



The Farndon Bandsman

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Farndon & District Brass Band

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That's not to say that Smurf the Shetland was one of the happy couple on the day, but the 29 year old Shetland did travel down from Northumberland on the day to deliver the bride and her wedding rings for the wedding of Judith Barritt and Clive Bergstrand at the United Reformed Church in Upton-by-Chester. The Band's Ensemble played for thirty minutes to welcome the guests on their arrival, later moving to the nearby Village Hall for the reception to provide background music for the party. Above, Lisa Walker, Miniponyhire, with Smurf and ensemble. Left bride Judith Barritt (on right) and her bridesmaid arrival.

Congratulations to the winners in our April draw which was the seventh monthly draw of the 100 Club 2017 – 2018 year. The draw took place at the Churton Village Hall rehearsal on the 26th April. In all 78 numbers, which were held by 51 members of the club were entered in this draw & the lucky winners were as follows. The first Prize went to number 76 which was held by Roland Twydell and he collected £78.00. Our vice president Joan Bellis took the second prize of £39.00 with her number 30. The third prize of this monthly draw went to band supporter Brenda Leece and her number 55 collected £15.60.

The May draw took place at the Churton Village Hall rehearsal on the 31st May. In all 71 numbers, held by 49 members of the club were entered in this draw and the first prize of £71.00 went to Pat Van Beek and her number 24. Isobel Hughes scooped the second prize of 35.50 with number 16 and band President Michael Trevor - Barnston collected the sum of £14.20 for the third prize.

Our June draw took place on the 28th June, and 73 numbers, held by 50 members of the 100 club, were entered in this draw. First prize of £73.00 went to Nick Tapp for number 32. Band treasurer Kari Kerr took the second prize of £36.50 for number 14 and finally Roland Twydell picked up the third prize of £14.60.



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Happy and Glorious!



Above left and left, the band marching to the event and playing in their marquee during the afternoon.

Above, Rev Christopher Deakin in a rare moment of peace during a very busy weekend. Below some of the charities who were helped by the Happy Days event last year.



This time of the year when we look forward to the Hargrave and Huxley Happy Days event. It is safe to say it is always happy, but this year we were treated to glorious weather too, a winning combination for any event! Thirty four years ago Canon Ken Harris, who was the vicar of Hargrave, had a great idea! He wanted to introduce an event that would bring together both Hargrave and Huxley village communities as 'social cement'! As the last weekend of June is the patronal festival of St Peter & St Paul, this was the weekend he selected for the festivities. Hargrave and Huxley each have a population of just over 400 and originally Canon Harris thought that an afternoon garden fete would be a good idea. Although the 2 villages are effectively 2 small hamlets, they certainly 'punch above their weight'! Happy Days has now grown into a 3-day festival. Each year there is concert on the Friday night to launch the weekend festivities and the weekend concludes with Songs of Praise in St Peter's Church on Sunday, followed by a tasty lunch in the Happy Days marquee. Saturday morning traditionally begins with 'bacon butties' and bowls match and in the afternoon ... it's all the 'fun of the fair' and that's where we come in! In 2016 our Junior Band delighted the crowd, providing a programme of lively music and in 2017 & 2018 the senior band started the Saturday afternoon with a short march from the vicarage, leading the procession of floats onto the church field. The band then played several times throughout the afternoon.





Nightingale House Hospice Picnic and Proms in the Sun!

The annual picnic and proms event at Bellis Brothers Garden Centre has not always been blessed with the best of weather in recent years, but this year's event was very different. We know it is always well supported and successful in raising much needed funds for the local Nightingale House Hospice and this year was no different. The supporters once again turned out with their picnic tables, chairs and small tents, but they were rewarded this year with great weather.

Below, Debbie Barton, the area fundraiser from Nightingale House Hospice with our MD Arial West.



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Top and above, Arial West and the band in their marquee playing for the crowd. Below, Debbie Barton, with her volunteers on the day at Bellis Brothers, Holt.



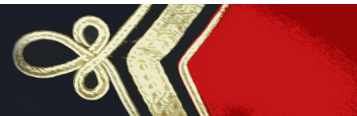
Calling all Players!



We are always looking for new players in all sections of the band so if you fancy joining us get in touch through the website, or pop along to a rehearsal.

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War Memorial for Churton



The inauguration of the Churton War Memorial by His Grace, The Duke of Westminster took place on the 9th June in front of the Churton Village Hall. The ceremony had been organised by the Churton War Memorial Committee, and the band was delighted to be invited to be a part of the event and played before and after the ceremony itself.

The inauguration was the result of over three years work by the Churton War Memorial Committee who were also supported by very generous donations by several individuals including Michael Trevor-Barnston MBE, Cllr. Howard Greenwood and the Cheshire Pals with the staunch support of Mr. Mike Mercer of the Western Front Association.

The local architect Sandra Murray based her design for the memorial itself on the bell tower of the hall. Local craftsman Neil Andrews and his team worked on the sandstone plinth in conjunction with local blacksmith Andrew Smith who fabricated and installed the metal railings.

Various charitable organisations also made contributions to the cost of the memorial including the Earl of Chester's fund, The Westminster Foundation, The Steve Morgan Foundation, Ann Duchess of

Westminster Charity and also the Rotary Club of Chester.

It was agreed that those involved in the design and construction of the monument had produced a wonderful commemorative war memorial which reflects the gratitude of the village for the heroic sacrifices that were made by the men of Churton.

