



Rhyl Youth Marching Band

*Rules and
Information*

February 2011

REHEARSALS & TUITION

Main Band

Thursday	7:00pm to 9:00pm	every week
Sunday	7:00pm to 8:30pm	every week

Junior Band

Sunday	5:30pm to 7:00pm	1 st in month
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Tuition

Monday	7:30pm to 8:30pm	Drums
Sunday	5:30pm to 7:00pm	Various

Subject to change - see published programme

Some band rehearsals may be devoted to the Junior and/or Senior band according to the current mix of musical ability

INSTRUMENTS, MUSIC & UNIFORM

Instruments and accessories, music, and appropriate uniform will be loaned to members free of charge, but will remain the property of the band. *If they so wish, members may provide their own instruments, and these will be insured free of charge by the band.* Members shall take all reasonable precautions to safeguard and care all the above items. Any defects or losses must be reported immediately to the Bandmaster who will arrange for repair or replacement. In cases of carelessness, a charge may be levied. Upon leaving the band, members must return any items loaned by the band to the Bandmaster within one month.

Members shall be personally responsible for simple, day to day maintenance of instruments and accessories (eg, cleaning, greasing of slides, tightening of screws, provision of valve oil, supply of reeds, etc). Members must not photocopy music, or use it for purposes not directly connected with the band, without prior authorisation. Members shall be personally responsible for simple, day to day maintenance of band uniform in its entirety (cleaning, pressing, sewing of buttons and badges, etc). It is the responsibility of the member to request replacement items required because of size. Members must provide their own footwear and socks in a style approved by the Bandmaster.

BEHAVIOUR

Members shall attend rehearsals and performances punctually and appropriately dressed, and at all times behave in a responsible and respectful manner when representing the band. The use of bad language or violence will not be tolerated. Members shall comply with all reasonable requests of the Officials of the band. Members are responsible for setting up and putting away stands, music, instruments, chairs, etc, used during rehearsals.

Members shall advise the Bandmaster promptly of their availability or otherwise for potential band engagements. *Failure to do so is likely to result in avoidable cancellations, which damages the band's reputation.* Except in an emergency, members shall provide a minimum of **24 hours**' notice to the Bandmaster of their unavailability to attend any rehearsal, teaching session, or other internal activity. In the case of Concerts, Group Workshops and other major or formal events, a minimum of **14 days**' notice is required unless otherwise specified by the Bandmaster. *This allows time to cancel activities and functions if attendance becomes too low.*

The Bandmaster is responsible for taking any appropriate disciplinary action, but the member has the right of appeal against any such action to the Executive Committee.

MOBILE TELEPHONES

Members must ensure that any mobile telephones are switched off before a rehearsal or performance begins. The use of mobiles during a rehearsal is not allowed except with the prior permission of the Bandmaster. Anyone who is “on call” for their employment or business, etc, will be allowed, by arrangement with the Bandmaster, to leave their telephones switched on, but only to receive calls. The Bandmaster will have a mobile telephone for emergency calls and his number will be given to parents/guardians.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All band members, other than those exempted by the Constitution, shall pay a monthly subscription of £6.50¹, irrespective of attendance, in advance by Standing Order. Members who allow unauthorised arrears to exceed £15 will be liable to dismissal from the band, and will not be re-admitted unless outstanding arrears are paid. Anyone not able to pay subscriptions should bring this to the attention of the Executive Committee.

¹ Subscriptions may be varied periodically by the Executive Committee

PHOTOGRAPHIC & RECORDING POLICY

There have been reports of some parents elsewhere objecting to photographs of their children being taken, for example, at school plays, and by agreement of school governors, thereby denying everyone a record of these events. Rhyl Youth Marching Band is a voluntary organisation whose members partake in a number of activities such as concerts, parades, shows, competitions, etc., during which time photographic, video and/or audio recording may be undertaken, possibly outside the Band's control since many will be in public venues. The band does not wish to deny its members the benefit of such records.

We would prefer, therefore, that parents/guardians consent to their child being included in any photographic, video and/or audio recording that is undertaken during the Band's activities. These items may be used for promotional and other purposes, for example, put on to the Band's website, shown in local newspapers, etc.

Should consent be withheld, the Band will take no responsibility for the exclusion of the child, and it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the child to remove him or her from the particular activity. The Band cannot undertake to inform parents/guardians in advance of when such recording may occur.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

In the event that a member has any problem in connection with the Band, he/she should firstly bring it to the attention of the Bandmaster who will endeavour to find a satisfactory resolution. If this is not considered satisfactory by the member, then he/she may request a hearing by the Executive Committee at a special meeting. The member may be accompanied by a friend.

WEBSITE

Gareth Rogers has put a lot of work into a new website for the band and it is still under construction. There are currently sections where you can post messages and receive replies, or listen to/download audio or watch video files of some of our music. You can also find out about the history of the band, see a diary of events, look at pictures of band activities, and even print out some sheets of music to practice. There is also a section where interested people can find out how to join the band.

It is there primarily for the benefit of band members, but will not flourish unless it is used. Post information about anything of interest to the band members, eg, gossip, exam results, how many hours you practiced...

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE²

Chairman	Helena Davies	07833 084096
Secretary	Jean Johnson	01745 361843
Treasurer	Noel Williams	01745 583103
Bandmaster	Jeff Johnson	01745 361843
Musical Director	Nick Coope	01745 339614
Member	Bernard Gibson	01745 730742
Member	Jon Edge	01745 332950
Member	Gareth Rogers	07947 280007
Co-opted	Natalie Calvert	07738 284339

INSTRUCTORS & OFFICERS

Drill	Nigel Gizzie
Routine	Bernard Gibson
Chaperone	Jean Johnson
Uniform	Jean Johnson
Webmaster	Gareth Rogers

WEBSITE

www.RhylYouthMarchingBand.org.uk

² The Executive Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting