



**SNYSB NOTES**

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# September 2014

## FUTURE CONCERTS AND EVENTS

<i>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</i>	<i>Songs from the Shows, Diss Corn Hall, 7.30pm start</i>
<i>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<i>Concert at Thetford URC, IP24 2AD, 7.30pm start</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Pollards</i>
<i>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>SNDC Christmas Concert, evening</i>
<i>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Bungay Christmas Street Market, daytime</i>
<i>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Christmas Concert, Diss URC, evening</i>

## RECENT EVENTS

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September were fantastic! Approximately 140 people attended on the Saturday evening for a big get-together with food and drink and a magnificent '40 years' cake. People had come from far and wide for the event and the buzz of happy conversation continued all evening. There was a good mixture of current members and parents, previous members and supporters. A room upstairs had been hired and much SNYSB memorabilia was on display.

On the Sunday morning many of the people present on Saturday evening returned, as well as some in addition, with a variety of instruments and a 'play-in' commenced. People chose pieces they wanted to play and the sound was tremendous! At varying times there were four French horns, three trombones, two tubas, two euphoniums, two oboes and any number of saxophones, trumpets and cornets, flutes, clarinets as well as an enthusiastic percussion section. They had two short coffee breaks and stopped for lunch but otherwise played solidly until gone 5 o'clock, in fact refusing to play just two more pieces as Mike suggested, and insisting on three more, such was the enthusiasm! Lunch was a really good barbeque with salad, cake and even ice creams. Many thanks are due: to the organising committee who worked long and hard, particularly to Sam, Mandy and Phil who took the lion's share of the jobs, to those who set up, packed away and to all those who provided us with lunch - in particular Phil, Sam and Simon, to Phil for providing so much wine we didn't get through it, to those who bought the cake, to Tudor Bakehouse for donating all the rolls, to those who made the effort to attend and last but by no means least to Mike whose 40 years of perseverance has given so many people so much.

The Trustees, including Mike, took this opportunity to make an important **announcement**. Mike made a speech on the Saturday evening and explained that SNYSB is to become **SNYSB+** with new or previous members welcome above the current 8-23 age bracket. The aim of this is to boost our numbers and give much-needed mentoring support to our younger players. Mike was keen that even if people lived far away they could still join and then be called upon for occasional

concerts and events such as residential weekends and trips abroad. We already have Mandy and Debbie who sometimes join us from the RAF Honington Band and kindly support us at concerts and there have often been parents of younger members who have joined in with the band. However, SNYSB+ will hopefully have more adults in the band but still maintain a focus on encouraging and mentoring young players.

STOP PRESS: some over 23's have already attended on a Tuesday evening rehearsal and they were much appreciated!

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Our next concert is the **Songs from the Shows**. We are very fortunate to have Jayne May-Sysum with us again. We are using this concert as part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and are selling tickets at '1970's prices'! This means an incredibly inexpensive evening at £2.50 so let's make a special effort to ask as many people as possible to attend and give our band the audience they deserve. Can people please bring raffle prizes and give them to Gillian for this concert. The more (and the better) prizes we have the more money is raised. Thank you.

In October we have a concert at **Thetford United Reformed Church**. Tickets will be on sale soon and will cost £5.

**Pollards** - This is our annual internal band music competition and is most likely to be in November - a definite date will be set at the next Trustees meeting which is imminent. The competition is open to everyone and EVERYONE is encouraged to perform. There are sections for younger and older players and for wind, brass, percussion and ensembles (groups). Parents are encouraged to come and support. So, start considering which piece you could play and look out for details in the next newsletter.

## **MALAYSIA**

Mike reports: As you are aware, it was intended for SNYSB to visit Malaysia for a third time in the school summer holiday August 2015. The Trustees have decided to postpone the visit for one year to August 2016. Although we have been guaranteed a substantial contribution to our air fare, we would still need to fund raise the balance, and by delaying our visit, this will give more time to do this, without calling on parents and friends over three or four months, as the air fare would need to be paid in full February/March 2015 if we went next year. Please think about interesting ways that we can raise funds, and the Trustees may be able to suggest where you can individually apply for grants e.g. "The Mason Trust" Any ideas please to any of the Trustees.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Several successful exam results to report. Congratulations to:

Eleonor Kirkby - grade 2 clarinet with distinction

Elliott Sanders - grade 4 cornet with distinction

Eve Mason - grade 5 flute

Isabel Riches - grade 2 clarinet

Tom Anderson - grade 4 trumpet

Well done all of you!

**NEWS ITEMS** for the newsletter can be written in the news book at Tuesday evening rehearsals or emailed to the secretary at this address - [mark.nashy@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mark.nashy@tiscali.co.uk)

