



## Welcome to Shrewton Silver Band!

**Here is some information, which we hope will help you settle into the band more easily.**

In joining SSB you are joining one of the oldest brass bands in the country! -with origins dating back to around 1830! Nowadays we are both a local village band and an active contesting band currently ranked in the Championship Section in the Wessex Region and in the Second Section of the National League.

The band meet and practice at Shrewton Methodist Church (there is parking at the rear of the building and on-street parking around the Church.)

### **Practice Times.**

- Main Band -Mondays 7.30-9.45pm and Thursdays 7.30-9.45pm (excluding run-up to main contests)
- Training Band -Mondays 6.30-7.15pm -Intermediate players can stay on for the first half of main band when invited by the MD -This finishes at c 8.30pm
- Contest Band (during contest season) -Thursdays 7.30-9.45pm

**Main Band:** is open to all players of intermediate standard upwards involved in playing for:

- Band concerts and Charitable events,
- General fund-raising events,
- Private functions,
- Larger fetes, garden parties,
- Carolling and Christmas concerts,
- Remembrance Day Parades in Association with the British Legion,
- Occasional Church Services etc....

We play a wide range of music from hymns and military marches through classical overtures to show tunes, swing numbers and film scores - a very varied and popular repertoire!

We welcome players from other bands at our main band practices and offer support to a number of bands in the local area for their events also.

**Contest Band:** is chosen by our Musical Director -Mike Dunford, and represents the band at a minimum of 2 contests annually -usually November and March though this may change.

We practice on Thursdays in the run up to these contests.

Details of registering for contest band can be obtained from the Contest Secretary Dian Bartlett.

### **Subscriptions**

- Subs are necessary to keep the band running on a day-to-day basis they pay for practice room-hire, insurance and other day to day costs.
- Adult players (over 16) subs are currently set at £48 per annum (Jan-December) and can be paid in a number of ways:
- In one payment to The Treasurer, Naomi Beardsley, by cheque made payable to Shrewton Silver Band or cash.
- In 4 quarterly payments of £12 on 1<sup>st</sup> October, January, April and July.
- Under 16's subs are set at £24 per annum per player (unless there are more than 2 players in the same family in which case the third child is free!)
- Training band is free!

### **Committee**

- The band has an active committee who always welcome new committee members or ad-hoc support for organising events/socials.
- Please speak to a committee member if you are interested in joining or helping out at all.
- The committee meets every 2 months (occasionally more often) on the first Tuesday of -January, March, May, July, September and November. (dates can be changed if this clashes with a contest or other important event.)
- The AGM is held on the third Thursday in October.

### **Constitution**

- The constitution is posted on the band notice board and website and contains important information regarding the organisation and running of the band –along with details regarding maintenance of band property –ie instruments music and uniform etc. Please do take time to read this and if you would like a copy please ask The Band Secretary, David Pearce.

### **Property**

- Band property (Instruments/Music/Uniform/Accessories) should be kept in a safe place at all times and maintained/cleaned appropriately. All band members/parents will be asked to sign for the loan of their instrument, uniform and accessories.
- NB -Band property should not be left in cars, overnight, as it is not insured.

### **Uniform**

- Band uniform constitutes, black smart trousers/skirt, white shirt with collar done up, band tie (long or bow tie) and band jacket.
- Training band have their own red T shirt which should be worn with black trousers/skirt.

### **Department**

- All band members should remember their department when representing the band and behave and dress appropriately.

### **Website**

- There is more information regarding the band, including pictures and how to help raise money for the band, to be found at [www.shrewtonband.org.uk](http://www.shrewtonband.org.uk)

### **Century Club**

- The band operates a fund raising draw, called the Century Club. For the cost of £1 per month you can be entered into the draw and stand a chance of winning £20, £15, or £10 each month. Please contact John Stuckey if you are interested in joining.

### **Other information**

- On a Monday night we have agreed to leave 2 parking spaces (next to the hedge, by the path -behind each other) for the dancing group during their 'dance season'.
- Tea is served at half time around 8.30pm for a donation of c 20p
- Fundraising via [www.buy.at/shrewtonsilverband.co.uk](http://www.buy.at/shrewtonsilverband.co.uk)
- Socials –a varied calendar of socials takes place through the year including: skittles vs other bands, quiz nights and various curry nights and impromptu events.

### **Band Contacts/Committee Members**

Musical Director & Training Band	-Mike Dunford
Band Secretary	-David Pearce
Committee Chairman, School Relations & Socials	-Katy Walker
Treasury & Subs/Publicity	-Helen Lucas
Band Manager & Property –(Brass)	-Brad Sturgess
Property –(Uniforms/Stand/Lyres/Straps)	-Steve Lucas
Christmas Music and Marches	-Barry Allen
Century Club/Webmaster	-John Stuckey
Contest Secretary/Pads	-Di Bartlett
Child Protection/Village Rep.	-Roxy Foster

### **Other Band Representatives**

Band President	- Peter Sweet
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**There is more information regarding the band and all of the above at the band website [www.shrewtonband.org.uk](http://www.shrewtonband.org.uk) and in the band's constitution.**

**Please contact Katy on 07786 734742 if you have any queries and she will be able to put you in touch with the relevant committee member.**