



Stourport-on-Severn Band Buddies



Buddy Bulletin

No.1

Welcome to our Band Buddies!

You have received this because you have recently agreed to become a Band Buddy of Stourport-on-Severn Brass Band. Thank you for joining us. The Buddies scheme is very simple—around 3 or 4 times a year, we'll email you with the details of any news items, contest progress and success, plus any upcoming performances—where to get concert tickets etc. The scheme is free—there is no associated cost. If you have any friends who would also like to be a Band Buddy, then pass on our email address and we'll add them to future circulations. It is that easy.

New uniforms for Spring

Stourport-on-Severn Brass Band is looking forward to its new look in the Spring when we'll be sporting our brand new band uniform. Here is a sneak preview of one of our new jackets. Look out for us in our new gear!



What are we up to in the coming weeks?

Returning after the Christmas break and packing away our Christmas repertoire, SoS Brass Band is now thinking about the Midlands Area Brass Band Championships (aka 'The Area Contest').

The Area Contest takes place in March every year in Bedworth. Registered bands compete in their respective section (4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st and Championship—a bit like the football league!) playing the same 'test piece' of music to 2 adjudicators in a tent! Yes—two brass band experts judge each band's performance in this closed contest so band identities are unknown until the results are revealed.

The winning 2 or 3 bands then qualify for the National Brass Band Championships in Cheltenham in September against the winning bands of the respective sections across the country. Last year, SoS Brass Band achieved 2nd place in the Third Section, was awarded a great silver cup, a cheque and qualified to play in the National Championships. Will we achieve the same this year? Let's keep all our fingers, toes, drum sticks and trombone slides crossed!

We are currently positioned in the top 3 bands for our section in the Midlands Area so a good result will see promotion to the 2nd Section—exciting times!

Concert dates for your diary in 2017



Saturday 1st April: 7.30 pm
Concert: Memorial Hall, Wolverley

Saturday 13th May: 7.30 pm
Concert: Civic Centre, Stourport

Saturday 1st July: Times tbc
Persore Midsummer Festival of Brass

Saturday 7th October: 7.30 pm
Concert: Civic Centre, Stourport

Further details will be available in future Buddy Bulletins—or check out our website at the address below:
www.stourportband.co.uk/engagements

Contact details

If you would like to book the band for an event, please contact us at: secretary@stourportband.co.uk
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We look forward to hearing from you.

