



Alder Valley Brass

Time to update on the band.

We were able to take part in seven engagements during the summer



The Band started the summer engagements in Alton, and played one afternoon, entertaining an audience in the Public Gardens.

There then followed Pirbright Sea Themed Fete 2021 on Pirbright Village Green. There were plenty of stalls and lots going on in the arena. A great atmosphere in the centre of the village.

It was great to be back at Emsworth Horticulture Show, another great day out for the whole family, the arenas were busy and stalls were all around. We followed this by having a band social at the local Jungle Paradise Golf at the Chichester Golf Club.

Summer Engagements continued:

Gostrey Meadow, Farnham, is always a favourite location and the audience were as usual, very appreciative.

National Trust River Wey Festival in Guildford, was a large event, a fun afternoon with stalls and plenty of people around to listen to the band, at dusk the Festival of Light took place, many boats steaming out of Guildford to the Wharf, dressed up in lights and some 2600 people watching, it all produced a great atmosphere.

Finally, our summer music came to an end at Music in the Park in Godalming. Cllr Michael Steel, Mayor of Godalming and Joy Poulter MBE attended the last Music in the Park Bandstand Concert of 2021 in Phillips Memorial Ground, Godalming.

Lee welcomes two new members

Lee Woodward - musical director, would like to welcome Sam Atherton, front row cornet and also Alan Clacey on BBb. He is delighted that Sam & Alan have chosen to join us; "both are quality players, with great attitudes who will undoubtedly be great additions to our team."



Alder Valley Brass Christmas 2021

**Friday 3 December. Wisley Glow. RHS
Wisley Woking, Surrey. GU23 6QB.
16.00-19.00**

**Sunday 5 December. Farnborough Town
Centre. Hampshire. 10.15-14.45**

**Friday 10 December. Wisley Glow. RHS
Wisley Woking, Surrey. GU23 6QB.
16.00-19.00**

**Saturday 11 December. Redfields
Garden Centre. Fleet, GU52 0AB.
11.00-14.00**

**Sunday 12 December. Farnham
Christmas Market, Farnham. Surrey**

**Thursday 16 December. Aldershot
Football Club Carol Service. Holy
Trinity Church, Aldershot. Start
19.20.**

**Sunday 19 December. Longacres
Garden Centre, London Road, Bagshot.
GU19 5JB. 11.00-14.00**

**Tuesday 21 December. The Meadows
Shopping Centre, Sandhurst. GU47 0FD.
19.30-21.00**

**This is what is planned, but is subject
to us being able to play due to COVID
restrictions.**





The band meet retired PRO in Emsworth.

It was lovely to see Major Dick Field in Emsworth and he met up with some players who were in the band when he was our Public Relations Officer from 2000 - 2005 (Picture above)

Dick was asked by his friend Russ Rousell (back row cornet) to become PR secretary, and went to watch AVB in an entertainment competition in Crawley and was so impressed he agreed to do PR.

Dick's first gig as PR was Hampton Court music festival that year, during which the generator failed, lights went out, but AVB carried on. His first headline in a double page spread in Aldershot News was "and the band played on".

During his time, AVB played at Hampton Court, Epsom Derby and had two visits to Oberusall in Germany.

In 2003 Dick was made "Band Member of the year". He left in August 2005 when he moved to Gosport.

Remembrance

We led the Remembrance Parade through Farnham Town centre on Sunday 14th November. We marched through the streets to the memorial, and provided the music for the service.

Competition time!

We have entered the Wessex Brass Band Association Winter Contest which will be held in Poole, Dorset. Rehearsals are well under way. The competition will take place at the end of November.

Reminder!

Our website www.aldervalleybrass.org.uk, Twitter and Facebook pages are regularly updated. We also have an Instagram page so plenty of opportunity for you to keep up with what we are doing.

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We are fundraising

We are currently fundraising to enable us to put on a concert in 2022, for our 60 Anniversary. Please scan the QR code below and give generously to help this idea become reality.

