

## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

**29/09/13**

### LBBA 2013 Autumn Solo Contest

Once again the halls of Groby Community College hosted slow melodies, duets, quartets and air varies as part of the Leicestershire Brass Band Association's annual members' Autumn festival. Adjudicators Sharon Stansfield, Steve Pritchard-Jones and Graham Sutton listened carefully to each of the sixteen sections and helped to award the trophies and medals to winning performers from association member bands in the area.

At each autumn festival an overall Junior Champion is awarded and with it the 'Harry Bray Memorial Trophy'. This year went to Bb and Soprano cornet playing Richard Bates from Gresley Colliery Band.

The association would like to congratulate Richard and all of the winners, and particularly those young players in the under 10's section who received a medal for taking part in their first contest, in line with the wishes of association president and banding stalwart Betty Anderson.

#### The prize winners in each section were as follows:

##### **Overall Junior Champion - Richard Bates – Gresley Colliery Youth**

##### **Section A: Junior Slow Melody 10 and under**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Edward Culpin, Leicestershire Co-op
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christopher Oddy – Wigston 'Horizon'
- 3<sup>rd</sup>= – Emily z Capstack, Leicestershire Co-op
- 3<sup>rd</sup>= – Rebecca Miller – Hathern Youth

##### **Section B: Junior Slow Melody 11 & 12 years**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Freddie Buchanan, Hathern Youth
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Luke Newborough, Shirland WT
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alistair Smith, Hathern Youth

##### **Section C: Junior Slow Melody 13, 14 & 15 years**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Will Thirkell, Shirland WT
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Harry Lear, Leicestershire Co-op
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Siobhan Bates, Gresley Colliery

##### **Section D: Junior Slow Melody 16, 17 & 18 years**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Richard Bates, Gresley Colliery Youth

##### **Section E: Junior Sight Reading 15 years and under**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Jack Newborough, Shirland WT
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Harry Lear, Leicestershire Co-op
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Will Thirkell, Shirland

##### **Section F: Junior Sight Reading 16, 17 & 18 years**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Richard Bates, Gresley Colliery Youth

**Section G: Junior Air Varie 14 years and under**

1<sup>st</sup> – Harry Lear, Leicester Co-op  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Freddie Buchannan, Hathern Youth  
3<sup>rd=</sup> – Jack Newborough, Shirland WT

**Section H: Junior Air Varie 15, 16, 17 & 18 years**

1<sup>st</sup> – Richard Bates, Gresley Colliery Youth  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Will Thirkell, Gresley Colliery Youth

**Section I: Junior Quartet Hymn Tune 14 years and under**

1<sup>st</sup> – Shirland Welfare Training 'C'  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Hathern Youth  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Leicestershire Co-op Training 'A'

**Section J: Junior Quartet 18 years and under**

1<sup>st</sup> – Hathern Youth  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Gresley Colliery Youth  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Shirland Welfare Training 'A'

**Section K: Open Slow Melody**

1<sup>st</sup> – Steve Barham, Leicestershire Co-op  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Richard Bates, Gresley Colliery Youth  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Patricia Woodings, Newhall

**Section L: Open Air Varie**

1<sup>st</sup> – Patricia Woodings, Newhall  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Steve Barham, Leicester Co-op  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Nick Lear, Leicester Co-op

**Section M: Open Quartets**

1<sup>st</sup> – Enderby Concert

**Section N: Junior Duets 18 years and under**

1<sup>st</sup> – Gabrielle Moakes & Will Thirkell, Shirland WT  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jack Newborough & Heather Moakes, Shirland WT  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Franek Skalbania & Amy Shelton, Shirland WT

**Section O: Open Duets**

1<sup>st</sup> – Harry Lear & Nick Lear – Leicestershire Co-op

**Section P: Open Percussion**

1<sup>st</sup> – George Baum, Hathern Youth  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Edward Hefferman, Hathern Youth  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Jamie Green, Wigston Horizon

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