

KEARSLEY YOUTH BRASS BAND ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING AND CONCERT

WITH MUSICAL DIRECTORS

GRACE HARMAN
ABBIE YOUNG



ST JOHN FISHER RC CHURCH
27th June 2025

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to Awards Night! We are glad to be back again in St. John Fisher's for our annual Awards evening.

This year has seen a change in staffing with our New Musical Director for the main band, Grace Harman, at the helm, bringing a new direction and energy to our 2024/25 year. We have had a lot of fun getting to know Grace, and looking forward to an exciting year of music and learning.

We saw the departure of our previous Musical Director, Lou Semmens, as she starts her new teaching adventures and wish her all the very best continuing to shine the music education flag high.

At the helm of our Training Band, we saw Abbie Young continue to shine as Musical Director, developing new innovations and direction for our beginners. We have been thrilled to see our training band thrive within, and are thrilled to see how far our young players are progressing with Abbie's tutelage.

We couldn't do what we do at KYBB without the help of our wonderful volunteers, and this year has seen us gain support from new parents and community officials. We hope to continue creating musical memories for a long time to come!

We're delighted to be back in person tonight, celebrating our fantastic members of all ages. Kearsley Youth Brass Band is always open to new members, so why not get in touch and start your musical journey today?



What's On Tonight

Welcome

Stephen Tonge
**Kearsley Training Brass
Band**

Mini March
Morning Assembly
Rat-A-Tat
We Will Rock You
Mama Mia

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

Crocodile Rock

Elton John & Bernie Taupin
arr. Mark Harrison

March from "The Great Escape"

Elmer Bernstein arr. Craig Mann

Can't Take My Eyes off You

Bob Crewe & Bob Gaudio
arr. Rob J Hume

Ticket to Ride

John Lennon & Paul McCartney
arr. Alan Fernie

The Irish Blessing

Joyce Eilers Bacak
arr. Stephen Brandnum

Blame it on the Boogie

Jackson & Krohn
arr. Rob J Hume



KEARSLEY YOUTH BRASS BAND

2025 MEMBERS

Solo Cornet

Ash Champion*

Mark Green

George King

2nd Cornet

Dorothy Tonge

Summer Openshaw

3rd Cornet

Wendy Witts

Kathleen Shevelan

Tenor Horn

Sarah Evans*

Abbie Young

Euphonium

Ethan McKnight

Baritone

Catherine Roe*

Bryan Dickinson

Christine Hodgkinson

Tenor Trombone

Eleanor Roe-Morton*

Alan Bromley

Percussion

Daniel Nuttall*

TRAINING BAND MEMBERS

Cornets

Maisie

Levi

Erin

Harriet

Kaylee

Horns

Kensi

Zoe

Tilly

Trombones

Ordhan

Molly

Mabel

Baritones

Laura

Michael

Ember

**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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