



# STROUD AREA WIND ORCHESTRA

## **Musical Director's Report August 2017**

This year has been a good one for the band musically. Music has been performed accurately to a good standard and we have improved our reputation significantly. Gone are the days where an independent concert band seemed impossible.

We have gained support from many top level musicians and though our numbers have only grown slightly, our resolve to make this organisation great has yielded great rewards. We have explored the limitations of the band and now can work within our boundaries.

We managed 4 strong performances at our public engagements and performed to the best of our ability at the later wedding gig, even with last minute changes and alterations. We performed a good selection of film, Broadway and popular music at our concerts throughout the year. We tackled some serious concert band music, which was performed brilliantly, showing the true quality of our playing.

Going forward, I would like to continue along our present path.

Concert structure should be:

- a Christmas Concert (now with extra Christmas);
- a joint concert with another ensemble featuring more serious works;
- a themed concert focusing on one genre of music;
- a free concert to attract more public support.

We have achieved a lot over the last 12 months. Now we continue our ascent into 2018.

David Smith  
**Musical Director**  
**August 2017**