

Galashiels Town Band

PRESS RELEASE



Workshop to Launch Gala Youth Band

Galashiels Town Band has a proud history dating back to 1834. Over the years since then the band has been closely linked with many community events, particularly the Braw Lads Gathering. Like many organisations, Galashiels Town Band has had its highs and lows. Recently the band has unveiled ambitious plans to revitalise and rejuvenate.

The next exciting step in this plan is the start of the Gala Youth Band. This will be launched at a workshop in the GATE Centre, Ladhope Vale on Monday 7th June 2010, 6pm till 8:30 pm. The workshop is open to all school age children who currently play a brass instrument, who have played an instrument, or who would like to try brass for the first time.

Participants can try out the band's instruments or bring their own. Those who wish can join in playing a few pieces. Parents are welcome to either stay or come back around 7.45 to hear a mini-concert and have a coffee or tea.

The workshops will be lead by Stuart Black, a well known local flugel horn player who is currently completing a Post Graduate Certificate of Education specialising in music instruction.

Allan Doyle, Band Vice-Chairman said "I started playing many years ago as part of a small brass ensemble. We know that playing music together makes learning more fun and encourages children to continue to become better players. The other local bands that are successful have strong youth sections and we hope to emulate that here in Galashiels"

The Gala Youth Band will start in August. There will be weekly rehearsals, including both tuition and group playing, leading to a concert towards the end of the year.

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