

**KEARSLEY YOUTH
BRASS BAND
ANNUAL AWARDS
EVENING AND
CONCERT**

WITH MUSICAL DIRECTORS

**GRACE HARMAN
ABBIE YOUNG**



**ST JOHN FISHER RC CHURCH
3rd July 2026**

WELCOME BACK!

We are delighted to welcome you to another Kearsley Youth Brass Band Awards Night, as we come together to celebrate the hard work, commitment and achievements of our fantastic young musicians.

This evening is always a special moment in the KYBB calendar. It gives us the opportunity to pause, reflect and recognise not only musical progress, but also confidence, teamwork, friendship and the dedication shown by our members throughout the year.

Over the past year, our players have continued to grow in skill, enthusiasm and ambition. From our newest beginners taking their first steps into brass playing, to our more experienced members developing as confident performers, it has been wonderful to see each young person contribute to the life and sound of the band.

We are incredibly grateful to our Musical Directors, tutors, volunteers, parents, carers and supporters, whose time, encouragement and commitment make everything we do possible. KYBB continues to be more than just a band; it is a welcoming community where young people can learn, belong, achieve and create lasting musical memories.

Tonight, we celebrate every player, every rehearsal, every performance and every moment of progress. Thank you for being part of our journey, and we hope you enjoy a wonderful evening of music, celebration and recognition.

Kearsley Youth Brass Band is always open to new members, so please do get in touch and start your musical journey with us.



What's On Tonight

Welcome

Stephen Tonge
**Kearsley Training Brass
Band**

Marching
Wellerman
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Kearsley Training Brass Band Awards

Shirley Holmes Memorial Trophy
for Most Outstanding Training Band Member
The Dean Mowers Trophy
for Most Promising Young Performer
Tonge Trophy
for 11 & Under Most Improved Player

Kearsley Youth Brass Band Awards

Linda Kearney Prize
for Voluntary Contribution
Harrison Prize
for Family Contribution
The Higginbottom Family Award
Award for best attendance
The Elite Percussion Award
Award for best Percussionist
Kearsley Youth Brass Band Award
for Most Promising Player
Chairman's Shield
for the Best Principal Player
Bolton At Home Award
*for the 12 & Over Most Improved
Player*
Musical Director's Special Award
for most improved adult
Jack Peers Trophy
for the Best Supporting Player
Reemer Bailey Award
*for the Most Outstanding Band
Member*

Kearsley Youth Brass Band

Concert Overture

Feel it Still

Portugal the Man
Arr. Mark Harrison

Anna Magdalena's Minuet

Big Shiney Brass

Foolin' About

Gary Young

Lord of The Rings

Arr. Abbie Young

Boston Bounce

Eric Siebert

Frere Jacques

Y.M.C.A.

Arr. Frank Bernaets



KEARSLEY YOUTH BRASS BAND

2025 MEMBERS

Solo Cornet

Ash Campion*
Mark Green
George King

2nd Cornet

Dorothy Tonge
Summer Openshaw
Theo Whaley

3rd Cornet

Maisie Davies
Wendy Witts
Kathleen Shevelan

Tenor Horn

Sarah Evans*
Tilly Royse

Baritone

Catherine Roe*
Bryan Dickinson
Christine Hodgkinson
Ember Wilkinson
Laura Davis

Tenor Trombone

Nellie Roe-Morton*
Alan Bromley
John Aldred

Tubas

Connie Roe-Morton*
Michael Wilkinson
Mike Hurst

Percussion

Daniel Nuttall*

TRAINING BAND MEMBERS

Cornets

Erin
Harriet
Levi
Alice
Thomas
Maya
Cecily
Edward

Horns

Zoe
Rosie
Ishana
Grace

Trombones

John

Baritones

Molly
Mabel
Ordhan

**Denotes Section Principal*

THE AWARDS

THE SHIRLEY HOLMES MEMORIAL TROPHY *AWARD FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING TRAINING BAND MEMBER*

This award is in memory of Shirley Holmes who was the dearly loved stepmother of Sue Stirzaker, former Training Band Director. The award is presented to the training band member who has made a special contribution during the year.

THE DEAN MOWERS TROPHY *AWARD FOR THE MOST PROMISING YOUNG PERFORMER*

THE REEMER BAILEY AWARD *AWARD FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING BAND MEMBER*

This trophy is in recognition of Reemer Bailey and the valuable contribution she made to the founding of Kearsley Youth Brass Band. Reemer was the Arts Officer for the Bolton at Home South Neighbourhood Management Team when we started the band in May 2010.

THE TONGE TROPHY *AGE 11 AND UNDER AWARD FOR THE MOST IMPROVED PLAYER*

This trophy has been donated by the Tonge family who have been involved with the band from the beginning.

THE BOLTON AT HOME AWARD *AGE 12 AND OVER AWARD FOR THE MOST IMPROVED PLAYER*

Bolton at Home is the social housing provider in the Bolton area. They have also been very supportive to us, with advice and guidance since our inception. They are a key part of our success and we thank them very much for their continued support.

KEARSLEY YOUTH BRASS BAND CHAIRMANS SHIELD

AWARD FOR THE BEST PRINCIPAL PLAYER
This was a new award in 2017 and has been donated by the KYBB committee to recognize the efforts of our principal players.

THE HIGGINBOTTOM FAMILY AWARD *AWARD FOR BEST ATTENDANCE*

The Higginbottom Family Trophy is in recognition of the contribution by family members to brass banding in Kearsley. Gordon Higginbottom was the band's musical associate, Sheila Seddon (née Higginbottom) was our secretary and their father, John, was Conductor of Kearsley Silver Prize Band in the 1950s and early 60s.

THE ELITE PERCUSSION TROPHY *AWARD FOR THE BEST PERCUSSIONIST*

THE JACK PEERS TROPHY
AWARD FOR THE BEST SUPPORTING PLAYER Jack Peers was the first official Patron of the band and he gave us a lot of assistance and support.

THE KEARSLEY YOUTH BRASS BAND AWARD
AWARD FOR THE MOST PROMISING PLAYER This award is for the band to recognise the talent and flair in one of our players who shows great promise, works hard and has a good musical instinct.

MUSICAL DIRECTORS' SPECIAL AWARD
AWARD FOR THE MOST IMPROVED ADULT
This award recognises an adult in the band who has shown the greatest improvement in their playing standard. This person will also have given help and encouragement to our young beginner players.

THE HARRISON PRIZE
AWARD FOR FAMILY CONTRIBUTION
First presented in 2018, this award was donated by M.D. Mark Harrison to recognise the special contribution a family has made as a whole to support the band.

THE LINDA KEARNEY MEMORIAL TROPHY
AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION Linda was a great supporter of the band and always enthusiastically helped at concerts and events. It is awarded to someone who has gone that step further to enrich the band.



Where to find us?

Kearsley Youth Brass Band holds its weekly rehearsals at Kearsley Mount Methodist Church, Manchester Road, Kearsley, Bolton, on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 -8.15pm.

Our Training Band, conducted by Abbie Young, runs before the Main Band from 5 - 6pm.

The band is proud to offer the opportunity of a high-class musical education, courtesy of our music staff, Grace Harman and Abbie Young. We pride ourselves on our equal opportunities for everyone.

If you or your child is interested in joining the band or just want to come along to have a look at what we do, please feel free to come along to a rehearsal. Don't worry if you've never played before, we cater for everyone, and we'll even provide the instruments!

Contact us

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