Hello! And welcome to our third Barton Community Band newsletter!

April 2024

Firstly, a huge congratulations to everyone on their performance and effort at the National Brass Band Regionals in Durham a few weeks ago. Not quite the result we had hoped for, but everyone played their best and that's all that we can ask for. Huge thanks to Garry for the mammoth task of getting us to where we are and sounding as a band, it's no mean feat and for that we are, as always, extremely grateful for all that you do for us.

We have lots of events lined up this year, so do keep checking on Muzodo and updating your availability as quickly as possible so that Garry can plan meaningful rehearsals and also know if we need any seats filling.





## SPOTLIGHT ON....PETE!

Pete is one of our experienced players who started his musical journey at the age of 15 years. Pete joined the army in 1973 playing the cornet in the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Following a successful career in the army, Pete then joined Cambridgeshire police in 1985, subsequently transferring to Humberside police in 1990. Here he joined the police band where he still plays today in the position of principle trumpet. Pete has also played with EYMS band for several years, playing Soprano Cornet, before moving to Barton Community Band and officially joining us in 2015, playing Soprano Cornet. Pete has lots of favourite music, but if he had to choose a modern piece of music, it would be 'The Greatest Showman' His favourite classical piece of music would be The Planets, by Gustav Holst. Whilst performing at the Aldborough Norfolk Music Festival, the guest conductor was none other than Imogen Holst CBE. Imogen (1907–1984) was the daughter of Gustav Holst (composer of The Planets) and very much a celebrated figure in the British music industry in her own right. Pete told us that this was an amazing experience, one he'd never forget.

Band highlight - One of Pete's earliest claims to fame is that he once appeared on Yorkshire TVs 'Junior Show Time' playing Post Horn Gallop with Harold Street School Brass Band in 1972.

Pete plays the cornet, soprano cornet and trumpet and his wealth of experience is an amazing asset for Barton Community Band. Thank you for being a valued member of our band and we hope you'll be playing with us for many more years to come.

This week sees us hold our Easter Activity Fuelled Up sessions in conjunction with North Lincolnshire Council. As part of this we hold sessions for youngsters aged between 7-16 years old, providing a mixture of activities including: create a piece of music, learn a new instrument, arts and crafts, dance, drama, singing and games. We enjoy a delicious lunch, this year provided by Margarets sandwich shop in Barton. We will learn about different foods, what makes them a good choice and which ones we can still enjoy in moderation. We couldn't run these events without our amazing volunteer team, so would like to give a public 'thank you' to you all for your hard work and support in enabling these events to go ahead.

Please keep checking our website for our latest updates as this is continually updated as new events are added to our calendar. We also have the latest draw results from our 100 Club along with our current vacancies. These and many more details can be found on our website here at this link: www.bartoncommunityband.co.uk

We are always looking for feedback, and you can get in touch with us at either one of our rehearsals, via email at secretary.bartoncommunityband@gmail.com or via the contact us page on our website. Let us know who you would like the next spotlight on!!

