



Founder Malcolm Heywood

Tutbury Band Annual General Meeting  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013

Attending	Kevin Orton	Derek Bailey	Anna Potts
	Graeme Wright	John Morris	Ron Rowsell
	Richard Woodberry	Stuart Wolfenden	Susan Laws
	Sue McLoughlin	Teresa Hawkins	Geoff Naseby
	Ian Hartshorne	Andrew Hawkins	Bill Crossley
	Eric Fern	Paul Rundle	Clive Orton
	Shiela Crossland	Joe Martin	Maurice Waston
	Janice Walker	Steph Tipper	Abbey Watson
	Elaine Pountney	Dianne Armshaw	Izzy Fisher
	Barbara Harvey	Liz Frost	Bekki Lycett
	Alec Money	Sarah Kelly	Elizabeth Cartwright
	Clive Sherriff	Heather Lilley	Paul Cartwright
	Amy Clark	Chloe Bowes	Vicky Ambrose
	John Thompson	Jo Baker	Rachel Riley
Apologies	Roy Marrison	Ian MacDonald	Susan O'Callaghan
	John Glanville	Steve Woodcock	Heidi O'Callaghan
	David, Julie and Ben	Peter Appleby	Piers O'Callaghan
	Cousins	Laura Rose	
	Chris Pooley	Chris Buckley	
	Viv, Hannah and Lucy	Vanda Dennis	
	Wolfenden	Phil Harvey	
	Adam Hawkins	Joan Morris	

Agenda as attached

1 Senior Band Report (Kevin Orton)

A season affected by wet weather with a few concerts unfortunately cancelled – some at the last minute.

On the plus side, the concerts and outdoor events that went ahead were well played, and mostly well attended. Derby Day was, again, well worth the effort.

Christmas concert was good – the new seating arrangement worked.

Drummers / Percussionists were variable. We have been fortunate to have good percussionists – but often it has been last minute to confirm for each concert. We need to make sure we know we have this section covered and players have had chance to practice with the band. Gill's percussion kit is now with Barbara and can be put with the rest at the Village Hall (space permitting).

The Village Hall is a better practice venue acoustically – parking issues are noted (doctor's car park might be useful). Under stage storage is not currently lockable – checks to be made?

## 2 Junior Band Report (Richard Woodberry)

Junior Band was fortunate to have most concerts playable – being earlier in the summer. Lots of nice comments from audience.

Another excellent year with many players moving up to senior band. Christmas Concert was very well played.

It would be nice to have a few more brass players, but it is always great to have new players on any instrument (we have had quite a few new flute and clarinet players).

We are still not running training band. Rachel Riley and Eric Fern have volunteered to run this if it would be useful, but the new players in Junior Band seem to be coping. Any support (woodwind especially) would be welcome from any band member.

## 3 Election of Officers

Chairperson: The constitution requires this to be Kevin (Sheila seconded)

Secretary: Richard is standing down, Sue McLoughlin is elected (proposed by Kevin, seconded by Elizabeth Cartwright)

Treasurer: Graeme is happy to continue (David Walford proposed, Maurice Watson seconded)

Officers to take their roles after this AGM. Kevin thanked Richard for his contribution as secretary. Richard will continue to support the band as before - all the practical stuff.

Barbara will continue with the membership database, music transposing and copying – thanks from all for that.

It is probably worth adding Sue McCloughlin as a cheque signatory.

## 4 Previous AGM minutes

The minutes of the last AGM on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 were available. They were acknowledged as a true record of the AGM at a subsequent meeting on Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 at The Boar's Head.

## 5 Finances

The year end is still sep – do we need to change this? (Calendar year seems OK?)

Accounts as attached (prepared by Graeme). Proposed by Barbara, seconded by Alec.

Given last year's wet weather, the idea of cancellation insurance was discussed. This is prohibitive for local events. We could charge a non-returnable deposit?

Most of our local events make no money if they have to cancel – so should we take money from them?

## 6 Concert Fees

As we are – Senior Band quote £250 (or by arrangement), Junior Band £170

## 7 Subs and New Members

Subs staying as they are - Joining fee has been built in.

Membership is down in general (ideas for new members welcome)

Some initial ideas include;

- Notice at Village Hall
- Diane Armshaw has some young players (always promotes Tutbury Band)
- Facebook / social media

Junior Band numbers are down – but we are getting new flute and clarinet players through the school and Diane (as mentioned earlier – and we are low on brass).

