

NEWS LETTER



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THE NATWEST BANK FESTIVAL OF YOUTH BANDS

After the National Anthem at the end of the show, Tom Bradshaw and I made our way across the empty arena of the Royal Albert Hall towards the Prince Consort Room where we were due to meet representatives of the sponsors - the National Westminster Bank and guests. One couldn't help hearing the remarks being made amongst members of the audience as they left the Hall, and they were remarks that gladdened the heart. The bands taking part had put their best into the show, the team behind the scenes had put their best into the production too and the audience had reacted generously. Sometime later, we made our way back across the arena. The auditorium was empty, a cold white light dimly lit the scene, a coloured carpet of spent streamers covered the arena. But the lingering sounds still seemed to echo through that famous building of over a thousand young people from 16 bands who had entertained so royally, of a well known voice announcing the events, of an enthusiastic audience acclaiming the bands, of some performances that stood out as show stoppers. And next year? I think the Festival Committee will have a much more difficult task selecting the bands. There is sure to be more wanting to be included, and more audience to contribute to and share the marvellous atmosphere of a worthwhile occasion.

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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1981

Saturday 14th November 1981 at 1.30 p.m., in the Grosvenor Suite of the Grand Hotel in Birmingham. Do come and enjoy the day in this great City. There is much business to attend to at the meeting. We have to decide at the meeting how best to run our Association for the coming year.

The Grosvenor Suite is the ideal place to hold such a meeting, it has provided a magnificent setting for glittering banquets and balls for over a century. The stage for momentous occasions in England's history when great statesmen such as Lloyd George, Stanley Baldwin, Winston Churchill, Joseph Chamberlain and Neville Chamberlain spoke at functions in the Suite. The Hotel offers many modern facilities, including the Penny Black restaurant and bar with the best in food and wines, the Backyard Bar and the Carvers Table where guests can carve their own meat from a selection of roast joints.

Though it is a meeting of members of the Association it has been the custom in the past for members to bring guests.

When you arrive, please sign the roll of members attending if you are a member.

Please ask your guests to sign the guests/observers roll, as appropriate.

Make an effort to be there in Birmingham, at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday 14th November.

BYBA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership subscriptions were due on 1st September last for the current year.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 1981/82, send your £5 subscription quoting your membership number to the Secretary now.

To participate in the Annual General Meeting, you need to be in possession of your new membership card. Please do not leave your renewal until the moments before the opening of the AGM, attend to your renewal now.

TROPHIES

It is planned to hand the BYBA League Trophies to the BYBA members representing Bands and Drum Majors of BYBA League winners for the 1981 season, at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting where possible. In 1982, at suitably arranged events, the trophies will be presented in the presence of the winning Bands and Drum Majors.

If at present you hold one of the Trophies, and are certain of getting the Trophy to the AGM either personally or through another member, please do so. Otherwise, please contact the Contest Sub Committee or the Secretary.

INSTRUCTORS WANTED

The Newham Drum & Trumpet Corps has been in existence for a couple of years or so, and is badly in need of instructors.

The boys and girls have the interest, they have the instruments. Can you help with the instruction? The Band has Cavalry Trumpets, Bell Lyres and Drums - if you can help, please contact: Mr R H Gallaway, London Borough of Newham, Council Depot - Parks Section, Arragon Road, East Ham, London, E6.

150th Sheffield (Wadsley Church) Scout Group Band require an instructor for Eb Trumpets. David Tomlins, the Bandmaster, would be pleased to hear from anyone who could help as an instructor. His new address is: 22 Ashurst Drive, Stannington, Sheffield, S6 5LL.
Tel: 338794.

FOR SALE

12 GD single valve instruments. Chrome finish.
- 6 soprano, 4 tenor, 2 bass.
Contact: K O'Hara, Bandmaster, TS Zealous NTC,
21 Bellingham Crescent, Hove, East Sussex.
Tel: Brighton (0273) 411960.

TRAINING COMMITTEE

BASIC COURSES 1982

BASIC ARRANGING FOR Eb TRUMPETS AND BASIC PERCUSSION

23rd January 1982 Hosted by "Dako" Boys' Brigade in Nottingham. This Course is aimed primarily at BYBA Division 2 and 3 bands/corps and the prospectus includes: Basic rudiments of music sufficient to cope with fixed key instruments, four part arranging, uses of the additional Eb instruments and building an arrangement around a melody. The percussion course includes lecture and demonstration of snare drum technique, basic rudiments and practise exercises (for the individual and the section) and how to build an arrangement.

The Eb course is a classroom course for which instruments will not be needed and the percussion course will include practical work with instruments. Both courses will require the participants to provide themselves with a supply of notepaper and manuscript paper. The courses are aimed at senior players and above.
COST £1.50 PER PERSON.

BASIC FLAGS

20th February 1982 in the North London area and 6th March 1982 in Sheffield hosted by Vulcan Drum and Bugle Corps. This course is aimed at bands/corps just starting a colour guard and having little or no experience of flag work. It is intended that five or six bands each send along up to ten participants who will all be taught the basic movements.
COST: not known at present.

PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COURSE

27th and 28th February 1982, this course may be held at the headquarters of 93 (City of Bath) Squadron Air Training Corps and is intended to meet the requirements of bands in the South West. Recommendations will be made by the participants as to the content of the course.

More details of any or all of the above courses and of the Judges Seminars for early 1982 can be obtained from:

Marvin V Couldwell 4 Barnards Court Morley Place Hungerford Berkshire RG17 0HS
Telephone: Hungerford (048 36) 3936

All correspondence requiring a reply must include a stamped addressed envelope as should all bookings. The number of places on all courses is restricted and BYPA members will at all times receive priority.

