

Lions Youth Brass  
Chairman's report 2010

Each year I wonder where to start with my report but my highlights for last year are as follows.

When Nigel first mentioned taking the Junior band and Beginner band as one band to the Nationals to play in the Training Band category, I thought how on earth are we going to organise all this. To bring 56 young people aged from 5 years together to play music and go in the Training band category I thought it was going to be difficult, but the Musical directors and players rose to the occasion and it was a very proud day for me. The band received great comments on; how well behaved they were, how smart they looked and how well they played. The adjudicators gave us excellent remarks and when I spoke to one of them later in the year they were still commending our performance. At this point I would like to thank the musical directors and musical helpers of the Junior and Beginner bands, who put in a great deal of hard work and dedication to get the band to the high standard that they perform. We are very lucky to have Ian who can write music to play to our strengths.

Last year the Youth band entered the Butlins entertainment contest in Skegness for the first time, and came second. It was great to take part in a new contest. At the Nationals they received a Gold award and were asked to go in the higher section for this year, what a great achievement!

I would like to thank Nigel for all his hard work, dedication and commitment to Lions Youth Brass.

At the end of July off we went on our third tour to Spain and what a great time we had meeting now old friends and also making new friends. The band worked very hard playing concerts and practicing for the two CDs which we recorded when we came back. It was funny listening to the band practicing Carols while the sun was shining. There was also lots of time to have fun.

I would like to say a big thank you to the small committee for all there hard work over the last year, especially to Rachel and John Horrocks who have decided to stand down as secretary and member secretary, and to Ruth who is staying on as treasurer but has decided to hang up her sleeping bag ...we will see!.

Thank you Jane