## 8 Concerts and Band Profile / Exposure

Due to concert cancellation, and reducing membership, there was some discussion on increasing the profile of the band by organising other concerts ourselves and / or connections with local charitable organisations.

A summer concert was suggested, similar in approach to the Christmas Concert (formal, both bands, town hall or similar etc). It was recognised that there would be cost involved, and that it would be a challenge to sell enough tickets (especially when people can see the bands for free or very little at the local events we play at). It was agreed that in principle this could be considered – but would require significant help from band members. This would be explored at a meeting to be arranged (see next meeting date and items to cover).

One idea to share the ticket sales would be to invite a local choir to perform at a concert (there are a number of local choirs we could get in touch with).

One option to enhance the band profile could be to align to a charitable organisation. It was mentioned that we now compete for concerts with bands that do not charge or charge very little – although other local bands are increasing their costs above our fees.

## 9 Uniform

John Thompson is stepping down from looking after uniform. Thanks were extended to John for his contribution over many years.

Gabrielle Crooks is still happy to continue to source alternative summer concert wear (Polo Shirts) but we need a meeting to further this (idea to include this in the next meeting about concerts?).

We need somewhere to store the items we have, and a representative at Junior Band.

Diane has still got quotes for cravats as an alternative to ties for ladies. Prices are £13.70 for silk, £9.70 for polyester (both plus vat).

We have about 5 or 6 spare ties at the moment – a decision is needed because we either

need to order cravats or ties.

#### 10 Instruments

We have many instruments now that are not being used. Diane looks after the list of who has what – the unused ones are stored at David Walfords.

An idea was to potentially sell what we have but don't need, and consider what would be useful to buy (tenor sax was mentioned). David agreed to check and update the list – and ultimately it will be available on the website.

#### 11 Other Band Equipment

Kevin proposed to have a band member to look after other band equipment, including the trailer, generator, PA system etc. Trailer and generator need servicing. Alec Money volunteered to take on this role (thanks).

David Walford also mentioned that he has a horsebox which could be available for transporting stuff (so long as Mrs Walford and horse were not using it).

#### 12 Publicity

David Walford continues to publicise the band in local papers and publications. David Cousins has said that he would also help with wider publicity.

It was decided that a lead person on this would be useful to co-ordinate.

#### 13 Fundraising

It was mentioned that there are grants available and maybe we need someone to look into this area.

One of the issues here is that to get a grant you need to know what you are fundraising for – you can't just apply for money as general funds.

#### 14 Workshop

It was agreed that a workshop would be both enjoyable and beneficial to the band. Keith Allen is available (David Walford has his contact details). It would be good to include Junior Band if possible. The venue would have to be explored (Village Hall is not ideally suited)

#### 15 Trip 2014

Ollainville would like the band to visit in 2014 – the Mayor is retiring. The date of June 22<sup>nd</sup> was mentioned, but this is going to be hard work in term time (travelling wise).

Other options could be considered – deferred at this meeting.

Diane mentioned that the raffle went wrong at the Christmas concert. Maybe we could project winners on to the back wall? She also suggested that we could have a cloakroom ticket tote on the night to raise extra money.

The website was raised – it needs a bit of a refresh (some pictures of former members keep coming up). Our website is hosted by JWP and although we can change the text and add new page, we will need them to change the pictures. This will be explored by a smaller group over the next few weeks. We would also like to add things like paying subs via the website and make it more interactive.

Janice mentioned that people could help out by putting their chairs away after the practice – this is a small measure that everyone can do but saves one or two people a great deal of time.

Peter Appleby didn't stay for the meeting, but submitted some AOB in the form of a note suggesting that members need to be more mindful of practice start times and end of break times. This was noted – we need to arrive on time, have a short break and start back on time.

Eric raised a question about new music and why we were playing old stuff. We have had new music recently (see the accounts) and we are playing some new pieces this year. Kevin and Richard are always open to ideas from players of both bands respectively. Ultimately, music choice has to be with the band conductor.

Kevin, as chair, has thanked all the members for the year and some individuals for specific roles and contributions. Ron Rowsell, on behalf of all of the band, thanked Kevin for his contribution.

Meeting Closed

Next Meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>