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Leicester Open 2012 - Results

High winds, road closures and floods couldn't keep the bands away from the Leicestershire Brass Band Association's annual 'Open' brass band competition, held on Sunday 25th November at Charnwood College in Loughborough.

The winners of the Open Section and 2012 overall Leicester Champions were the Ashton under Lyne band, with their Musical Director Paul Andrews. Joining them on the podium were a delighted Aveley and Newham band and Hebden Bridge in third place.

David Read MBE captured the attention of the audience and bands with his closing comments and complimented the quality of bands' performances. Briefly recalling his own participation in the 'Leicester Contest' in previous years, Mr Read thanked the organisers the bands and their directors for their hard work and choice and of music.

A total of 65 performances throughout the day entertained crowds and judges alike with many compliments about the wide range of test pieces chosen by bands.

It was Euphonium player Lynden Cooper from Newstead Brass who walked away with the best instrumentalist award in the highest section of the day, with Mr. Read expressing in his summing up the high quality of the winning player throughout the performance.

As results were announced in the Open Section at the end of the day, the hall fell quieter than would be a regular winners cheer, as the winning band were already on route home, in line with their coach driver's hours. A supportive applause from the audience however agreed the quality of the winner's performance of 'Between the Moon and Mexico'.

Adjudicator John Roberts encountered one of the biggest sections of the day in the First Section, carefully sorting each of the performances into order of merit, with Shepherd Group rising to the top followed by Foresters Brass 2000 and Ratby Co-operative in third.

In the Charnwood College Theatre, accommodating the second, third, fourth and unregistered sections, adjudicators Brett Baker and David Thornton lent their expertise to two sections each. A full day of performances saw four newly crowned 'Leicester Champions' with City of Bristol, Hucknall and Linby Mining Community, Amersham, and Enderby Youth collecting the silverware in each of the respective sections.

The contest organisers were again delighted by the turnout of bands on the day, many of whom expressed their thanks to the association for accommodating the requests of the participating bands, including a full pre-draw for all sections.

This year also saw the introduction of shadow, adjudicators in training. Phil Bailey, Nicholas Garman, John Ward and Richard Jones partnered an adjudicator in each of the sections, and were praised by their peers for their professionalism and skill in the closing remarks of the day.

The Leicestershire Association would like to thank all bands who entered the competition and to congratulate all of the prize winners and winning instrumentalists. Thanks are also expressed to the helpers, supporters and families who all helped to make the 2012 contest a success.

For further details please see www.lbba.org.uk

The full results for each of the sections are as follows:

Open Section:

Adjudicator: David Read MBE

Shadow Adjudicator: Phil Bailey

1. Ashton under Lyne (Paul Andrews), 193
 2. Aveley & Newham (Melvin White), 191
 3. Hebden Bridge (Alan Hobbins), 190
 4. Newstead Brass (Duncan Beckley), 189
 5. Clacton on Sea Co-operative (Mark Ager), 187
 6. Co-operative Funeralcare North West (Jef Sparkes), 185
 7. Derwent Brass (Keith Leonard), 182
 8. Oddfellows Brass (Robert Boulter), 181
 9. Lydbrook (Ian Holmes), 180
 10. Sandhurst Silver (Ian McGelligot), 178
 11. Medway (Melvin White), 177
 12. Gresley Colliery (Simon Jones), 175
- Withdrawn - Kibworth
Withdrawn - Ratby Cooperative

Best Instrumentalist - Lynden Cooper - Euphonium, Newstead Brass

Best Trombones - Aveley & Newham

First Section:

Adjudicator: John Roberts

Shadow Adjudicator: Nicholas Garman

1. Shepherd Group (Richard Wilton), 190
2. Foresters Brass 2000 (John Ward), 188
3. Ratby Co-operative (Mike Fowles), 187
4. Blidworth Welfare (Martin Heartfield), 186
5. Kidlington Concert (Duncan Wilson), 185
6. Hathern (David Newman), 183
7. Kibworth (Iain Rayner), 182
8. Egham (Gareth Green), 181
9. Raunds Temperance (Robin Norman), 180
10. Enderby (John Fletcher), 179
11. Leicestershire Co-operative (Graham Jacklin), 178
12. Ipswich and Norwich Co-op (Ian Johnson), 177

13. Harborough (Chris Groom), 176
 14. Carlton Brass (Geoff Hawley), 175
 15. Yiewsley & West Drayton (Christopher Cole), 174
- Withdrawn - . Bedworth Brass
Withdrawn - . Brackley & District
Withdrawn - . South Yorkshire Police

Best Instrumentalist - Tuned Percussion - Shepherd Group (),

Second Section:

Adjudicator: Brett Baker

Shadow Adjudicator: John Ward

1. City of Bristol (Ceri Thomas), 188
 2. The Wigston Band (Garry Sleath), 186
 3. Ibstock Brick Brass (Huw Thomas), 184
 4. Bilton Silver (Rugby) (David Stowell), 181
 5. Matlock (Andrew Dennis), 180
 6. Shirebrook Miners Welfare Unison (Mark Wilcockson), 176
 7. Towcester Studio (Kevin Steward), 175
 8. Raunds Temperance (Robin Norman), 174
- Withdrawn - . Littleport Brass

Third Section:

Adjudicator: Brett Baker

Shadow Adjudicator: John Ward

1. Hucknall & Linby Mining Community (Paul Whyley), 188
 2. Pleasley Colliery Welfare (Keith Buxton), 186
 3. Worsbrough Brass (John Hopkinson), 182
 4. Rushden Town (John Hudson), 178
 5. Stamford Brass (Bob Prew), 174
 6. Ibstock Brick Brass (Huw Thomas), 171
 7. Croft Silver (Ian Needham), 170
 8. Rolls Royce (Derby) (Granam Cardwell), 169
 9. Burbage Silver (Edwin Stinton), 168
 10. Lofthouse 2000 (Andrew Whitaker), 164
 11. Ireland Colliery Chesterfield (Ian Knapton), 162
- Withdrawn - . Thurcroft Welfare Brass

Fourth Section:

Adjudicator: David Thornton

Shadow Adjudicator: Richard Jones

1. Amersham (Paul Fisher), 182
2. Pleasley Colliery Welfare (Keith Buxton), 181

3. Ireland Colliery Chesterfield (Ian Knapton), 180
4. Bradwell Silver (Brian Keech), 179
5. Simon Langton Brass (David Cutting), 178
6. Rode Hall Silver (Nigel Butler), 177
7. Ratby Co-operative Mid (Geoff Newman), 176
8. Kirkby Colliery (Steve Berrill), 175
9. University of Warwick (Simon Hogg), 174
10. Market Rasen Resdev (Alan Needham), 173
11. Audley Brass (Ian Turner), 172
12. Melton (Graham Sutton), 171
13. Burbage Silver (Edwin Stinton), 170
14. Moulton 77 (Roger Stevens), 169
15. Syston (Dennis Powell), 168
16. Newhall (Kevin Holdgate), 167

Unregistered Section (LBBA Member Bands):

Adjudicator: David Thornton

Shadow Adjudicator: Richard Jones

1. Enderby Youth (Trevor Hounsome), 175
2. Ratby Co-opeatve Youth (Becky Moss), 173
3. Wigston Enterprise (Pat Allsopp), 172