

City of Cambridge Brass Band

Promoting Brass Band Music in the Community

NEWSLETTER FOR HONORARY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE BAND

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We are delighted to welcome back Peter Bassano as Musical Director. We very much look forward to working with Peter and also with Richard Graves, Assistant Conductor.

Under Peter's guidance, the band achieved a very creditable 6th place (out of 16) at this year's London and Southern Counties Area contest and puts the band in a good position for 2014 when a good result could see us returning to the Championship Section. Peter has some exciting plans for the band. These include a '**Cambridge Composers**' cd recording in the autumn with a major concert in Cambridge for early next year. **As a Cambridge band, performing and recording music in Cambridge we hope that it will be possible to secure sponsorship for the cd and concert from a Cambridge organisation or organisations. All suggestions, including named contacts wherever possible, would be gratefully received.**

Thanks to the efforts of Band Treasurer, Jeremy West, the band has been invited to go to **Germany in July 2014**. Further details of this will follow in due course.

We have received an offer from a friend of a band member to prepare a leaflet on the band's history. If anyone has any written information that they are willing to loan the band or share any anecdotes with Gill, she will pass them onto the person concerned. Gill has information from the late 1970s but any snippets of information going back beyond this would be much appreciated. Please email gill_starling@btinternet.com or telephone 01223 276280.

Summer engagements in the diary so far are Cambridgeshire County Show at **Wimpole Hall** (2 June), **Trumpington Hall** (8 June) and **Fringe in the Fen Concert at Fenstanton** (7 July). We are disappointed not to be included in Cambridge's season of summer park concerts although we are hopeful that future years might see a return to the band performing in its home city. As previously mentioned, we offering bookings to churches etc at half the band's usual fee on Wednesday evenings during the summer. In addition to the cd recording, other plans for the autumn including a **possible workshop and concert with Eversden training band** and the **Leicester concert on 24 November**. The band website lists all our engagements and latest news is on the band's group Facebook page.

We currently have some vacancies in the band and so if anyone is aware of someone who may be interested in coming along to the rehearsal for 'a blow' (either just to help at a rehearsal or engagements or, preferably, with a view to joining us full-time) we should be delighted to hear from them. The main vacancies are **basses (especially B flat), bass trombone and percussion**.

Thank you for your support

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