



Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 1st October 2014

Present: Andrea Beechey, Alan Derrick, Sean Beechey, Richard Frost, John Derrick, Joe Miles, Natalie Miles

Apologies: None

Matters Arising:

Abbey 104 appearance: no further news from our contact.

Correspondence:

- The band has received £500 from Hall and Woodhouse community chest and £1000 from Spectrum Housing group to go towards the boiler repairs.
- The band has been asked to play carols in Thornford, however no date was proposed so no decision made.
- The Youth band have been asked to play carols in Milborne Port in December, the youth band director will be contacted for the job to be accepted. The band had to decline the Milborne Port Bavarian night as too late notice was given for the band.
- Christmas carol bookings have come in, the band are booked for the festive shopping day on 7th December and for the Weavers draw night on 20th December.
- The beer band has been booked for 31st January at the Weavers club.

Treasurers Report:

No formal report as it is the first month after the AGM, however the Treasurer informs us the money for the boiler has come out and we are awaiting the funds we received to go through.

Agenda:

- **Feedback from Proms:** The manager presented the results from the feedback forms the audience filled in. The general feedback was very positive, what was expressed was more involvement of the Youth band and more jazz style music. There were around 160 people at the concert.
- **Wells concert feedback:** Again, the manager expressed positive feedback from Wells, but there was a suggestion that the band play the National Anthem after our concerts.

- **Memorial for Pete Shutler:** A small band will be playing at Pete's funeral; the musical director is arranging some music for it. The band will also make a donation towards the chosen charity in aid of Pete.
- **Christmas bookings:** Waitrose have asked the band to play outside their vicinity over Christmas, the committee decided that we would offer to play for an hour or so after one of our cheap street appearances, but we would not give up a full Saturday mornings worth of collecting because Waitrose have not offered a fee. The Secretary will contact Waitrose.
- **Remembrance service in Stalbridge:** Stalbridge have asked the band if we could offer a player to play the last post for Remembrance Day. The committee said we would not give away one of our players but there are other contacts that we could offer.
- **Membership application:** The Dixon family have been accepted into our band however the committee agreed that we would have to set conditions for each individual of the family based on their playing ability. The Chairman and other members of the committee will meet with the family to explain the accepted conditions. The Chairman explained to the committee that the family had already set their own conditions to the band based on their requirements.
- **Player commitments:** As discussed at the AGM, the committee discussed how we would address the players that are not attending regularly. The Chairman agreed to speak with these individuals.
- **Contest:** The Vice Chairman has made contact with a conductor for the area, however the committee believe that the current musical director would like to take the band for this piece. This was accepted by the committee, the musical director is currently approaching players in view of the area.

Other Business:

- A bench in memory of founder member Geoff Noake will be placed in the vicinity of the band room.