



# Alder Valley Brass

## Zero to 6000 in less than 3 days.



In these unprecedented times Brass Bands have been asked not to meet for their usual practice twice a week. Sadly, Alder Valley Brass have cancelled all rehearsals now until further notice. Many of you will know for bandsman this is, a very hard thing to do. Steve Burgess, Principal Cornet, for Alder Valley Brass decided on his first Monday evening at home without rehearsal, to start up the 'Bored Bandsman' group on Facebook. This group has been so successful that it rapidly went from 0 - 6000 in 3 days and now stands at over 9402 Members. They come from all over the world and are enjoying the companionship. Well done Steve!

## Graeme Verroken, Solo Cornet

Graeme was invited along to South Farnham Junior School to play the Last Post on Armistice Day. This was televised on ITV, so you may have seen him. The tribute recalled the moment the guns fell silent at the end of World War 1.

## 'Legacy' by Tom Daveron

This years test piece for the first section bands at the Area Competition was 'Legacy' by Tom Daveron. The band went along to the Portsmouth Music Festival in Waterlooville at the beginning of March to play the piece before the actual area contest in Stevenage which should have been held the third week of March. Much to the delight of their MD, Lee Woodward, they gained a distinction for their performance. Unfortunately, but rightly, it was decided to cancel the 2020 championships to ensure everyone's safety. No alternative dates have been given, so the pre-2020 contest grading tables will remain unchanged. The band were naturally disappointed not to have been able to play, having worked for weeks to get the piece to a very high standard.



## Christmas playing for charity

Each December, while playing for charity, Alder Valley Brass collect money. During 2019 they collected in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell at Guildford High Street and Farnham Christmas Market. Charli Quay-Barnham, Community Fund Raising Manager, came along to a recent rehearsal in order to thank the band and collect a cheque for £402.71.



## St Michaels Infant School, Aldershot.

A small team of musicians went along to St Michaels Infant School, Aldershot just before Christmas, to take part in a Brass Assembly. Everyone had a great time and it was agreed it had been a very popular event.

## Dates for your diary.

At the moment the band is not undertaking any engagements until the earliest July 2020 and that is only if circumstances allow. We will contact you with any dates as soon as we know when we shall be out and about again.

## Watch this space!

In 2021 it will be the Band's 60th anniversary. It is hoped we may go on tour and also make a CD!



## New Technology.

For the first time, the Trustees met for their monthly meeting courtesy of Zoom and the internet. We were able to sit in the comfort of our own homes but all partake via the computer.

## Keep safe everyone! We will hopefully see you all soon.

Are you still happy to be on our mailing list? If not, please let me know by phoning 01420 563233. or email, Lyn Sandford at [public.relations@aldervalleybrass.org.uk](mailto:public.relations@aldervalleybrass.org.uk)

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