

The **Butlins Mineworkers National Open Brass Band Festival 2010** (incorporating The **Butlins Youth Band Festival**) is promising to deliver it's most spectacular weekend of competition and entertainment yet.

The Butlins Mineworkers Festival is one of the most '**must visit**' contests in the brass band calendar. Butlins Skegness offers the perfect venues, with everything you want including superb accommodation, good food and drink, great family entertainment, not to mention one of the most important brass band contests of the year.

The Festival is hugely popular, attracting Brass Bands from all over the UK, and unique in offering a blend of top quality live brass band music with all the entertainment and facilities for which Butlins is so famous.

All five brass band sections will compete on Saturday 23rd January performing their set work with the lower section prizes being awarded in a special awards presentation the same evening.

The Championship section bands will compete in an entertainment contest (hosted by BBC Radio 2's Frank Renton) on Sunday 24th January with the aggregate of the points over the two days determining the Butlins Champion Band for 2010.

TEST PIECES FOR 2010

Championship Section

Sleepless Cities (Paul Lovatt-Cooper) published by Prima Vista

First Section

A Hebridean Suite (Andrew Duncan) published by The Music Company

Second Section

Folk Music (Keith Wardle) published by Kirklees Music

Third Section

Diamonds (Tom Moss) published by Studio Music

Fourth Section

Roman Tryptych (Leigh Baker) published by Kirklees Music

WHO WILL BE APPEARING AT THE FESTIVAL

There will be concerts from:-

- The defending champions **Redbridge Brass** (Friday 22nd January), the world famous **Fairey Band** (Sunday 24).
- Butlins are also pleased to announce that due to popular demand the British Philharmonic Big Band will be returning to the festival on Saturday 23 January.
- Further announcements will be made in the brass band press and on this website.
- As in previous years, the **Association of Band Traders** will be providing their usual excellent exhibition throughout the event in the Skyline Pavilion.

THE PRIZE MONEY FOR 2010

| | <u>1st PRIZE</u> | <u>2nd PRIZE</u> | <u>3rd PRIZE</u> | <u>4th PRIZE</u> |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Championship Section | £7000.00 | £3000.00 | £2000.00 | £1000.00 |
| | The aggregate placings of the Set Test Piece Contest & the Entertainment Contest. | | | |
| <i>First Section</i> | £ 2000.00 | £ 1000.00 | £ 700.00 | £ 500.00 |
| <i>Second Section</i> | £ 2000.00 | £ 1000.00 | £ 700.00 | £ 500.00 |
| <i>Third Section</i> | £ 2000.00 | £ 1000.00 | £ 700.00 | £ 500.00 |
| <i>Fourth Section</i> | £ 2000.00 | £ 1000.00 | £ 700.00 | £ 500.00 |

Youth Band Prizes

1st Prize £1000.00, 2nd Prize £600.00, 3rd Prize £200.00, 4th Prize £100.00

Also –

For the Sunday Afternoon Championship Section Entertainment Contest, a special award of **£1000.00**

Trophy & Banner will be given for the most entertaining programme, and, the Geoff Dove memorial award & **£300.00** for the winning Soloist.

HOW TO ENTER YOUR BAND IN THE CONTEST

The entry fee is £70.00 (non refundable) & the **closing date** for 2010 entries is **FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2009**

Please apply in writing to our contest administrator

Brian Eggleshaw
Contest Administrator
59, Cardale Road
MANSFIELD
Notts
NG19 7RW

Please note that only band members (including percussionists) registered with the British Brass Band Registry and the Accredited Registries of Scotland & Wales will be allowed to compete. Band Secretaries must take steps to effect necessary transfers or register all unregistered players with the Registry and **must ensure that all registration cards are valid for the Contest**

HOW TO BOOK MY BUTLINS BREAK

It's so easy:

Book online through: www.butlins.com/brassband

Or call one of our friendly Holiday Advisors at Butlins Skegness on: **0845 070 4750**

If you are a **group of 20** or more and are booking the Brass Band break call one of our specialist Group Advisors at Skegness on **0845 070 4747**. Not only will you receive our best offers but in addition you will receive one free place for every 20 full paying guests booked.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How It All Began

THE C.I.S.W.O. MINEWORKERS BRASS BAND FESTIVAL (1950 - 2002)

The Yorkshire Welfare Committee decided to promote a Miners Brass Band Festival, at the outset it was agreed that a three Section Brass Band Contest would be held during the day followed by a Massed Band Concert in the evening.

Sunday, 5th March 1950 marked the opening of what has proved to be a remarkable series of musical events. The first Festival proved to be a most wonderful and moving occasion when miners and their families joined together to make and enjoy music. It was also unique in that there were no cash prizes, and the players and choir members had to pay part of their own expenses to participate in the Festival. The Test Piece for the Championship Section on that occasion was '**Jupiter Symphony**' Mozart, arr J A Greenwood, and the adjudicator was Harry Mortimer.

