



Alder Valley Brass Newsletter



The summer season is underway

Alder Valley Brass have already undertaken several summer engagements, and have had good weather and audiences. The band were at Henley on Thames bandstand on the Royal Henley Regatta Finals Day. Plenty of people enjoyed picnics and sat on the grass, while they were listening to the music. Keep an eye on our diary of events, and come and join us sometime.

Steve Burgess - Principal Cornet

Steve started playing trumpet at the age of 11 and was initially tutored by Pete Condon. In 2011 he joined Alder Valley Brass in his original capacity as Soprano cornet with the addition of becoming "Post Horn Soloist" (which he says keeps him fit) throughout the summer.

In addition to Alder Valley he still plays Trumpet, Piccolo Trumpet and Flugel and is a member of the non contesting Staines Lammas Band as Principal Cornet. When not playing, Steve is a Software Developer and has two children Connor (a Tuba player) and Sheelagh (a Percussionist)





The photos were taken at Bourne Show

Congratulations to the Band and Lee !

The results are in at the London and Southern Counties Region of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. 17 bands were competing in the 1st section.

1. Kidlington Concert Brass (Duncan Wilson)
2. Regent Brass (Nick Thompson)
3. Hitchin (Graham Chambers)
4. Alder Valley Brass (Lee Woodward)

Collections for Charity

The Band played for the day in Guildford High Street in May. Some members came along from Woodlarks Centre in Farnham, (our charity this year) to help with the Collection and the money that was collected will be split between Woodlarks Centre and the band.

Goodbye and Hello!

We were sad to say goodbye to Greg Hayes, who has moved to Wiltshire also Chris Urwin, Ivan Hunger and Matt Lawson who have moved to pastures new.

However, we are pleased to say we are now joined by Catharine Baxter, Ed Tahardin and Caz Woods on Cornet and Mike Pennicote-Henrie on Trombone

We now have a new website!

Work has been going on since the beginning of the year to build a new website. This has now gone live. Please try it at www.aldervalleybrass.org.uk and give me some feedback on what your thoughts are. Contact me, Lyn Sandford at public.relations@aldervalleybrass.org.uk

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