

Lions Youth Brass Chairman report 2011

Firstly as a committee we have decided to change our year end so it now falls in line with the academic year.

It seems very funny to be reporting our achievements in the same year but I feel this has been a great year for Lions Youth Brass.

From the beginning of the year when the Youth band went to Skegness where they came second for the second year running. To take all three bands into different parts of the National Youth Brass band Competition. We started very early in the morning with Ian and the Junior band what a start to a most enjoyable day, then it was the turn of the beginner band to see Chris, Hayley, Matt and Andrew's hard work to get complete beginners to play music for 15 minutes is a great achievement, to see all the smiling faces of each of these bands was wonderful. It was then the turn of the youth band to go up a class into the advanced section was a brave decision for Nigel to make after loosing 11 players last September, but heads held high I knew Lions Youth Brass would go out and give of there best which they did. The highest highlight of my day was when Nigel was presented with the Brian Hicks trophy for outstanding work in the brass band movement. Nigel gives his time selflessly and helps all players in the organisation fulfill there true potential with his quiet manner, motivational skills and his ability to treat everyone as an individual. He has also encouraged and helped band members to go to university to follow a musical career and continues to give freely of his time and experience.

This year we have lost 2 tutors from the beginner band in Andrew and Matt and I would like to say thank you for all there hard work, we are pleased to welcome Ashley (to old to play in the youth band) to help in the beginner band.

In March of this year I was very proud to be awarded citizen of the year for The Rotary Club of Sandbach for my work within Lions Youth Brass.

At this point I would like to say thank you to some committee members who have decided the time is right to finish firstly to our favorite "pop" Queen after about 18 years Christine Holsgrove has decided it time to hang up her tea towel and to Carole Johnson we wish them well. Our committee seems to be getting smaller and smaller and although Ruth, Brian, Paul, Katie and myself have no band members left in the organisation we all still enjoy being apart of the organasation. We have only two members who have children in the bands and would like to have a few more parents who would like to join us we have meetings on a Tuesday during band time so as not to disrupt any other day we have a few jobs that we would like to ask parents to help with:

1. Music- ordering new music then photo coping, reorganizes the music in the cabinet and put music away when it is finished with (2 people) (Youth Band)
2. Publicist – Getting the bands in the paper, posters and tickets advertising events etc
3. Liaison person for the beginner band and to provide drinks at the end of practice.

Thank you

Jane