



STROUD AREA WIND ORCHESTRA

Chairman's Report August 2017

The past 12 months have been very successful for the band, as we have continued to make good progress following our initial 8 week trial last year. It is encouraging to see new players and we welcome anyone who wishes to join. Overall the attendance at rehearsals has been very good.

The band has played at a number of venues throughout the year and we have had positive and excellent feedback from the audiences at all the concerts. Our Christmas concert, Easter concert and Summer concert were all well attended and there was some very supportive and encouraging feedback. I would like to thank Jazz Friday for joining us at our Easter concert at St Mary's Church, Woodchester. It was the first time the band has played at Stratford Park Bandstand, Stroud and we are hoping to repeat this in 2018. It was the first time the band has also played for a private engagement (Thomas and Jennifer Robinson's Wedding).

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the band, whether it be by turning up to rehearsals, setting up for concerts, transporting equipment, playing, conducting or being on the committee. I would like to especially thank all the guest players who have played with us throughout the year and have continued to offer their support and also to Phil Storer, Kristyann Symmonds and Ian Whitburn who have stepped in to conduct when Dave has either been unwell or has needed to fill in by playing.

We want the committee to represent your ideas and the direction you feel the band should take; we welcome all contributions and comments. The committee focuses on the administrative and organisational aspects of keeping the band running, which allows David Smith (Musical Director) to plan the repertoire for forthcoming concerts.

Sue Smith has done a great job as our treasurer and I would like to thank her for keeping the band bank account in check and collecting and counting money from subs and concerts. She has also ensured money has been wisely spent towards the band and that we have money in the bank at the end of our financial year.

Going forward, Ian Davies has resigned from the band and Jonathan Morley is stepping down from the committee next year. I would like to thank both of them for their help on the committee over the past year. We now have a few openings on the committee and have had some interest. We will be adding librarian and secretary roles to the committee to help myself and Dave with the running of the band. As well as these two roles, we welcome anyone who wishes to be a committee member and help with the running of the band next year.

Jenny Mainwaring
Chairman
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