



THE TRUMPETER

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TOTNES BAND

Latest News

The band has been very busy over the winter, what with Xmas and the hunt for a new Musical Director.

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We would like to thank everyone for their support during 2001.

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We are very pleased to announce that the Duchess of Somerset has agreed to become our patron. We hope that Her Grace will enjoy the association with the band.

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We advertised for the position of MD just before Xmas and as a result we started auditioning in January. We had 5 people apply. This was a very good response and is quite encouraging to think that so many could see the potential of the band.

It wasn't easy to make a decision, but we offered the job to Sid Davis.

WO1 Simon Davis joined the Royal Marines Band Service in April 1977 at the age of 17 as a Cornet and Violin player, having received his early musical education in many brass bands and orchestras in Hampshire.

On completion of training he was drafted to the Staff Band of HM Royal Marines, Deal for two years prior to moving to join the Band of HM Royal Marines Flag Officer Third Flotilla onboard HMS Invincible, HMS Fearless and HMS Intrepid. During his three years stay he travelled extensively, visiting many European countries, USA, West Indies and Asia.

Having qualified for Band Sergeant in 1989, he was drafted back to the Staff Band of HM Royal Marines, Deal where he attended the Bandmasters' Course in 1991. After completion of Bandmasters' Course he was drafted to the Band of HM Royal Marines, Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth and again to sea on HMS Ark Royal, as Volunteer Band Instructor in 1993. HMS Ark Royals' deployments during this time was as part of NATO, to help deny flight

in the Former Yugoslavia.

In 1996 Simon was drafted to the Band of HM Royal Marines, Scotland, in Rosyth and this included three trips to Belfast with the band and a trip to Inniskillen and Carrickfergus as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations for VJ Day.

Having been promoted to Colour Sergeant whilst in Scotland, he was then selected for Warrant Officer 2 d Class Bandmaster with an appointment at the Band of HM Royal Marines, Portsmouth, in 1998. In 1999 he was appointed as Bandmaster of the Band of HM Royal Marines, Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth and was subsequently successful at a Warrant Officers I Class Board at Headquarters Royal Marines, Portsmouth.

Simon is a keen yachtsman. His hobbies include all forms of boat maintenance, DIY, cooking and avidly following the somewhat unreliable form of Southampton Football Club.

Contest report

Area Contest April 2002

The band travelled to Bristol to play in the Colston Hall on Sunday 7th April. The band had done well to enter this year after a very disappointing 2001.

Some weeks before the day there was quite a lot of deliberation on whether to have a coach or hire a couple of mini buses. Nick of **A.J.S Mini Skips** offered to sponsor a part of the coach costs. Thanks to Nick for this generosity. As you will find out later this might not have been the best idea.

The day started at 8.45am at the church in Totnes, with the bus nowhere to be seen. He was waiting around the corner on the plains. Luckily he was seen and soon sorted out where he had to meet us.

Everything was loaded (or so we thought) and off to Paignton we went to pick up Clive. We soon realised that we hadn't put on all the necessary percussion on board, so back to Totnes we went. Luckily we had left ourselves plenty of time.

The rest of the journey went well and we

arrived at the rehearsal venue in plenty of time. The next thing we find is that one of the cornet players had forgotten their instrument. Sandra thought that John had put it in the car and John thought that Sandra had put it in, consequently neither had put it in. A quick phone call to Trevada Music at the Colston Hall and a loan instrument was organised.

After a good rehearsal we found out that the Band was drawn to play 3rd out of 15 bands. This was considered a good draw by most.

We unloaded all the gear at the Colston Hall and arranged to meet at the expected time of registration. Unfortunately the contest was running about an hour late so there was a long time to hang around before the band could play.

The band did the business and all were reasonably happy with the performance and were able to relax in the bar with lemonades around.

Because of the drivers hours we had to leave for home before the results were given out (this is where we questioned whether it was a good idea having a coach, had we been in mini buses then we could have stayed later). By the time we got the news we were nearly in Newton Abbot, we were placed 11th. This was a bit disappointing, but was a major improvement on the last 2 contest results.

The day was very enjoyable for all and the band look forward to the next challenge.

Golden Jubilee

The band is pleased to be involved with the Golden Jubilee celebrations in the town this June.

We are giving an open air concert in the Civic Hall forecourt on Thu 30th May at 7.30pm.

We will be giving an open air concert at Puddevine house on Sun 2nd June at 7pm.

There will be a street party in the Civic Hall forecourt on Mon 3rd June through the evening, until about 9.30pm when there will be a candlelight procession up to the lighting of the beacon at the top of town.

Summer Concerts

We are pleased to announce that our season of summer concerts will start on Thu 23rd May at approx 7.30pm in Dartmouth Bandstand. You can see all of the dates of these concerts in the Diary opposite. They are all subject to the weather.

Boat Trip

The boat trip will again be on the Baltic Star. This is a beautiful boat, which lends itself very well to a musical cruise.

In case you have never been on one of our musical cruises before, we play on the boat going down the river Dart. Do a concert in Dartmouth, then return on the boat in the evening, again with the band playing.

The date this year is Sunday July 28th. The cost is £7 per person, or £18 for a family ticket.

This year because we are unable to play in the bandstand the concert in Dartmouth will be held just below the lower ferry on the cobbled part of Bayards cove.

Elizabethan Stall

After the success of last year Doreen will be holding a stall in the Elizabethan Market on Tuesdays throughout the summer. These start on May 7th. If you have anything that could be sold on the stall let Doreen know 01803 607326.

Diary

May

Sun 5th	Maltsters Arms. Tuckenhay. 1pm
Thu 23rd	Summer Concert. Dartmouth 7.30pm
Thu 30th	Jubilee Concert. Civic Hall Forecourt 7.30pm

June

Sun 2nd	Concert. Puddavine Court. Totnes. 7pm
Mon 3rd	Civic Hall Forecourt. 7pm
Sun 9th	Dawlish Bandstand. 2.30pm
Thu 13th	Summer Concert. Dartmouth 7.30pm
Thu 20th	Summer Concert. Totnes. 7.30pm
Thu 27th	Summer Concert. Dartmouth 7.30pm
Sat 29th	Broadhempston Fete. 1.30 - 5pm (small parade)

July

Thu 4th	Summer Concert. Totnes. 7.30pm
Sun 7th	Galmpton. 12.30pm
Thu 11th	Summer Concert. Dartmouth 7.30pm
Sun 14th	Kingsbridge Bandstand. 3pm
Thu 18th	Summer Concert. Totnes. 7.30pm
Sun 21st	Dartmouth Bandstand 2.30pm
Sun 28th	Boat Trip

August

Thu 1st	Concert. United Reform Church. Babbacombe. 7.30pm
Sat 3rd	Stoke Gabriel Carnival 6.15pm
Thu 8th	Summer Concert. Dartmouth. 7.30pm
Sun 11th	Newton Bandstand 2.30pm
Tue 13th	Floral Dance. Totnes. 7pm
Thu 15th	Dawlish Carnival. 7pm
Sat 17th	Totnes Carnival. 6pm
Thu 22nd	Concert. Dartmouth. 7.30pm
Thu 29th	Summer Concert. Totnes. 7.30pm