



Freckleton *Brass Band*

Newsletter, January 2006



The Band's brand new CD, "Faith Folk and All That Jazz"

.....is on sale at many local outlets, from the band, and on the website!

The CD features many varied items, including a bagpipe solo from Freckleton's very own Chris Wilson, Big Band music, several brass solos, a vocal solo and many more traditional band items.

A Bargain at only **£10**, buy your copy today!

World Rankings! Brass bands are structured like Football.....

.....with 5 "divisions", and also promotion and relegation every year. Freckleton Brass Band, whilst only an unsponsored "village band", is in the "Premiership". In other words, it's like having a team like Bolton Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers (not quite a Chelsea just yet..!) coming from a village the size of Freckleton, with the same budget as a team like Morecambe or Bamber Bridge!

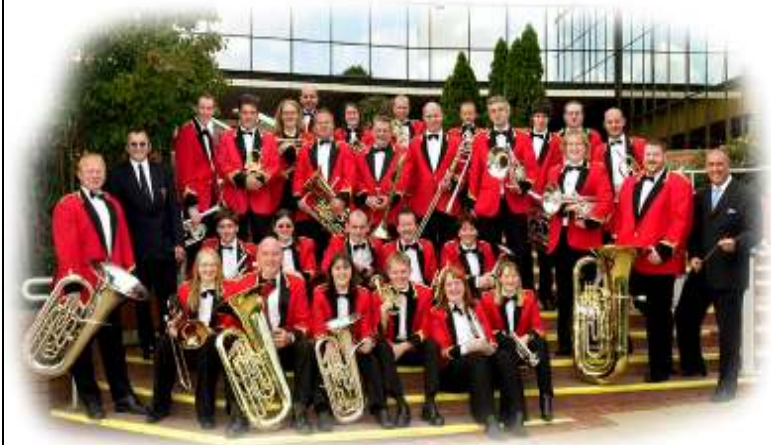
The band is also 42nd in the Official Brass Band Rankings for the whole **WORLD!**

Something for the village of Freckleton to be very proud of indeed!

All the latest on the Village's Prize Winning Brass Band....

2005 was, once again, a busy and successful year for the band in many ways. On the Competition scene, the band won the 1st Section Area Competition in March, which both qualified the band for the National Finals in Harrogate and, more importantly, promoted us back to the Championship Section of the band world, equivalent to Footballs Premiership! Quite an achievement for your village band!

Another 1st prize was gained at the North West Association Contest at Fleetwood, with commendable showings at the other National competitions (The National Finals, Harrogate, and the Scottish Open, Glasgow).



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2005 also saw many entertaining concert appearances, including the popular Coach and Horses free concerts in the summer, and performances at Lowther Pavilion and Fleetwood Marine Hall. The Band, as always, also carried out its "Civic Duties" with Club Day, Mayors Sunday, Remembrance Sunday and all the Christmas Carolling around the streets of Freckleton during December. This is now quite a rare thing for any Band to do, but it provides enjoyment for so many people and much needed funds for the band!

See over the page for some of the events we have planned for the coming year, and try and support **your** village band in any way you can! There are many methods, but the most enjoyable for both the band and yourself is to come and listen to us!

Andy Cattanach, Chairman.

Visit the band's Award Winning, and regularly updated, website at:-

www.freckletonband.co.uk

where you can see all the latest news as well as buy the CD, become a patron or join the Band Lotto!

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How you can help us to carry on this fine tradition.....

There are many ways **you** can support the Freckleton Brass Band.

Funding is a constant struggle for us, and our commitment to the standard of excellence we set ourselves musically carries a financial burden that we struggle to meet without your help.

1. Very simply, **come to our concerts!**
2. **Buy a CD** from local outlets in the village or from our website,
3. **Become a Patron.**
For £30 a year, you can support the band and get half price ticket offers for our most popular concerts.
4. **Join the Freckleton Band Lotto!**
For £16 a year, join our "Mini Lottery". There are cash prizes drawn every quarter. The more people in it, the bigger the cash prizes!
5. **Leave a Legacy** donation to the band
6. **Simply Make a donation.**

For information on any of the above, you can contact the band in several ways:-

Via the website:- www.freckletonband.co.uk

Via email:- acattanach@btinternet.com

Or fill in and return the slip below!

Some Dates for your diary. For all the latest updates, see the band's website:-

Thursday 4th May - Free Concert at the Coach and Horses

Monday 22nd May - Free Concert at the Ship Inn

Saturday May 28th - Concert at Lowther Pavilion, 7.30pm

Thursday 13th July - Concert with Australian Guests, Kirkham Grammar School, 7.30pm

Tuesday 17th October - Concert for OAP's at Village Hall

Saturday 9th December - Concert at the Marine Hall with Norman Prince, 7.30pm

Sunday 17th December—Concert at Lowther Pavilion

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Name: _____ email address: _____

Address: _____

I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to Freckleton Band for (please tick):-

Donation Band Lotto (£16) CD Sale (£10) Patron (£30)

Please post to:- Harry Latham, Quernmore, Naze Lane, Freckleton PR4 1RH