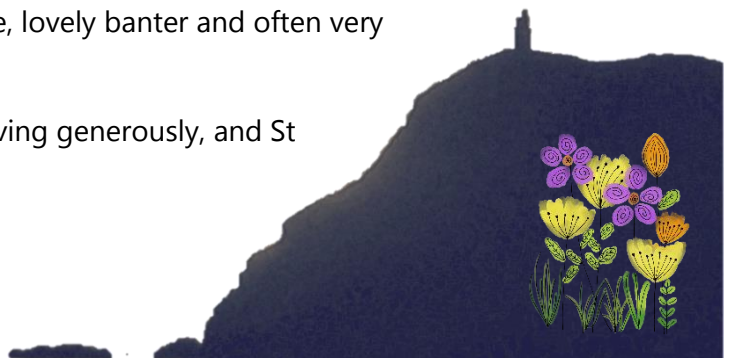


The Band included in their musical programme well known pieces 'Cornfield Rock', 'Pastorale', 'MacArthur Park' and 'The Lost Chord'. In addition, principal euphonium Martin Norbury played 'Varied Mood' with his usual style and gusto; whilst Band President & Compere, Graham Easton, ably assisted Jo Kinley (flugel horn) on B♭ Bass with a rendition of 'Love's Old Sweet Song'.

Band Chairman, Chris Weldon, said: 'Sailing for the Disabled are a fantastic local charity who do so much for people with disabilities, giving them confidence in trying new experiences, and it was a pleasure to be able to help them.'

On their Facebook page, Sailing for the Disabled said: 'What an honour for our charity this event was. Rushen Silver Band put on an evening of beauty and donating to our cause. It was a great atmosphere, lovely banter and often very moving.'

The Band would like to thank all who attended for giving generously, and St Columba's Church for hosting the event.



## Parish of Rushen Concert

The Band have again been invited to participate in the Parish of Rushen Concert Season for 2022. Our first concert at St Catherine's Church in Port Erin will be on the evening of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Admission to the concert is free, with refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. A collection will be taken at the end of the concert to be split between the Church and the Band.



## Fundraising Concert

The Band are pleased to be able to assist Rowany Golf Club Ladies and participate in a concert to raise funds for 'Rushen Endowment Fund'. The concert will take place on the evening of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Rowany Golf Clubhouse from 8pm, admission from 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £8 and include a finger buffet; they can be obtained by contacting Joanna on (07624) 461887.



## Ballafesson Brass Concerts

Following on from a very successful open rehearsal at the end of November at Erin Arts Centre, the Band's training band, Ballafesson Brass, are pleased that they have been invited to perform at two concerts during the first few months of the year. Their first concert will be at Ballafesson Chapel on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7.30pm. The second concert will be at Castletown Methodist Church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, again starting at 7.30pm.

## Concert at Peel Cathedral

The Band were very pleased to be invited back to provide a concert at Peel Cathedral in February this year.

For the first time since September 2013, the Band performed a concert as part of the 'St German's Cathedral Foundation for Music & the Arts Concert Series' for 2022. On a cold night, the Band



warmed up the inside of the

Cathedral with a programme of music to cover all tastes.

Thanks were extended to the Cathedral for making the Band very welcome and for being able to play music again in such a marvellous building. We're hoping that it won't be another nine years before we're back again!



## Rushen Silver Band Annual Dinner & Awards Evening 2022

The Band's Annual Dinner & Awards Evening will take place this year on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, with a 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Similarly to the past few years, this year's Dinner & Awards will take place at the Bradda Glen Restaurant.



Tickets to the event are priced at £27.50, and can be obtained by contacting Chris Weldon on telephone (07624) 471166 or by email [chrisandgill@manx.net](mailto:chrisandgill@manx.net). Please let Chris know your menu choices when booking your tickets. If possible, payment by eTransfer or card payment would be appreciated.

We hope you can join us to celebrate the achievements of the Band over the past year.

### Menu

#### Starter:

Roasted Tomato and Sweet Pepper Soup (V) / Traditional Prawn Cocktail /  
Prosciutto Wrapped Chicken & Ham Terrine

#### Main Course

Carvery / Mushroom Stout Pie (V)

#### Dessert:

Biscoff Cheesecake / Apple Shortcake Streusel / Fresh fruit, Manx Cheeses & Crackers

## Friends Spring Coffee Morning

The Friends of Rushen Silver Band are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am to 11.30am at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin. Please come along, we hope you can join us.



## Dates for your diary...



Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Fundraising Concert for Rushen Endowment Fund</b> (at Rowany Golf Club for Rowany Ladies)	7.30pm
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Annual Dinner &amp; Awards Ceremony</b> (at Bradda Glen Restaurant, Port Erin)	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Parish of Rushen Concert</b> (at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin)	7.45pm
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Friends of the Band Coffee Morning</b> (at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin)	10.00am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Ballafesson Brass Concert</b> (at Ballafesson Chapel)	7.30pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Manx Music Speech &amp; Dance Festival (The Guild)</b> (at Villa marina, Douglas)	Evening
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Great Laxey Brass Festival</b> (around Laxey Village)	Afternoon
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Celebration Concert for Jim Crebbin</b> (Venue TBC)	3.00pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Ballafesson Brass Concert</b> (at Castletown Methodist Church)	7.30pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mona's Queen Memorial Service</b> (at Kallow Point, Port St Mary)	1.30pm
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band 125th Anniversary Celebration Event</b> (in Castletown)	Afternoon
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Friends of the Band Coffee Morning</b> (at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin)	10.00am
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Ballakilpheric Chapel Open Air Service</b> (in the field opposite Ballakilpheric Chapel or inside Chapel – weather depending)	3.00pm

All events are subject to change. Details of other planned events for the Band and Ballafesson Brass can be found on the Band website: [www.rushensilverband.org.im/engagements](http://www.rushensilverband.org.im/engagements)

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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