



# Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter  
March 2026



## Saying goodbye to a busy 2025, and looking forward to more in 2026!

Whilst we head into Spring 2026 already, we didn't want to forget about all that happened in 2025. The pictures give an idea of the diverse range of engagements the Band took part in during the last year. The members of the Band consider it to be a real privilege to be able to bring live music to the Isle of Man community, and we want to say a big thank you to everybody who has supported us.

2026 is already shaping up to be another great year of music making for both Rushen Silver Band and Ballafesson Brass. (Details of some of the upcoming engagements are at the end of the newsletter). As a Manx registered charity, we rely wholly upon financial contributions to enable us to keep doing what we do, and are extremely grateful to the generous Manx public for helping us to keep music making alive.



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## Fundraising Concert for Salvation Army

The Band was pleased to be invited by the Salvation Army to provide a musical programme for their fundraising concert that took place at the end of January. This was the first time the Band had played at the Salvation Army's new Headquarters at the Business Park. We were pleased the concert was a helpful fundraiser for the good work the Salvation Army carry out on the Island.



The concert was also the debut with the Senior Band and playing cornet for Aelan Morgans who has graduated following a number of years as Principal Cornet of our training band Ballafesson Brass. Aelan thoroughly enjoyed himself and is already looking forward to the next concert in March. Congratulations Aelan, we hope it is the first of many concerts you are part of.

## Band Annual General Meeting 2026

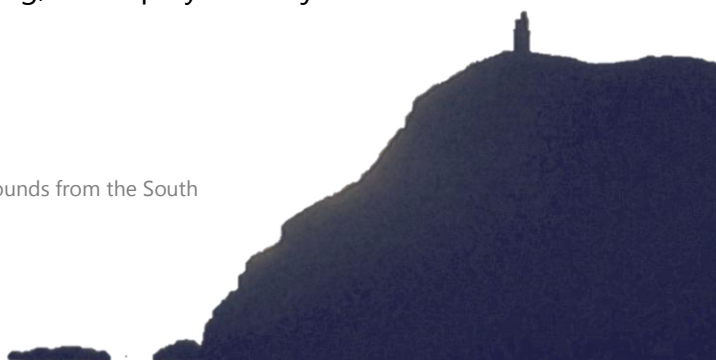
The Band held their Annual General Meeting at the Bandroom on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. The majority of the Band Officials and Committee have all been re-elected to serve another year. However, both Chloe Irving and James Cherry have stood down from the Committee for 2026/27, and we'd like to thank them for their time and efforts. In place, we welcome Emily Calder to the Committee. We were also pleased that Band President, Alan Crebbin, had agreed to continue serving in this capacity for a further two years.



## Friends Spring Coffee Morning

The Friends of Rushen Silver Band will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am to 11.30am at St Catherine's Church Hall in Port Erin. Please come along, we hope you can join us.

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## Parish of Rushen Concert

The Band have been invited to again open the Parish of Rushen Concert Season for 2026.

The first concert of the season will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7.30pm at the normal venue of St Catherine's Church in Port Erin. Admission to the concert is free with refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. A collection will also be taken at the end of the concert for both funds of the Church and the Band.

## The Band's 4<sup>th</sup> CD - "Celtic Connection"

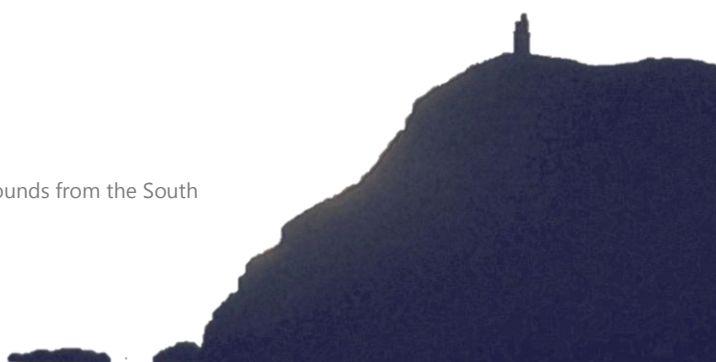
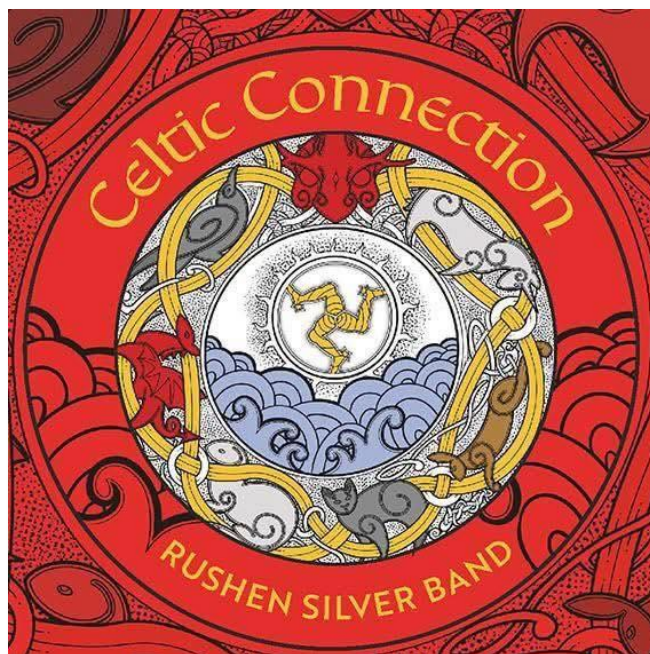
Back in March last year, along with our good friend Keith Farrington from Music House productions, the Band recorded their fourth CD.

The tracks on the CD includes not only well known pieces such as 'Little Red Bird', 'Men Of Harlech' and 'Highland Cathedral', but also some not so well known but Band regulars, 'Mona's Delight', 'Newlyn to Niarbyl' and 'Going Home'.

The CDs will be on sale at most of our concerts over the coming months, or also available from the Bridge Bookshop and the Manx Museum. We hope you would like to support the Band by purchasing one of these fantastic CDs, that show the ability and musicality of the Band.

Digital downloads are also now available, and please contact the Secretary for further details.

All of the Band's three other CDs are still available too for information.



## Dates for your diary...



Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Parish of Rushen Season Concert</b> (at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin)	7.30pm
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Friends of the Band Coffee Moring</b> (at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin)	10.00am
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Manx Music Festival - Brass Bands</b> (at Villa Marina, Douglas)	6.00pm
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Laxey Brass Band Festival</b> (around Laxey Village)	1.00pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Port Erin Bandstand Concert</b> (on Port Erin beach)	6.00pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Fundraising event for Rotary Rushen &amp; Western Mann</b> (Venue TBC)	Afternoon
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Friends of the Band Coffee Morning</b> (at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin)	10.00am
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Joint concert with Ballafesson Brass</b> (at Peel Cathedral)	7.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Ballafesson Brass Parish of Rushen Season Concert</b> (at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin)	7.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Arts in the Arcade Summer Concert</b> (at Villa Marina Arcade, Douglas)	7.30pm
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Port Erin Bandstand Concert</b> (on Port Erin beach)	3.00pm
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Anniversary Church Service</b> (at Ballakilpheric Chapel)	3.00pm
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Port Erin Bandstand Concert</b> (on Port Erin beach)	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)



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