In view of the interest aroused, the Welfare Committee agreed that the Festival should become an annual event, and the City Hall, Sheffield was the venue chosen. Many leading adjudicators have been associated with the Festival, including the likes of: Harry Mortimer, Dr Dennis Wright, Leonard Davies, Harold Moss and Gilbert Vinter among many more.

The success of the Yorkshire event played no small part in the introduction in October 1962, of the National Mineworkers Brass Band Championships, which from that date has been held annually in Blackpool. Over the years many world renown vocal artistes have appeared at the festivals including such names as Paul Robeson, Stuart Burrows, Ian Wallace and Edmund Hockridge.

Sadly, due to the ever increasing costs of staging such an event coupled with the decline in the mining industry, October 2002 was to be the last festival organised by the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation.

We are indebted to Barry Thompson for this information.

PAST PRIZE WINNERS

| | FIRST PRIZE | SECOND PRIZE | THIRD PRIZE |
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| 2009 Championship First Second Third Fourth | Redbridge Blackburn & Darwen East London Brass Shirebrook MW Unison Eccles Borough Band | Hepworth (Cookson Homes) Cornerstone Brass The Kippax Band Stamford Brass Ireland Colliery (Chesterfield) | Desford Colliery Vernon Building Society Poynton Dodworth Miners Welfare Fulham Brass Backworth Colliery |
| 2008 Championship First Second Third Fourth | Desford Colliery Skelmanthorpe Band Haslingdem & Helmshore Shirebrook MW Unison Ecclesh Borough Band | Wingates Band Yorkshire Coop Band Dodworth MW Band Heyl Town Band Rolls-Royce (Derby) Band | Tongwynlais Temperance Vernon BS Poynton Band The Middleton Band West Yorkshire Police Band Ireland Colly (Chestfield) Band |
| 2007 Championship First Second Third Fourth | Desford Colliery Skelmanthorpe Delph Heyl Town Thoresby Colliery Youth | The Virtuosi GUS Band Sandhurst Silver Kippax Band The Matlck Band Market Rasen RPC | Tongynlais Temperance United Yorkshire Coop Carlton Brass Whitworth Vale & Healey Bestwood 'Black Diamonds' |
| 2006 Championship First Second Third Fourth | Polysteel (Flowers) Band Haverhill Silver The Kippax Band The Matlock Band Thoresby Colliery Youth | Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Marsden Silver (Riverhead Brewery) Hopkins Solicitors Blidworth Whitworth Vale & Healey Waterbeach Brass | Redbridge Brass Markham & District Carlton Brass Moulton 77 Brass Thurcroft Welfare |
| 2005 Championship First Second Third Fourth | The Ransome Band Hatfield Colliery Band Carlton Brass Whitwell Brass Tewkesbury Town | The BT Band Haverhill Silver Shirland Welfare Training BMP Europe Ltd. Goodshaw The Matlock Band | Redbridge Brass Holme Silver (Disposables UK) Hopkins Solicitors Blidworth Woodbridge Excelsior Crofton Silver |
| 2004 | No Contest | No Contest | No Contest |
| 2003 Championship First Second Third Fourth | Desford Colliery Band BHK (UK) Horden Colliery Band Snibston & Desford Colls. Band Dearham United Miners' Band Kirkby Colliery Welfare Band | Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band Pontardulais Town Band Hopkins Blidworth Welfare Band Shirland Welfare Training band Dinnington Colliery Band | Thoresby Colliery Band Gresley Old Hall Band Felling Brass Band Whitwell Brass band Grange Moor Brass Band |
| 2002 Championship First Second Third Fourth | Grimethorpe Colly. UK Coal Band Barnsley Building Society Band Strata Brass Frickley/South Elmsall Band Lochgelly Brass Band | Ever Ready Band Pontardulais Town Band Stanley Newmarket Colliery Shirland Welfare Training Band Hetton Silver Band | Fishburn Band The Riddings Band Pride Valley Brass Buckhaven & Methil Miners' Band Grange Moor Brass Band |
| 2001 Championship First Second Third Fourth | Grimethorpe Colly. UK Coal Band The Bathgate Band Snibston & Desford Colls. Band Murton Colliery Brass Band Shirland Welfare Training Band | Ever Ready Band Shirland Miners' Welfare Band Hatfield Wilfreda Beehive Band Ellington Silver Band Five Rivers Brass Band | Thoresby Colly. UK Coal Band Barnsley Building Society Band Harworth Brass Band Ferryhill Town Band Leicestershire Coop, Snibston Band |
| 2000 Championship First Second Third Fourth | Grimethorpe Colly. RJB Band Thoresby Colliery RJB Band Pride Valley Brass Band Wilfreda Beehive Hatfield Band Whitwell Brass Band | Fishburn Band Shirland Miners' Welfare (WYCO) West Yorkshire Motors (Sharlston) Crofton Silver Band Trimdon Concert Brass Band | Newtongrange Silver Band The Bathgate Band Horden Colliery E.D.H.C.C. Band Buckhaven Methil Miners' Whitwell Brass Band |