



**Founder Malcolm Heywood**

Tutbury Band Annual General Meeting  
February 4<sup>th</sup> 2012

Attending	Kevin Orton	Eric Fern	Paul Rundle	Clive Sheriff
	Richard Woodberry	Elaine Pountney	Diane Redfern	Julie Cousins
	Graeme Wright	Roy Marrison	Ron Rowsell	David Cousins
	Barbara Harvey	Amy Clark	Bill Crossley	Ben Cousins
	Laura Rose	John Thompson	Clive Orton	Alec Money
	Vicky Ambrose	Maria Kelly	David Walford	Sue O'Callaghan
	Elizabeth Cartwright	Gabrielle Kelly	Diane Armshaw	Piers O'Callaghan
	Steph Tipper	Chloe Kenny	Chris Buckley	Heidi O'Callaghan
	Shiela Crossland	Hannah Wolfenden	Derek Bailey	Maurice Watson
	John Glanville	Lucy Wolfenden	Viv Wolfenden	Patsy Watson
	Joe Martin	Glenys Hubbard	Stuart Wolfenden	Emily Watson
	Geoff Naseby	Adam Hawkins	Sue Mcloughlin	Abbey Watson
			Ian Hartshorne	
Apologies	Teresa Hawkins	Joan Morris	Joe Springer	Gabby Crooks
	Susan Laws	Rachel Reilly & Family	Phil Baggerley	Vanda & Georgia Dennis
	John Morris	Denise Dawn	Lesley Needham	Ian MacDonald

- 1 Election of Officers. All existing officers stood and were re-elected.

Chair – Kevin Orton in accordance with Tutbury Band Constitution (seconded by David Cousins)

Secretary – Richard Woodberry (seconded by Elizabeth Cartwright)

Treasurer – Graeme Wright (seconded by Ron Rowsell)

Supported by;

Database admin etc – Barbara and Phil Harvey (seconded by Sue Mcloughlin)

Publicity – David Walford and David Cousins (help has also been offered by John Morris)

John Thompson agreed to continue to look after uniform

John Thompson and Elaine Pountney agreed to continue to look after refreshments

Kevin thanked all officers and other helpers, including John Glanville and the team that organised and publicised the Christmas Concert and other events during the year.

- 2 The minutes from the AGM of 2011 were presented by Barbara Harvey and agreed as being an accurate record of the meeting (proposed David Cousins, seconded Alec Money).

- 3 Treasurers Report was presented by Graeme Wright (proposed by Clive Orton, seconded by Ron Rowsell).

Key donations of funds to the band in 2011 were from;  
Eon (£500)  
Tutbury Parish Council (£100)  
WASP (£400)

- 4 BADAC Bursery Scheme. Due to an oversight in communication, Tutbury Band did not submit a prize for the BADAC Bursery scheme in 2011. It was agreed that we should ensure that a prize is submitted this year for a musician playing Wind, Brass or Percussion.

- 5 Senior Band report (Kevin Orton).

Kevin thought that the band has had many highlights in 2011, including the trip to Ireland and playing for Derby Day at Sudbury. Summer concerts were all well attended and the band played well, although revenue from these events was down on 2010. The Christmas Concert was better organised this year thanks to the help from John Glanville and others. Kevin also felt that the band played better music than in the previous years. Although the concert was a success from a musical and a financial perspective, it was thought that we could still do more in terms of promoting the band and the concerts that we do. Kevin also thanked Maurice Watson and all of the players who had taken part in the fund raising for charities at Burton Hospital in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Kevin's objectives for the band in 2012 are to have another successful year and to build on what we have started to do with improving the band profile and publicity.

- 6 Junior Band report (Richard Woodberry)

Junior Band has had another successful year and continues to get positive feedback from audiences at all of our concerts and events. We have had a small but enthusiastic influx of new players of varying ages during the last year which is always welcome. Junior Band is pleased to be back practicing at Richard Wakefield School in Tutbury village, although we had enjoyed practising at Belvedere school and we parted with them on very good terms. Richard remarked that the behaviour of the band during practices has remained very good and that the timing of the practice to run from 6.30 to 7.45 with no break remains the preferred option for most members.

It was acknowledged that Training Band had not been running since Junior Band had been back at Richard Wakefield School. The reason behind this is that at the time there were no players in Training Band or that we were aware of to come into Training Band and the initial arrangements with the school meant that we only have one room. It would be valuable now to find a way to restart Training Band, and Rachel Reilly has expressed an interest in running it. Eric Fern and Paul Rundle also offered to help. Richard would like Training Band to be restarted providing that it has a formal approach with planned timescales to get players into Junior Band as soon as they are ready. Options for Training Band include talking to the school about options on another room, or having Training Band on Saturday morning before or after Senior Band.

