



Hitchin Youth Band

Newsletter!

Summer 2010

### **Christchurch Performance**

Congratulations to everyone in the band for a fantastic performance at the joint concert on 15th May. All your hard work really paid off. I certainly think it was the best performance to date and I received many good comments from various members of the audience and senior band. Great stuff - keep up the good work!

### **Bowling**

Thanks for a great afternoons' bowling back in April. Check out Kenny's website if you want to see the photos; <http://www.kjdurbinphotography.co.uk> (click on 'Misc'). If anyone has any more ideas for social events or would like to organise something, please don't be shy!

### **Parent Committee**

We are still keen to get more parents involved with the running of the band. If you would be interested in putting yourself forward to join a 'parent committee' please let us know. Having spoken to many parents during the bowling event, I know how enthusiastic many of you are about the band and am sure there must be a wealth of ideas and skills among you which could benefit the band eg. ideas for social events/website/performances/fundraising etc.

### **T.shirts**

Dinah has been working hard to create an effective logo and measure the band! We are hopeful to have the tops ready for our performance at Letchmore Infants on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The agreed cost is £10 per t.shirt. Black/dark grey trousers and shoes will be worn with the tops.

### **School Visits & Recruitment**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March we ran another very enjoyable set of visits to local schools; this time Whitehill Juniors, Stondon Lower School, The Barclay School, Moss Bury Primary and Radburn Primary. Many thanks to the volunteers who gave up their time: Craig, Bob, Alan, Kenny, Ted and Keith. However, despite a great response on the day, we clearly need to do more to actually get more children through the door. Please help to spread the word about our fantastic band and encourage anyone who could be a potential player to give us a try. Also, we are always looking for more performance opportunities and chances to be seen 'out and about', so let us know if you have any ideas.

### **Waitrose 'Community Matters'**

Please shop at Hitchin Waitrose as often as you can during June and donate your green tokens to Hitchin Youth Band! We are one of the designated charities for the whole month so spread the word and help to bring in some money for the band!

### Subscription Charge Reminder

Many thanks for your cooperation with the £1 weekly subscription charge. If you know you owe money or are unsure which weeks you may have missed, please see Tina or myself at any time. The money really is essential in helping us to keep running.

### Staff & Contacts

All of our staff are volunteers from the senior band. Please feel free to approach any of the team if you have any queries or concerns. Also, we do have our own up-to-date youth band page on the band website [www.hitchinband.co.uk](http://www.hitchinband.co.uk).

Alice Bailey (band leader) 01462 423534 [youthband@hitchinband.co.uk](mailto:youthband@hitchinband.co.uk)  
 Dinah Birch (welfare officer) - cornet  
 Keith Birch - euphonium/lower brass  
 Ruth Lowe (1<sup>st</sup> aider) - cornet/percussion  
 Craig Patterson - senior band conductor  
 Adrian McCann - cornet  
 Sam Huckle (1<sup>st</sup> aider) - horn  
 Kenny Durbin - trombone  
 Bob Berwick - cornet/horn  
 Dan Perrin - percussion  
 Emily Prince - percussion  
 Tina Berwick - helper/tea-maker extraordinaire

### My own news!

Just to confirm (for those of you who don't already know or haven't guessed), YES, I am expecting a baby! Stuart and I are delighted to be expecting our second child at the end of November. I will inevitably be having some time out with the new arrival but know the band will be in safe hands with our expert team of volunteers until I return.

### Dates for the Diary

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2-3.20pm	Letchmore Infant School centenary (Letchmore Road, Stevenage, Herts SG1 3PS)	We have been asked to perform as part of a centenary summer fair event. Hopefully this will be our first chance to wear our new t-shirts!
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm	Hitchin Band annual 'sponsored blow', Hitchin Market Square	We will share this event with the senior band and hope to collect plenty of sponsor money to boost funds for both bands. Any parents available to help collect on the day would be much appreciated.
Saturday 18th	'Taste' event, Hitchin	This is a recruitment event for youth

September 11-4	Market Square	activities in the area and a great opportunity to promote the band.
----------------	---------------	---

**Well done everyone! Alice x**