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Alder Valley Brass

Time to update on the band.

When I started this newsletter, rehearsals had started again at a social distance. However, with Covid restrictions changing very quickly and the second lockdown imminent it has sadly brought this to an end. It has been a long year of little or no activity but a small video with the technology of computers was made during lockdown. If you would like to hear the first video paste the link below in your browser. https://youtu.be/1yqEw9QIpEU



Alder Valley Brass AGM

Our AGM took place via Zoom at the end of October.

The following people were voted onto the committee.

Roy Hancock Trustee and Chairman
Claire Wade Trustee and General
Secretary

Rob Greene Trustee and Treasurer Steve Burgess Trustee and Contest

Vacant Secretary
Band Manager

Liz McGrath Trustee and Committee
Donna Saunders Trustee and Committee

Lyn Sandford Trustee

Bob Larbey Trustee and Committee

Non Committee

Bob Larbey Equipment Manager
Lyn Sandford PR
Ian Hancock Webmaster
Briony Hancock Librarian
Roy Hancock Ass. Librarian

Bandsman of the Year presented by the MD.



The award was given to Nick Betts - 1st Horn in recognition for his sterling work in the band over the past year. Nick joined in 2013.

Nick started to play at the age of 11 and has played tenor horn with North East Hampshire Area Youth

Band and Durham University Brass Band where he was an exec member and the president.

Band Person of the Year - As voted by the members of the band.

This is an award to someone who has made a significant contribution to the band over and above normal band activity.

Claire Wade was awarded this for her work as General Secretary.



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A few Christmas events are still hopefully taking place.

We are, for the first time, taking part in the Royal Horticultural Society, Wisley Glow Evening Programme. We hope to be there on both Saturday 12 and 19 December between 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

At the moment Aldershot Football Carol Service is going ahead on 17 December.

You will find updates to this on our website. www.aldervalleybrass.org.uk

A second video is now available, all made during lockdown.

If you would like to listen to it, here is the link. Copy and paste it into your browser.

https://youtu.be/pMcwE9rlwAM

Watch this space!

In 2021 it will be the Band's 60th anniversary. More news later.

Graeme Verroken, Soprano Cornet

Graeme represented Alder Valley Brass playing the Last Post and Reveille to mark the anniversary of VJ Day in Farnham.

Bored Bandsmen!

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter Steve Burgess, Principal Cornet, for Alder Valley Brass decided on his first Monday evening at home without rehearsal, to start up the 'Bored Bandsmen' group on Facebook. This group now has 12100 world wide members, who have been enjoying like minded banter over the past seven months.



Plenty of space given to rehearsal during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Keep safe everyone! We will hopefully see you all soon.

Are you still happy to be on our mailing list? If not, please let me know by phoning 01420 563233. or email, Lyn Sandford at public.relations@aldervalleybrass.org.uk

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