

# PENICUIK SILVER BAND

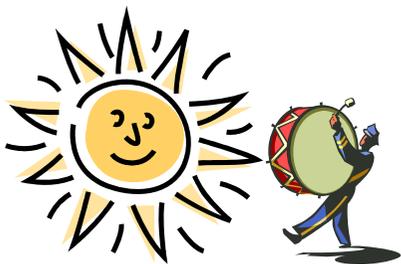
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## Friends of Penicuik Silver Band Newsletter ISSUE No 6 – October 2006

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Summer has once again come and gone quicker than we all would like, so the only thing we could do to keep the winter blues away was to write to all our Friends and reminisce over the fun we have had in the sun!



The band has had, as always, a busy summer schedule. The Gala season kicked off with our home town festivities and parade back in May. You may have seen us rosy-cheeked, zigzagging our way up the High street.

The band would like to point out that we can in fact march in a disciplined, regimented style, but every year without fail, some humorous creature

leaves us generously-sized gifts in the middle of the Parade.

This, as you can now vividly imagine, explains our adopted samba freestyle marching approach.

We find our seasonal marching style is both a crowd-pleaser, as well as being productive in keeping our shoes clean!

The band's unique seasonal marching style became local news, resulting in invitations to participate in gala days in Dalkeith, Winchburgh and Newtongrange. A great day was had by all at each of the town's gala days.

The band is currently perfecting it's free-style samba marching style, with the hope that one day we may feature as the star attraction in the prestigious Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Recently the band opted to hang up their marching shoes and pull up a chair instead.

Being one of the youngest members of the Senior band, it is my sympathetic duty to look after my elders and to provide suitably cushioned chairs, as with the gala season now a distant memory, the band has performed sit-down concerts at both the local Tesco and Sainsbury superstores.

In addition to performing at the superstores, we also participated in Penicuik's Street Fair, presenting a three-quarter hour long concert in the middle of the Fair.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to stop and listen and to those who also donated generously to band funds.



In previous newsletters, the band has chosen a certain band member to profile.

In this edition, we have chosen a true bandsman who has dedicated his life to music and bands.

## **HUGH (RINTY) MONAGHAN**



Rinty was 14 years old when he joined his first band - Preston Links Silver Band, in East Lothian.

One year later he enlisted in The Royal Military School of Music in London and studied there for a year before joining the Royal Scots Band where he played French Horn for the next 6 years.

During his time with the Royal Scots, Rinty served in the Korean War and travelled the

world, visiting various foreign lands with the band.

In 1957, Rinty left the army and came back home to Scotland. It was at this point that Rinty first became involved with Penicuik Silver Band, initially playing cornet then accepting a one year post as Band Conductor.

For the next forty years Rinty played with the MacTaggart Scott Loanhead Band, where he played Principal Solo Cornet for over thirty six of those years.

Rinty returned to Penicuik Silver Band in 2002 and is a valued and loved member of our band. He recently became our Flugel Horn player and currently holds the job title of "Mr Fix It"!

In addition to his striking resemblance to Father Christmas, the band believes that Rinty too has a workshop full of helpers that assist him in mending and repairing any instrument, stand, or mute holder that requires his loving attention

Rinty is a fun-loving and friendly member of the band, with many jokes and stories to tell.

One of the many interesting facts about Rinty is that he was Her Majesty's State Trumpeter for over 33 years, during which, for ten of these years he was Senior State Trumpeter.



Rinty continues to enjoy playing music and in 1998 he was presented with his fifty years medal for Services to Brass Bands.

On behalf of the band I would like to thank Rinty for his committed years of service and loyalty to Penicuik Silver Band and we look forward to many tuneful years to come.

## **Update – Brass in the Park**

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September the Band participated in the annual Brass in the Park contest in Newtongrange.

After a soggy, yet tuneful performance, we were rewarded with music to our ears - Penicuik lifted the trophy for the Best Fourth Section Band.



In addition to being placed first in our Section, we also came a credible 8<sup>th</sup> overall, out of the 17 bands contesting that day, beating three Third Section bands in the process.

## **Looking Ahead**

We are currently working towards the Scottish Challenge Cup which is to be held in Glasgow on 26 November.

Hopefully we will repeat our Newtongrange form and come home with more silverware.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

The insert sheet outlines three forthcoming events that we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to, as a valued Friend of Penicuik Silver Band.

The “Musical Mastermind” quiz afternoon is open to all – bring along a team of friends, or just come along and join in. Prizes will be up for grabs for winners and losers of our interactive Golden Oldie, Punk Rockin’ and Classical music quiz. Families, friends and children are all welcome.

The Annual Slow Melody Contest is an open contest within the band, where members are encouraged to prepare and perform a slow melody of their choice. The evening will conclude with complimentary cheese and wine.

As a Friend of PSB, you can look forward to receiving soon, your complimentary ticket for our un-missable Christmas Concert.

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Friends of Penicuik Silver Band  
FORTHCOMING EVENTS



## MUSICAL MASTERMIND Quiz Afternoon

Entertainment for all the family

Fishers' Tryst, Milton Bridge, Penicuik  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2006  
1.00 pm



## ANNUAL SLOW MELODY CONTEST



An evening of musical entertainment,  
Followed by cheese and wine

Penicuik High School  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006  
7.30 pm



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

With special guest  
Church Choir

North Kirk, Penicuik  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2006  
7.30 pm

