



# Burnham & Highbridge Band

## Supporters' Newsletter

January 2018

A very happy New Year to all of you. Those of you who came to our Christmas concert will have got the final phase of the yuletide season off to an excellent start. The feed-back was that you all had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. And so did we. Simon Jones did a sterling job as our deputising conductor, and we were very sorry to see him depart to Glastonbury, however .....

### **Cometh the Hour, Cometh the Man**

..... and we are delighted to announce the appointment of our new MD, Ellis Holt, who joined us in the new year. Ellis started playing the trumpet at the age of 7 and joined Berkshire Young Musicians Trust where he played in a variety of groups, including brass bands. Throughout the years, he has played at some of the most prestigious venues as well as playing from fourth to championship section in regional and national contests. For 6 years he was principal cornet for Suffolk-based Castleton Brass, who started in the Fourth Section in 2015 and after 3 trips to the National Finals are now in the Second Section. On moving to Somerset in 2016, he joined Burtle Silver Band, where he still plays cornet.

However, looking for a new challenge, in 2018 Ellis took up the baton with Burnham and Highbridge Band where he hopes to bring out a selection of music for all tastes and create some wonderfully enjoyable programmes for players and audience members alike. He is really enjoying his start to 2018 with the band and is very excited about the first concert of the year in April, when he hopes to create a thrilling programme of music from favourite movies and musicals. He hopes you will be so inspired that you might even join in with one or two of your favourite songs!

### **The Year Ahead**

So as you can imagine, the band is looking forward enormously to the year ahead. 2017 has been unsettled with its changes and its challenges, but we have come out of it with a renewed determination to do our best, and to keep banding alive and well in our little corner of Somerset. We are hugely grateful to you, our audience, for your loyalty and encouragement during this time.

## 2018 Engagements so far

Sunday April 15th: ***From Dam Busters to Ghostbusters*** music from the movies and musicals at the Princess Theatre 7.45 pm

Saturday June 23rd: ***A Jolly Good Night Out*** at The Princess Theatre 7.45

Sunday July 22nd: The Somerset Steam Fair 11 am

Saturday August 11th: Puriton Flower Show 2.00 pm

Saturday August 18th: West Huntspill Horticultural Show 2.00 pm

Sunday October 28th: ***Homeward Bound*** at The Princess Theatre 7.45 pm

Sunday December 16th: Christmas Concert at The Princess Theatre 7.45 pm

**Tickets for Sunday 15th April at 7.45 pm will be available very soon from the The Princess Theatre Box Office on 01278 784464 or book online at [princesstheatreandartscentre.co.uk](http://princesstheatreandartscentre.co.uk). Price £7 and £6 concessions.**

### And a Final Request:

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