



North East Midlands Brass Band Association

President: Mr. Lynden Cooper

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Final Information For Member Bands Competing On 27th September **At The Whitworth, Station Road, Darley Dale, Derbyshire DE4 2EQ.**

Dear Secretary / Bands,

Thank you for entering this year's NEMBBA Entertainment Contest, I hope your preparations are going well.

The weather forecast for Sunday is a little uncertain, and so we have decided to hold the contest inside The Whitworth rather than in the park as we had hoped.

- **Players Information Form** - Please bring it with you on the day, along with the usual letters from any bands you may have borrowed players from. We do not require registration cards.
- **Training Band Section** - If you are playing more than thirty brass players, please let me know beforehand, so I can arrange for extra chairs and stands to be available.
- **Car Parking** - There is car parking at The Whitworth. Please note that the entrance to the car park is off the A6 (Dale Road North) and not Station Road. The parking is £1.50 for 4 hours or £4 all day. (please remember to purchase a ticket; checks will be made). The parking will be refunded if you make a purchase in the café within 30 minutes of your arrival.
- **Coaches Parking** - Coaches will need to drop off at The Whitworth and then park at the DFS Old Mill Car Park (head back towards Matlock and DFS is on the right-hand side c. 200 yards beyond the junction with Station Road and then follow the signage to the car park).
- **Access To The Building** – There is limited disabled parking in front of The Whitworth, from which there is a ramp access to the building. Direct access from the main car park to the front of the building is currently blocked whilst repairs are made to loose roof tiles. Bands may access the front of the building by going round via the pavement or by going past the café on the park side of The Whitworth and up some steps into the building. Disabled access is also via the café. Stewards will be available to direct you.
- **Percussion** - I have previously emailed a list of the percussion provided; please let me know if there are any problems.
- **Schedule** - I have previously emailed your estimated time of playing. The contest starts at 11:00 a.m. and the doors will be open at 9:00 a.m.
- **Changing Rooms** - The changing rooms are next door to the playing venue: both are on the ground floor.

Please vacate your changing area promptly after you have played, as the next band will be waiting for your space.
- **Trophies** - All trophies should be signed for by an adult. Bands should include any trophies which they win on their insurance.
- **Prize Money** - Our treasurer, Kevin Holdgate has asked to pay any prize money by BACS transfer after the contest rather than by cheque. If you win any prize money (and six bands will win at least their best in section prizes), please will you supply him with your account name, sort code, and account number.
- **General Entry** - £5.00 (honesty bucket). Entry for anyone playing at the contest is of course free. Complimentary programmes will be available.

- **Refreshments** - The café will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- **Long Service Awards** - NEMBBA offer long service certificates to players (and conductors and non-playing administrators such as secretaries, etc.) for 25, 40, 50, 60 and 75 cumulative years of membership of brass bands. This includes time playing in school, training brass bands, and non-contesting bands. Awards can be made retrospectively if you have, for example, players who have been playing for 30 years. Please let me know if any of your players would like to receive one of our certificates (this offer is open to all the bands who have entered this contest).
- **Documents** - All the documents I have emailed you (apart from the draw) are on our website at <https://www.nembba.org.uk/documents>
- **Next Year** - We have not yet decided whether to next year hold this contest in June (when the chances of playing outside are greater) or September. We hope you will all contest again with us next year: if your band has any preference for June or September, please let me know.

The NEMBBA committee look forward to seeing you on the day.

Thank you.

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