

# Copthorne Silver Band



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### BEE HAPPY. IT'S SPRING

It's Spring and once again nature is starting afresh, determined for another good show this summer despite the ground frost thinning out the blooms and late April showers mixed with a cold north wind giving it a battering.

It's much the same at Band. The committee with our M.D's help are as determined as ever that Copthorne Band will continue to put on a good show in our summer programme. Despite some missing blooms in the cornet section and a changing wind that will take Robert from the bass section blowing up North.

To make this happens we need help. So we are making this plea to all our playing friends if you can give us some support at any of the engagements it will be greatly appreciated. Particularly in the cornet and bass sections.

As members we also need to help ourselves to be the best, the best we can be, in our part of the performance. So despite our hectic lives, we should consider the need to follow Chris's advice and give some time, however small in practice at home to iron out those bits in the music that let us down.

The committee are continually looking at ways in which we make the Band grow and are hopefully planting the right seeds for the future. We are always open to new ideas from members as to how we best cultivate more interest in playing Brass at Copthorne this coming year.

### Worth Parish Council Grant.

At the beginning of last year the band received a grant of £500 from Worth Parish Council towards uniforms, a PA system and new rehearsal music stands.

Unfortunately the need for more new band jackets has temporarily diminished, however at over £250.00, each, the grant money would not have gone far.

We have purchased the P.A. system which will make its debut at Horsham Park, a new larger conductor stand and 10 rehearsal stand. This spent all but £18.000 of the grant and the thanks of the Band was reported to the last Worth Parish Council Meeting.

### Instrument Officer and more

The committee are pleased to report that they are now confident that all instruments that are band property are accounted for and recorded. Maggie took on the Instrument Officer role at the AGM and it is important that no instruments are removed or changed without her knowledge.

Her role not only holds responsibility for instruments but also **ALL** the band property (except music) including accessories and music stands

The Band own a full set of heavier duty silver stands in bags which should be used at engagements as our banners are designed to fit on these. Most members have already been issued with one of these stands and in due course Maggie will want to know who. Those who do not have one of these stands should let Maggie know. The new rehearsal stands will be filtered in as required

### The new larger committee

It was pleasing to welcome new members, Ray, Lorraine, Roy and Maggie to the committee at the A.G.M. We have only had one meeting but the extra support and fresh ideas give us all the momentum to make Copthorne Band move forward to the benefit of the members.

### Our next meeting is on Fri 24th May.

Future meetings will be on Wed 17th July, Monday 16th September.

If Band members have any points or ideas they wish to put to the committee please let Sheila know before these dates.

### Looking Back

Only one engagement since the last newsletter but probably one of the best.

What a delightful afternoon introducing children to Brass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven School in Ifield. A fantastic turnout from members, a young but attentive audience and Chris's skills in engaging with them made this such a worthwhile event. It is unlikely that this will have any direct impact on our membership but if it has sown one seed in youngsters mind that playing Brass can be fun it will have been even more worthwhile. Thanks all round.

It is something we would like to repeat so if you have contacts with a school that may be interested let us know.

## Dates for the coming year

### THIS SUNDAY

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2.30- 4.30pm**

**Concert Bandstand, Horsham Park RH12 2BP.**

**We need help particularly in the cornet section.**

So if you know anyone who can assist please contact Sheila.

After the concert members are invited to come Ten Pin bowling at Horsham Superbowl.  
Book your place with Sheila.

**Sun 19th May – 5.00 – 7.00** (approx. but TBC) Joint Concert with Songbirds Choir –

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Charity fundraiser Saint Peter's Church - Ifield Rd, Crawley RH11 7BG. If any band members can contributing raffle it will be appreciated. Thank you to those that have already contributed. All proceeds will go to their 2019 charities - Open House (supporting homelessness) and The Olive Tree (supporting cancer patients and families)..

**Sat 29th June** Copthorne Carnival 2 – 4 pm Copthorne Village Green, off Church Road, RH10 3<sup>RD</sup>

**Thurs. 11th July** Open Band Evening

**Sunday 14th July. T.B.C.** Borde hill gardens (SEE NEXT ITEM.)

**Sat 17th Aug** Capel Flower Show

**Fri 11th October** - Shelia's **60th Birthday party** - band to play probably from 7- 8pm then invited to remain for evening. Tilgate, Crawley

**Sat 12th October** - Joint concert with Songbirds

**Sun 11th Nov.** Morning. 9.30am Remembrance Service, St Johns Church, and Copthorne, RH10 3RD

**Sat 14th Nov** Gang Show Rehearsal 6.30 – 10pm Hazelwick School, Three Bridges Crawley, RH10 1SX

**Sun 17th Nov** Gang Show Rehearsal: 1 – 6pm Hazelwick School, Three Bridges Crawley, RH10 1SX

**Fri 22nd Nov** Gang Show dress rehearsal from 6pm, or as early as you can to 10pm The Hawth Theatre, Hawth Avenue, Crawley, RH10 6YZ

**Sat 23rd Nov** Gang Show at the Hawth.

**Sat 14th December** – Seasonal songs and carols (1 HOUR ONLY) 6.30pm Copthorne Golf Club, Borers Arms Rd, Copthorne, Crawley RH10 3LL

**Tues 24th Dec** Seasonal songs and carols (1 HOUR ONLY) 6.30pm Heatherley Cheshire Home Effingham Lane, Copthorne, RH10 3HS  
Further details on all these engagements and any new ones will be notified nearer the dates.

**A reminder, if you haven't let Sheila know which engagements you can do, please complete the attached or the large copy in the band room as soon as possible**

### Something Different

We have been invited by Southern Counties Amateur Bands Association to participate in a new non-competitive brass festival, to be held at Borde Hill near Haywards Heath on Sunday 14th July.

Youth, ungraded and non-contesting bands are invited to come along and play to an audience of family, friends and other banders, then stay a while to enjoy the beautiful settings and support other local bands.

The committee feel this is an opportunity not only to entertain but also to observe, share and network with other bands.

A final decision has yet to be made but we would welcome member's views.

## FINALLY - If you got this far

Want to hear the joke about a staccato?  
Never mind, it's too short.

Don't let you kids watch symphonies on TV.  
There's too much sax and violins.

Middle C, E-flat and G walk into a bar.  
"Sorry," the bartender says to the E-flat,  
"We don't serve minors here."

My band's great and all, but playing quietly isn't  
our forte.  
Think about it.

**Please let the committee know your comments and views.**

Try the link. <https://copthornesilverband.co.uk>