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## December 2013

### FUTURE CONCERTS AND EVENTS

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec                      Bungay Street Fayre, 9.30a.m. for 10a.m. start  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec                      Harleston town centre, 10.45a.m. for 11a.m.start  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec                    Christmas Concert, Corn Hall, Diss, 7pm start

**NB - CHRISTMAS BREAK! NO REHEARSALS ON 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> OR 31<sup>st</sup> OF DECEMBER.  
ALL BACK TO NORMAL ON 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

### RECENT EVENTS

#### **AGM**

Thank you to all those parents who attended the AGM. We just scraped a quorum of 21! The following trustees were re-elected unopposed:

Musical Director - Mike Booty

Secretary - Janice Nash

Treasurer - Mandy Carter

Trustee - Phil Anderson

Trustee and Child Protection Officer - Malcolm Birchall

Janet Strode stepped down as Parent Representative Trustee due to a mixture of work pressure and the fact that she is at rehearsals less as her daughter, who is in the band, is now at university. However, Janet will continue in her role as Membership Secretary. Many thanks to Janet for many years of hard work on behalf of SNYSB. A big welcome to Gillian Rednall who was nominated and elected unopposed as Parent Representative.

Well done to Toby White and Lydia MacFarlane who were elected as band reps.

Mike finished the AGM with a big plea to everyone to help with recruiting new players, particularly from local schools.

#### **POLLARDS**

Our annual internal band music competition was a really good afternoon with Richard Bassett, an international music educator, as our Adjudicator. There were several entrants in the Junior Wind section, some of whom had never even been to The Pollards before, but all of whom did themselves really proud. There were fewer entrants in the other sections but a good standard of performance. Richard took the time to give immediate personal feedback to each competitor which, I am sure, was really useful, and was a lovely approach. A big 'well done' to all the entrants.

The winners of each section are as follows:

Junior Wind: Jade Mason (clarinet)

Junior Brass: Elliott Sanders (trumpet)

Junior Percussion: Luke Dunsmore (glockenspiel)

Senior Wind: Delcine Dunsmore (flute) and Jess Nash (clarinet)

Senior Brass: Joe Bohn (tuba)

Senior Percussion: no entrants

Ensemble: Georgia Golby and Alex Whitham with Sam Carter and Will Most supporting.

The overall Pollard winner, who gets to play their piece at the Christmas concert, was, much to his surprise, Elliott Sanders. I think it is fair to say that Elliott was a very popular winner with the audience, who had clapped extra loudly for his performance which was natural, enthusiastic, unaffected and just delightful! Please DO come to the Christmas concert and you can hear him for yourselves.

## **FUTURE CONCERTS**

Those of you who receive the newsletter by email will have it just in time to be reminded about the **Bungay Street Fayre**. This is a really lovely event and everyone should go! The band sit in a huddle, this year under cover, and play carols - with a break for hot chocolate. Make sure the players have fingerless gloves, lots of layers and hot chocolate money and get there early because parking is tricky.

Please make sure EVERYONE attends the last concert of the year, our very own **Christmas Concert**. It is a really good Christmas event so please ask LOTS of friends and family so that the band has a full audience to play to - they deserve it. As well as the music all the awards (and the money!) for The Pollards will be presented. Two further awards will also be presented - the Director's Cup and The Paul Donley Woodwind Award. We are delighted that Jill Donley has agreed to be attend and present the Paul Donley Award.

**PLEAS** Jeannie Anderson will be co-ordinating refreshments. She will need at least five helpers in the kitchen to serve and wash up - they could be male or female! The more helpers we have the less of the concert we will all miss. Please see Mandy, Phil or Janice as rehearsals to offer your services.

If at all possible could all parents please donate a box of mince pies as well, which will be sold with the tea and coffee. This will raise further monies and be much appreciated by all. Please bring your box to the kitchen before the concert.

And finally! A really good fundraiser is the raffle. Gillian Rednall will be running this and would appreciate any new and good quality prizes, ideally at a rehearsal before the concert. We appreciate that we are asking for your ticket money, mince pies AND raffle prizes, which all adds up, but please remember that the subs we pay are miniscule compared to virtually any other group your children might belong to (I think my daughters' ballet teacher has paid off her mortgage with all we have paid to her over the years!)

On the subject of **SUBS** - they remain at the princely sum of £10 and are due to be given to Mandy before the Christmas break. Please make cheques payable to SNYSB.

Finally, may we wish you all a merry and peaceful Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.