



WELCOME TO HITCHIN YOUTH BAND!

The Youth Band is an addition to the long-established Hitchin Band; a brass band with a tradition of around one hundred and fifty years of music making in Hitchin and the surrounding area. We have been running since November 2009.

Our Aims

We aim to give local youngsters the opportunity to develop their brass-playing skills and enjoy the experience of playing together. We welcome all young brass players from beginner upwards, and have a selection of instruments available to lend out. We perform regularly in public, e.g. at local care homes, school fetes, in Hitchin Market Square and also evening concerts. We also hold regular social events e.g. bowling.

The Team of Volunteers

The band is made up of players of varying abilities. With guidance from our team of volunteers we try to support and encourage every member, whatever their level of skill. Alongside any private tuition our members may receive, we hope to develop confidence and enjoyment in ensemble-playing.

Hitchin Youth Band is led by Alice Bailey. Alice is a qualified secondary school music teacher and GCSE/A Level examination marker. She is joined by a committed team of helpers, who together offer their time and skills to help the Youth Band thrive. All the volunteers have many years experience of playing in brass bands.

Welfare Issues

Hitchin Youth Band is a member of the Brass Bands England. This organisation enables us to coordinate CRB (Criminal Record Bureau) checks for adults who are regularly involved with the Youth Band. We do of course welcome parents to stay at rehearsals with their child if they wish to do so.

We have a qualified first aider in our team; Sam Huckle

If you have any concerns regarding Child Protection at any time, please do not hesitate to speak to our Welfare Officer, Dinah Birch.

Rehearsals

Players are given their own folder in order to keep music for practice at home. Alongside the main band ensemble, it may be appropriate for some members to receive some smaller group or even individual guidance during part of a rehearsal. This is often useful in order to rehearse a particular part or section, or if a member is a beginner. We use the adjoining rooms to accommodate this.

Rehearsal times: 6.30-7.30pm Mondays (excluding Band Holidays)

Rehearsal venue: Hitchin Rugby Club, Old Hale Way, Hitchin, SG5 1XL

Subscriptions

A weekly subscription charge of £1 is collected at each rehearsal. This helps to cover the costs of room rental, music, instruments, insurance, Brass Bands England membership fees, advertising etc.

T.Shirts

We have our own Hitchin Youth Band navy polo shirts which we wear for performances. These can be ordered from our parent helper, Jane Miles, for the cost of £8.50.

Keeping you Up-to-Date

We have our very own Youth Band page on the Hitchin Band website which tries to keep all members up-to-date with current news and information. There is also a link to our regular Youth Band newsletter.

Spreading the Word!

Please help us to spread the word about our exciting band. We are always keen to welcome new members.

Contacts

Youth band leader: Alice Bailey 01462 423534

Welfare officer & tutor: Dinah Birch 01582 539531

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