



# THE TRUMPETER

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# TOTNES BAND

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## Television Draw

The draw for the colour Television that has been kindly donated to the band, will be held at our next concert. It is £1 a go (you can enter as many times as you like). If you would like to enter let Phil know.

Talking of the next concert this will be in the St John's church Bridgetown, on Thu 18th November, at 7.45pm.

If anyone would like to help with refreshments please get in touch.

## Summer

Well here we are in October already. The summer engagements went very well with a very successful boat trip down the Dart in August. I think it was the best trip we've had for a number of years.

The summer concerts down at the Steam Packet were well attended with only a few called off because of the weather.

Thanks to Peter the landlord for his support & donation to the band. If you came and supported us thank you, if you didn't then why not, you missed some good concerts (even if I do say so myself).

## Contests

As you may be aware the band will be promoted next year up to the First Section. This will be a big step for the band and everyone will have to work that much harder to meet the challenge of the higher section.

The band are busy practicing for the next contest which is being held in the "English Riviera Centre" Torquay on Sat 30th October.

We will be playing Labour and Love, by Percy Fletcher. This was the first original work for brass band written in 1913 for the National Championships.

If you would like to come along and listen tickets will be available on the door. We will be playing sometime during the afternoon.

## Christmas events

This December the band will be out playing carols at various places (see list on back). Anyone who could help by holding a collecting tin for us please get in touch.

The annual carol concert in the Fire Station will be on Mon 20th December 7.30pm. This is usually packed, so if you wish to come along get there early.

## Lottery Appeal

Well we should soon know the out come of our application for a Lottery grant to buy a new set of instruments. The excitement is building, the band first bought a set of instruments not long after it was formed in the early 70's. so this will be a big event in the bands history.

The fund raising for our match funding will go on for a couple of years yet. But we are well on the way to raising this. Thanks to anyone who has donated to this up to now.

## Advantages of being an Eb Soprano Player

Have you ever noticed how the soprano player is always located on the outside of the band, closest to the audience. This is good for many reasons:

1. If there is a fire you can make it to the door in time instead of being toast like the BBbs.
2. Nobody sits behind you honking in your ear.
3. If the solo cornets get mouthy you can direct a chastening blast beyond the pain threshold.
4. You can easily check out any cute babes/guys in the audience.
5. If you are hitting a really good high C you can turn toward the audience slightly and let it rip.
6. You can get out and to the car park after the concert faster.
7. Lots of room to your right for mutes, water bottles, cornet stands and a little table for your beer.
8. Being up front usually suits the soprano players ego.
9. If necessary you can give a disapproving glance to anyone in the band without the MD noticing.
10. If you have to go to the bathroom bad you can get there first at the break.
11. same as #10 but you get to the bar first.
12. same as #10 but you get to the free food and coffee/tea first.
13. It's as far away as you can get from the Bass Trombone.

## Forthcoming Events

### November

Sun 14th Remembrance Day Parade 10.30am  
Thu 18th Concert. St John's Totnes. 7.45pm  
Sat 27th Fermoys 2pm

### December

Fri 3rd M & S Torquay 6pm  
Sat 4th Totnes carols 1.30pm, 3pm, 3.30pm Parade.  
Sun 5th Fermoys  
Tue 7th Late Night Shopping Totnes 6.30pm  
Thu 9th Safeways Paignton  
Sainsburys N.Abbot  
Fri 10th M & S Torquay  
Sat 11th Sainsburys N.Abbot 11am!  
Fermoys  
Sun 12th M & S Torquay  
Wed 15th Dart Ward 7pm. Punch & Pies Totnes Hos. 8.30pm  
Thu 16th Safeways Paignton  
Sainsburys N.Abbot  
Fri 17th Band Dinner/Social  
Sat 18th Sainsburys N.Abbot  
Safeways Totnes  
Sun 19th M & S Torquay  
Mon 20th Fire Station 7.30pm/Widecombe  
Tue 21st Safeways Totnes  
Wed 22nd  
Thu 23rd Sainsburys N.Abbot  
Fri 24th

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