## 7 Uniform

We have no ties at the moment, because at last year's AGM suggestions were made that we would want to explore alternative suppliers and/or options for women. Diane Armshaw has some examples and quotes for cravats and ties which we can consider this year.

Kevin wanted to consider other uniform options as well, such as Polo Shirts for less formal summer concerts. Again, some exploratory work has been done to look at prices and styles. Some constructive feedback came from many members of the band including;

We need to have options that include long sleeved tops rather than just short sleeved  
Would we include informal uniform for Junior Band, and if so would they be different?

Should band part-fund changes in uniform to avoid costs being prohibitive for some members?

This will be progressed this year – we will be having another band meeting in the coming weeks. We have a comprehensive catalogue to consider styles and options. Formal concerts will continue with the current uniform with consideration given to cravats for women.

## 8 Christmas Concert

It was agreed that the work put in by John Glanville and David Cousins among others was valuable but we didn't generate a huge increase in ticket sales and we had quite a few programmes left over.

Calendars were appreciated, although it was requested that if we do them again could we find a format that allows things to be written against particular dates. It was also identified that the helpers that had agreed to sell the calendars also played in the band, and so when they were not available it all got a bit chaotic around the raffle and calendar stalls.

The state of the car park was mentioned, and Kevin said that we had complained to the Town Hall - they have responded with an apology and a commitment that it will not be allowed to get as slippery again.

There were no email address contacts put into the collection for 'Friends of Tutbury Band'.

## 9 Other opportunities for photographs

It was suggested that photographs that we now have of the band could be made into a CD for members or friends. It was also suggested that photos on the web site could do with being updated – as well as the member list which was out of date. David Cousins volunteered to help update the website.

There was also a suggestion that Tutbury Band could produce a Year Book.

## 10 Workshop

It was proposed last year to investigate options to bring expert(s) to band to develop our playing and basically improve the band. David Walford has looked into residential workshops, which would be an interesting experience but are quite expensive. We have also looked at inviting experts to do a workshop locally or somewhere such as Repton (John Glanville has looked into this option and has some prices).

It was agreed to have further discussions on this idea.

## 11 Adoption of a charity

It was proposed that we consider recognising a specific charity over the year, doing concerts to raise funds etc. Thoughts are welcome.

## 12 Working with local schools

A number of ideas have been discussed through last year to work with local schools. These have included inviting schools to take part in the Christmas Concert and joint concerts through the year. This could be combined with the idea of adopting charities – Maurice Watson mentioned the charity that De Ferrars takes part in to send 6<sup>th</sup> Form students into third world countries. Kevin will email the school.

Other schools to potentially consider include Stretton, Richard Wakefield and Heath Fields (Hatton).

We have instruments that we could consider loaning to schools – and we need to put something in the joining form to indicate if the new member has a loaned instrument.

Other ideas were to provide workshops in schools, produce some flyers to send to schools and have open practices where potential new players are invited.

It was said that local schools could be good recruiting grounds for Training Band and Junior Band – maybe we also need to involve local music teachers. Gill Wroughton suggested that this should be explored.

It was also suggested that there are other local groups and organisations that we could get involved with.

## 13 AOB

Subscriptions – to remain the same this year. Diane Armshaw and Graeme Wright agreed to continue to collect subscriptions (thanks). David Walford will not be able to continue – thanks for the many years he has helped in this way.

Trailer – service is needed. John Glanville has a contact in Uttoxeter – he will check prices etc. We should get number plates made up for the regular team who tow the trailer. Kevin can get them made up but needs a V5 form for each vehicle.

Loaned instruments – these are now numbered and logged by Diane Armshaw.

Web site – the contact page needs to be checked to make sure all details are correct and up to date. Plenty of volunteers to help with the web site – new user names need to be added.

Dedicate pieces – it was suggested that we should dedicate certain pieces in concerts to older and/or specific band members (eg Pete Appleby and Ray Derbyshire – The Beatles?)

New Music – Kevin thanked everyone for their feedback. We are looking at pieces that we haven't played for a while and also trying to locate music that has been requested.

Business cards / leaflets for Senior Band and Junior Band – David Cousins will give this some thought.

New Venues – all ideas are welcome (some suggestions include National Memorial Arboretum). It was suggested that we could consider cheaper rates for other schools.

Social events – all ideas welcome.

A fund raising idea was proposed by Gabrielle Kelly – having a weekly scratch type lottery (£1 a go, 1 winner per week etc). Gabrielle will look into this and pass the details to Richard.

Thanks were expressed to Kevin and Richard for their contributions to Tutbury Band and Tutbury Junior Band over the last year and into the future.

Next Meeting

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 12.30 at The Boar's Head