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Welcome to Issue 48. In this issue you will find a wide variety of articles ranging from the Bagpipe school to family workshops with some of the top London Orchestras! You will also find our new puzzle page which will vary from issue to issue. Some of you may be thinking "it's November, the band hasn't done any parades for ages, what is there to talk about" well where there is a band there are always articles and exciting tales to be told all of which you will find in the newsletter. So... sit back, relax, and take a read. – Josh

Dates for the Diary:

Day	Date	Event	Comments
Sunday	13th November Morning	Remembrance Parade	All Members

Please can all band members let us now as soon as possible if you are unable to do this event.

Bagpipe School



As many of you know our Bagpipe school is run on a Monday night during training. It is run by Pipe Major Graham Waller who also runs the Pride of Murray Pipe Band.

All participants in the Bagpipe section are making steady progress. This as mentioned will take some time before we see the results but we are determine to stick with it and I am sure it will add a new dimension to our band.

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Annual General Meeting September 2011

The AGM was held on Monday 26th September and was well attended, we would like to thank all those who attended and helped make the AGM successful.

Many things were covered but Mark emphasized the importance of recruitment and that over the next year we would be increasing the activity of this through advertising, school visits and open days. He also discussed that the band will start doing more workshops and parades with other bands that we have aligned ourselves; with which are the Medina Marching band on the Isle of Wight and also the Old Basing Royal British Legion Corps of Drums.

The fund raising team also asked for help to do car boot sales which are planned for 2012 and also support on the fund raising stall when we do some of the events throughout the year.

General News

Training band

We have now had two members of training band progress up to the Corps of Drums and we will move another drummer up in January. This is proving to be a very important part of the band. We feel that we will be able to recruit easier in to Training band as the age group allows for less pressure from school, jobs etc..

Can you help?

Although we still have good overall numbers in the band we need to try and attract some more players in to the main Corps of Drums. Therefore can all members of the Corps of Drums have a think of who they know that may be interested in coming along and maybe joining. Please also ask anyone you know who plays any type of instrument. For example if you know a Saxophone player or Cornet player then get them to come along with their instrument. If they want to join but only if they can play what they are already learning then that's OK, we will fit the instrument in somehow.

The Band – Our Activity

Mark has spent much time recently talking too and reading reports on our activity and although our numbers are down slightly we are not alone. In fact we still have a bigger band than most and we certainly have more equipment than many bands. The conclusion from the National Youth Marching Band Association is that young people today have so many things that they take part in that our activity is only part of their weekly out of school activities whereas 10 years ago there was less for them to do and therefore “Banding” was a far bigger interest. Also they strongly believe that too much of their time is spent on Xbox, PlayStations, computers and mobile phones.

Training

With recent changes to our instructing personnel, we have decided to increase both our in-house training and also support from other bands. Therefore we will be holding a Bell lyre workshop on Sunday 30th October as a starting point. We also have a confirmed date of Sunday 28th January 2012 for the Medina Marching band Corps of Drums to visit us to hold a workshop on drum statics. We will also be holding bugle workshops either at the end of this year or early 2012 where we can introduce new members to the bugle and also current players will be able to use it as a refresher cause.

Facebook

If you haven't already join us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=139419684029>



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Learning – Rhythms

New drummer, Louis Doran was fortunate to attend the BBC Symphony Orchestra's family workshop at the BBC's Maida Vale Studios on Sunday. Hosts Alex and Fiona from the percussion section of the BBC SO started by playing Snare and Tom, their stands and the floor! before moving on to Xylophone and tubular bells, respectively.



Alex then had all the participants clapping out various rhythms! The workshop was then divided, and went to different parts of Maida Vale. Historic Maida Vale doesn't only have classical music there -Everyone from the Beatles to Led Zeppelin have played there over the years. In rehearsal room 3, the group was shown a tango rhythm by another percussionist, Sam, whilst marching on the spot and starting on the off-beat! The group then joined the others in the main hall, where each group showed everyone what they had just learnt. The participants were then played the closing section of Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, with its intricate rhythms (now able to pick out the Tango in there somewhere)

After tea break, the participants were taken to a different rehearsal room where Snare drums, Toms and congas were set up. Conducted by Alex and following number patterns on a flip chart, the group learnt these sequences. The Drums (snare and Tom) playing the first beat and the hand percussion playing the various other beats – be they 2,3,4 or 5

The group returned to the main recording hall, and the BBC SO road-crew brought through the drums. The other group already had the giant bass drums and wood blocks set up. The complete ensemble then recorded the piece a couple of times. The recording of the second piece was played back and everyone agreed to do it again. After the second recording was played back, the engineer played the BBC's version of *The Rite of Spring* – “The family workshop orchestra” hadn't done bad!



If anyone is interested in future workshops, you can contact them at BBCSOLEarning@BBC.co.uk and they are FREE

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On Sunday 16th October Bell-Lyre player, Olivia Doran, took her instrument to the Barbican, for the London Symphony Orchestra's '*Music from the Movies*'. Children were encouraged to take along their instruments (violins, horns etc) to participate in one of the pieces. Olivia had mislaid her beater (fortunately found later) so used her little brother's Harry Potter Wand – magic! The concert included film themes from Harry Potter, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Star Wars.



Once a term, three times a year – The Music from the Movies is part of the LSO's family concerts, which are design to get children interested in the orchestra with tickets costing just £4. In the morning they have art and music workshops with the opportunity to meet LSO musicians and practice the audience participation piece. The next one is in March.

<http://lso.co.uk/page/3262/Family-Concerts>

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Puzzle Busters

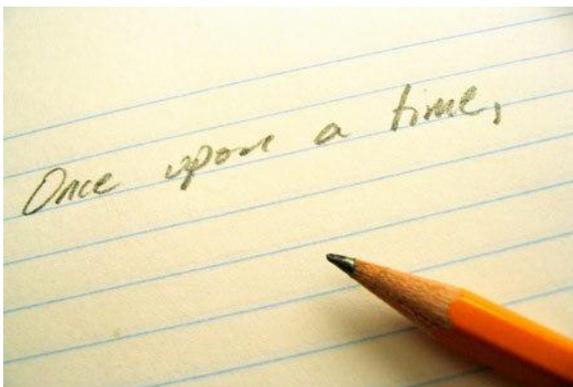
Here's a little something to get those brains working

The Crossword's theme is items and ranks used and held within the band. There are 10 words in total some might even be backwards. The answers can be found in the next edition.

Sudoku Challenge, fill in the brain busting boxes with the missing numbers to complete the game. The answers can be found in the next edition.

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Do you want to write an article for the Newsletter?? If so please submit your article in writing or by email to either Mark (address below) or Josh at jsthorne@ntlworld.com.

If you have any questions about the Newsletters please do not hesitate to speak to Mark or Josh for further information.