

Recruitment: As always we are keen to attract new players, and although we always welcome woodwind players to the Band, we are really keen to attract new brass instrument players. So if you play, or know anyone who plays, Trumpet/Cornet, French Horn, Euphonium, or Tuba then you will be most welcome to join SCB.

Future Concert Dates for your diary:

- October 4th - Ibstock Music Festival Concert: St Denys, Ibstock
- December 6th – Christmas Concert: Hugglescote Church, Coalville
- December 22nd - SCB Annual Christmas Concert : Holy Trinity Church, Ashby

The SCB Patrons' Scheme

SCB has recently put in place a Patrons' Scheme to allow our supporters to provide the band with direct financial support whilst obtaining a number of benefits, including:

- A copy of this newsletter "Notations"
- Priority booking in advance of general ticket availability
- A discount of 10% on up to two tickets per Patron per concert
- Invitations to SCB events, such as our popular Summer Barbecue, and Band Workshop events

A number of our friends and supporters have already become Patrons and are beginning to enjoy the benefits of the scheme, and we hope that more will join them soon. Becoming a Patron costs just £20 per year. For more information contact our Chairman, Dave Curtis, on 01332 810116, or any member of committee.



STAUNTON CONCERT BAND

'Notations'

June 2003

Welcome to another copy of the Staunton Concert Band Newsletter. As you can see we've adopted a new name for the Newsletter – 'Notations' – it seemed very appropriate!

So what's new and of note?

Well, we've news of our next concert (venue, date/time, ticket prices etc.), and a few well chosen words from our erstwhile Musical Director on the music we will be playing – just to wet your appetite!

In this issue we've started what we hope will be the first of many interesting articles about members of the Band. And first under the spotlight – or the subject of our intrepid Reporter Bill Pritchard – is Craig Cousins, our 1st Trumpet/Cornet player.

We've also included some details of the newly launched Patrons' Scheme – there are real advantages to both SCB and our supporters in joining the Scheme, so we hope you will give it serious consideration.

And finally we've included some 'Dates for Your Diary' – we would hate you to miss a forthcoming concert.

Staunton Concert Band 2003 Summer Concert

A date for your diary!! SCB's next concert will be held on Saturday 5th July at the Community Centre in Breedon-on-the-Hill. The concert starts at 7.30 p.m. and will run through to about 9.45 p.m. with a mid-concert break for refreshments.

The theme of the concert is 'Transport and Marches', and you can look forward to a pleasing mix of classic pieces, ranging from the works of Holst through to the works of John Williams.

Tickets £5.00 (£3.50 Concessions) – call 01332.864007, or pay on the door.

**Saturday 5th July at 7.30 p.m.
The Community Centre : Breedon-on-the-Hill**

Portrait of a player - Craig Cousins

If ever there was a young musician whose qualities make him exactly right for Staunton Concert Band it is Craig Cousins.

In concert or rehearsal Craig plays trumpet with a confidence and maturity, and gives backbone to the Staunton "sound". It was not always so. When he was aged seven it was suggested to Craig's parents that they maybe wasting their money on music tuition as he was not showing any improvement and his interest was minimal. It took competition from his sister and joining the Derby Serenaders Marching Band to awaken his musical interest. The Serenaders used to perform at Derby County's home matches, which meant having to watch the match for free. Craig has followed County's fortunes ever since.

Craig joined Staunton Concert Band with his Dad in 1996, for a while he was the only trumpeter in the band. He took grades up to grade 6, but playing and performing has always been Craig's strongest point.

We tried to find out about his love life. Here Craig suddenly becomes shy, but we feel sure there is a certain young lady in the clarinet section who knows more than she is telling!

Craig's next move (if he doesn't win the lottery) is either to pursue a career in Air Traffic Control, or to take up an offer from Swansea University to study Computer Science and Business Information Technology.

More new pieces for SCB at our next concert (a word, or two, from our MD)

One of the challenges of being Musical Director – and there are many – is deciding on a theme for our next concert. I've always been of the view that there should be something which links together all the pieces we play in a concert. So for the forthcoming concert in July the theme is "Transport and Marches".

On the 'Transport' side we have a number of well known pieces to draw upon. At our last concert we gave our first performance of 'Tall Ships' by Ron Goodwin. This was clearly a popular piece with those who came to listen to us in Ashby, so our Transport theme provides us with an excellent excuse to play it again.

We will also be playing a short Suite for Concert Band entitled 'Fairground Suite'; this includes three movements appropriately titled Rollercoaster, Ghost Train and Carousel. Henry Mancini's 'Baby Elephant Walk' provides an unusual mode of transport, as does the main theme for that popular TV series 'Thunderbirds', and, whilst on a 'space' theme, we'll also be playing a selection of tunes from the ever popular 'Star Wars'. And finally – our first performance of another well known piece which features the mode of transport we would all like to have personally available to us – flight – yes, we'll be playing the main themes for 'Superman'!

As for Marches – well some more eternal classics like Colonel Bogey, Liberty Bell, Dambusters, Portsmouth and St Louis Blues. We'll also be playing The Marching Song by Gustav Holst and giving our first performance of another John Williams masterpiece – the March to the film '1941'.

Are there any pieces you would like us to play?

If you've got a real favourite you think SCB could play then drop us a line or e-Mail and tell us your suggestion - you never know - it could be on a future concert programme! e-Mail: requests@stauntonconcertband.co.uk