

Dates for your diary

Day / Date	Event	Time
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Parade in Wigston	From 10am
Sunday 17th November	Leicester Contest at Loughborough Endowed Schools	All day
Saturday 8th December	Asda Fosse Park	11am—5pm
Sunday 15th December	Shearsby Church	6pm
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Concert, St Thomas Church, South Wigston	7:45pm

Got an event coming up and would like some musical entertainment?

Feel free to contact The Wigston Band to see what we can do for you! With competitive rates, high quality musicians and a wide repertoire of music you are sure not to be disappointed!

Or if you play a brass instrument and would like to join our friendly band, then feel free to give us a ring!

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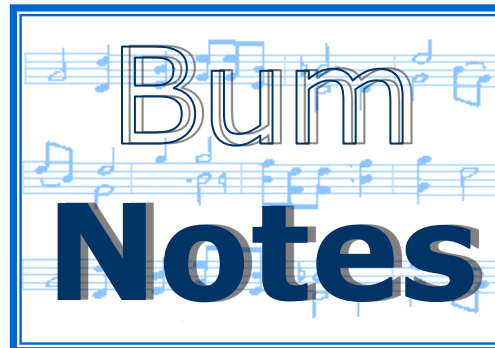
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The middle part of 2019 has been an interesting one for the Wigston Band Organisation with lots of change and transition.



Firstly, the band would like to thank Chris Small for all of his hard work over the last 3 years with the senior band. Following the Brass on the Grass contest, with a very heavy heart Chris handed in his resignation as musical director. Over the years with the band, we have made lots of good memories with Chris. For example, dancing in the rain at Hinckley golf club, contest successes and his wonderfully coloured suits. His final outing with the band was a success as we achieved a 2nd place at the Brass on the Grass Contest. The band will miss him but know he will be back if we ever need a baritone or euphoni-



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um player. The Wigston Band Organisation thanks Chris for all of his dedication and hard work during his tenure with us and wish him all the best for the future.

With Chris' departure came a new chapter in The Wigston Band's story with the appointment of Geoff Wood as Musical Director for the Senior Band. Geoff began his banding career back in 1973 and has played through the years in many well known Leicestershire Bands including Desford, Hathern and Ratby Bands on cornet and flugel. During this time he has enjoyed many successes including winning Granada Band of the Year three times during the 1980's. After playing for a number of years under many influential conductors, he decided to take the baton up himself and conducted a number of bands across Leicestershire.

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Geoff certainly kicked off his time with the band really well at his debut outing at Melton Park. The audience enjoyed a range of music from pop to classical to swing and jazz. The band played really well and left the audience asking for more at the end!

The band is looking forward to working alongside Geoff, learning from his wealth of experience, enjoying a new repertoire of music and strengthening our position within the second section.

On his new appointment Geoff commented, "I'm very privileged to have been offered the musical directors position with the band and look forward to working with all of them going forward. They have great talent around the stands and a team of dedicated members mentoring the next generation of players, which gives The Wigston Band Organisation solid ground within the brass band movement "

If you'd like to join our senior band or book the band to play, contact us for more details:

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200 Club



Here are the results from the recent 200 Club draws. Well done to all of the winners!

To be in with the chance of winning some fantastic cash prizes, email Gary Lewin for details about joining the 200 Club:

wigstonbrassband@gmail.com

1st Prize = £70

2nd Prize = £30

April

Mr D Harrold

Mr P Spray

May

Mrs W Burke

Mrs S Robinson

June

Mrs J Spray

Mrs T Brian



Would you like the opportunity to win a £70 cash prize?

Well join The Wigston Band 200 Club!

For just £2 a month, you can have a number and be added into our monthly prize draw. Plus there is a £400 star prize at Christmas! It is certainly well worth it!

For further details contact, Gary Lewin:
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Exam Successes!



Recently a few of our younger members have been working really hard towards their grade exams and they have all excelled themselves. Well done to you all.

Grade 1

Edward—Distinction on cornet
Nicole—Distinction on cornet

Grade 2

Lily—Merit on Baritone
Cadie—Merit on Eb Horn
Jess—Distinction on Eb Horn

Grade 3

Patrick—Distinction on baritone



THE WIGSTON BAND Player Vacancies

Trombones (position negotiable)

We are a very friendly band based in Wigston, Leicestershire. The Wigston Band boasts a thriving family orientated scene with two other bands in its organisation. We enjoy a sensible mixture of concerts and contests and would look to welcome some new musicians within our organisation under our newly appointed MD Geoff Wood.

If you are interested in giving us a try please contact us via our email address: wigstonbrassband@gmail.com.

Or give our bandmaster Karen Edwards a phone call: 07752618993 Strictest confidence is assured.

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Enterprise and Horizon Band Bum Notes Lots of fun at 'Brass on the Grass!'

This year The Wigston Band was very busy at the Brass on the Grass competition near Lutterworth as not only did the Senior Band attend (and came 2nd), but the Enterprise and Horizon Bands both performed as well, meaning that every member of our organisation played to the audience that day! That was something no other band could say!



Early on in the day the Enterprise Band put on a sterling performance of their movie themed programme. They featured Rhiannon playing the Toy Story favourite 'When She Loved Me', followed by 'The Pink Panther' and 'Falling' from the David Lynch epic Twin Peaks. Overall the band achieved a 4th place.



This was followed up by Horizon Band who took the audience on a tour around the world stopping off at the pyramids, Notre Dame and Meixco where we met the very excitable 'Guava Guy'. Their programme earned them a 2nd place trophy!

Well done to both bands for their great performances on the day!



If you'd like to join the fun in Enterprise Band or Horizon Band, contact our MDs Pat and Matt for more details:

07866 958583 / 07928 192650

Lots of Summer Playing



This summer has been a very successful one for The Wigston Band Organisation with many appearances out and about around the county.

Our summer season kicked off in style really close to home in our actual bandroom with The Horizon Band performing a se-



lection of their favourite pieces to family members. This was a really good experience for some of them who have only been playing a few weeks.

This was followed by performances at Melton Park and Hollycroft Park for the Senior Band. They put on great performances, featuring the cor-

net solo of 'Stars' from Les Miserables by Alison Harding and not wanting to be outdone by her mum, Abi Harding played the very summery 'Under the Boardwalk' on flugel horn. At both of these outings lots of ice cream and sunshine was certainly enjoyed!

The Enterprise Band got themselves out quite a bit too with concerts at Billesdon Fete, Wigston Big Lunch, Oadby Botanic Gardens and Oadby Motor Fest to name a few. They put on great performances at each event and have also been enjoying playing a trickier repertoire of music as their skills improve. The Enterprise Band



boys certainly had fun designing a new uniform for the band whilst they soaked up the atmosphere at the Wigston Big Lunch!

If you didn't manage to catch one of appearances this summer then check out our diary page for our schedule of upcoming events.

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