

PRESS RELEASE

Liss Band in Concert at Liphook

Liss Band returns to the Liphook Millennium Centre for a fourth year to present a concert on Saturday 8th March at 7.30pm in aid of St John Ambulance. This popular concert has become an annual event much looked forward to in Liphook. Liss Band, with their new conductor, Michael Charles, will present a very entertaining programme of Brass Band Music ranging from tunes from the shows to classical.

Michael Charles was appointed Conductor of Liss Band last summer and is working with the Band to expand repertoire and maintain the high musical standards set by his predecessors. A local man, Michael delights in the Band's commitment to the community, and aims to foster this even further during his tenure as Conductor.

The programme for the 8th March features many of the Band's fine soloists in a variety of arrangements, both popular and classical. At home with many different styles, the Band will take the audience on a journey of entertainment from 'Aida' to 'YMCA', with plenty in between! The band is about to record a CD, and some of the items from this forthcoming recording are featured in the programme.

The Vice Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Mr Nigel Atkinson DL, will be attending the Concert as Chairman of the Council of St John Ambulance in Hampshire. The Colours of the Liphook Division will be brought into the Hall at the start of the Concert by a Colour Party drawn from members of the Division in a brief but colourful ceremony and taken out at the end.

The Concert is in aid of the Liphook Division of St John Ambulance. This is a very active community organisation which provides First Aid cover for events in a wide area around Liphook. These events range from M.A.D. Pantomimes in Liphook to Orchestral Concerts in Petersfield, Motorcycle Enduros at Longmoor, horse events at Bramshott Chase. The Division has 31 members who volunteered for a total of 3,926 hours during 2007 and attended 124 events to provide First Aid Cover.

"This popular concert will once again be an absolute treat whatever your taste in music." said Dr John Tough, Superintendent of the Liphook Division of St John Ambulance.

Tickets costing £6 are available from the Liphook Millennium Centre in Ontario Way, 01428 723889, and from the Parish Office in Midhurst Road and will be available on the door.

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Note to photographer: There should be opportunity for photography as the Division's Colours are brought in to the Hall.

At the beginning of the Concert everybody will be asked to stand while the Division's Colours are brought into the Hall by a Colour Party drawn from members of the Division.

The Colour Party will pause in the centre of the Hall and the Colours will be dipped for the National Anthem. The Colour Party will then continue across the Hall and the Colours will be handed to the Divisional Superintendent (myself) who will raise the Colours at the side of the auditorium. At the end of the concert the Colours will be taken down and removed from the Hall by the Colour Party.

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