

Hello! And welcome to your first Barton Community Band newsletter!

Firstly, a huge congratulations to everyone on their performance and effort at the National Brass Band Championships finals in Cheltenham a couple of weeks ago. What a splendid result that was, and thoroughly deserved. However, there are still more events in pipeline for this year. We are looking at taking part in the Remembrance Day parade again, followed by a service in St Mary's church and also our annual Christmas concert, also at St Mary's church on Saturday 16th December. This will be a full band event with both the adult and youth band performing. As usual we will also be playing at various events around the community providing lots of Christmas spirit with some good old Christmas carols and tunes.

It is hoped that this will be a quarterly newsletter, so please do let a member of the committee know what you would like to see included. In this newsletter I have chosen to do a short article, spotlighting one of our players—Isla (cornet), as I feel that she has definitely grown in confidence and is an inspiration to our younger players, showing them what they can achieve and aspire to do in the future.



Name—Isla
 Position in band—2nd cornet

Isla started playing the cornet aged 8 years and was 15 years old when she joined Barton Community Band. Isla said that she found it a little intimidating to begin with because she didn't know the pieces, but the people around her were quick to help her and she soon picked it up. Isla told me that since joining the band, her cornet playing has improved and she's really glad she joined a new band.

Isla's favourite piece to play is Pirates of the Caribbean, and her band highlight is qualifying for the nationals and playing at Cheltenham.

As you will be aware, we now have a new website and this can be found at www.bartoncommunityband.co.uk

Please do have a look and tell us what you think. What else would you like to see included? How can it be improved? Feedback is always appreciated.

Preparations are underway for the Christmas Concert and the tickets for this are live on the website, so please do share this with all your family and friends, it would be great to see lots of people there. If anyone is able to help out by donating a raffle prize for that event, they will be gratefully received. Or if you know any businesses that may donate one, we will happily publicise and thank them via our website, Facebook pages and a note in the programme.

All dates of future performances are publicised on our website, so please keep checking back as this is continually updated as new events are added.

We are always on the look out for new members, both adults and youth, so please keep telling your friends how awesome being in a band is and invite them along for a blow, shake, rattle or hit!!

Contact us via email at secretary.bartoncommunityband@gmail.com or via the contact us page on our website.

