

WRENTHAM BAND

March 2024 Report for Wrentham Annual Parish Meeting

Once again, the band has performed at a number of events during the last year – Wrentham Spring Concert, Coronation Celebration, Southwold Lions Fete, Gorleston Bandstand, Brass on the Grass, Wrentham Autumn Concert, Remembrance Service, Southwold Light Switch On, Wrentham Christmas Concert, Carlton Care Home, Wrentham Carol Service, Carols at the Horse and Groom and Wrentham Spring Concert. This is in addition to a few outings for a small group and our weekly rehearsals.

One of the highlights for the band was to commemorate and celebrate Joan Proctor's 100 birthday at the Christmas Concert. Music from every decade of Joan's life was featured in that event starting with the present and working our way back to the 1920s. A small gift was presented to Joan towards the end of that event.

We remain grateful to be able to use our village hall and to be able to store all of our equipment and music there too. It is really heartening to be 'back home where we belong'.

Organising our own events has proved popular and the band plans to continue with this – and giving a theme to each of these makes us go through the existing library and find suitable pieces as well as the constant search for new and interesting music to play.

The band continues with a pretty strong membership, but we did lose three players in the last year due to age and ill health. However, we have welcomed four new ones which have strengthened our ranks. As always, we will, of course, welcome any new player and will always find a suitable space for them to join us.

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