

SWBBA Mid-Winter Brass Workshop Information Sheet

Date: Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th February 2024 at West Buckland School North Devon. Post Code EX32 0SX

Welcome to the 24th SWBBA Mid-Winter Brass Workshop.

Tutors: Mark Wilkinson (Principal Cornet with Foden's Band).

Gary Curtin (Principal Euphonium Foden's Band).

Michael Fowles (Musical Director Foden's Band).

The tutors will lead the main band rehearsals and also the sectional rehearsals.

The main rehearsals will be held in the Sports Hall, very close to the main car park. Sectionals will be held in two upstairs rooms within the Sports Complex. A lift is available and the only time there will be a need to go outside is for Coffee/tea breaks and for lunch.

Lunch will be taken in the main dining hall. **(Cash only)**

Registration: will take place in the Foyer of the Sports Hall, there is ample room for all instrument cases on the carpeted area within the Sports Hall.

Saturday: 09.30 to commence at 10.00 hours. Day 1 will conclude 17.45 hours.

Sunday: 09.30 to commence at 10.00 hours. At 16.00 hours the end of course concert will take place, the concert will conclude at 17.00 hours, this will signify the end of the course. Friends and family are most welcome to attend this free concert. The course will be entirely casual dress including the concert.

You will be required to provide: a music stand, a pencil along with mutes for cornets and trombones and instruments!

Each participant will receive a folder containing, a full set of music, a timetable and a satisfaction survey to be completed at the end of Day 2.

Food: Jenny Edwards and her team of helpers will provide an excellent choice of food at very reasonable costs. **(As above, NB all food purchases will be by cash only).**

Tea and coffee and biscuits will be provided at breaks throughout the day **free of charge.**

Child Protection: It will be necessary that all children of school age will have a responsible adult present throughout the weekend.

Trade Stand: As at the last Workshop Sharon McCallum will have a stand in the Sports Hall selling instruments and accessories and to offer general advice.

Directions to West Buckland School EX32 0SX : from Barnstaple travel along the A361 for approximately 5 miles taking a left turn signposted West Buckland. Follow the road through the village, bear right and the school will be found on your left. Follow signs to car park.

From Tiverton, South Molton and the East. Follow the A361 towards Barnstaple, take the right hand junction signposted West Buckland midway between S Molton and Barnstaple, continuing the route through the village as previously stated.

NB the A361 is undergoing major improvements, speed restrictions apply.

In addition, this year The SWBBA is very keen to promote the development of Brass Banding in our area. With this in mind we are seeking your permission for videoing of the Workshop along with photographs and interviews with the Tutors and delegates if time permits. PLEASE contact the Workshop Co-Ordinator or a SWBBA Committee member if you wish to be omitted from the proposed publicity that might follow.

SWBBA look forward to welcoming you and if you are unsure about any of the details please do not hesitate to contact me by email at jennyedwards54@hotmail.co.uk.

We trust you will enjoy the course.

Keith Edwards (Workshop Co-Ordinator for SWBBA).