

Oxfordshire and District Brass Band Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Sunday 1st December 2024, 2.30pm

1. Present: David Roberts (DR), Dave Clack (DC), Lynne Whitley (LW), Nigel Hall (NH), Tony Redshaw (TR), Sheldon Barwick, Mikaela Barwick, Alex Elderfield (AE), Geoff Bush, Guy James, Brian Stovold (BS), John Underwood (JU)
2. Apologies: Dave Birch, Mike Pickett, Ken Membury (KM), Chris Andrews (CA). Ray Scotcher (RS)
3. Welcome: NH opened the meeting
4. Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed LW, seconded TR
5. Matters Arising: BS asked if the previous year's accounts had been audited – DC said he would cover that in his report later in the meeting.
6. Officers Reports:
 - i. *Chair.* NH reported that it had been an interesting year. The Association seems to have struck gold with Cokethorpe School, which is very suitable for both of our full band contests. He passed on his thanks to DC and Neil Brownless and Lauren from the school who have made that everything go really smoothly. Thanks to the committee members for their efforts this year, and to local bands for supporting our events, but as always we could always do with more of you turning up to our events
 - ii. *Treasurer.* DC presented the annual accounts and talked the meeting through them. Accounts for were 2022-23 audited, and accounts up to August 2024 audited also - not a full audit but enough for our purposes. William Membury who is a qualified accountant did this, and he made some recommendations. He recommended to register with the charity commission to avoid any tax liability. He also questioned the completeness of record taking – particularly regarding payments which are only approved in email, and which may lead to questions being asked as to their validity. In future we need a receipt / invoice for any expenses at time of purchase. DC then explained the current accounts (attached) and warned us that Cokethorpe will be charging us more next year because we are not a charity. The misc item listed was the Presidents' award which hadn't been renewed for some years, and also the Presidents' Centenary Dinner. NH queried the instrument hire option, and DC said it was one of the payments to the Dares which was delayed during a payment problem and resulted in being itemised separately. DC recommended not changing membership fees. This year's members were Cholsey. Chinnor (& training band), Yarnton, Witney, Pangbourne, East Woodhay, Kidlington (thanks for use of premises) and Jubilee. Sheldon Barwick thought that Bletchington was also a member, but will check [DC later found a receipt but couldn't track the payment during the course of the meeting]. Geoff Bush was also surprised that COSB aren't

- members and asked for a copy of the last reminder email so he can chase, and NH was surprised that Shipston had not paid, but now that Dave Birch is no longer a member it's obviously slipped through. Accounts were proposed by BS and seconded by AE.
- iii. Secretary.* DR thanked LW for organising the two full band contests, and reported that he had done the Brass Festival. DR said he'd been on the committee for almost 25 years, and secretary for 16 years and is thinking that it would be nice to pass the role onto somebody else. He would like to stand down at the next AGM due to other commitments, even though he's happy to stay on the committee.
- 6 Election of Officers: The Committee for 2025 will be as follows:
- Chair: Nigel Hall* (DR/TR)
 Treasurer: Dave Clack (LW/AE)
 Secretary: David Roberts (AE/JU) (LW agreed to continue to coordinate the full band contests, but not the Brass Festival)
 Property Master: Alex Elderfield (TR/DR). AE would like an inventory – DR agreed to compile one.
 General Members: John Underwood*, Lynne Whitley, Tony Redshaw, Brian Stovold, Chris Andrews, Ray Scotcher.
 (Proposed by NH, seconded by DR)
- * Representatives of ODBBA at the London and Southern Counties.
 All nominations were voted unanimously.
- 7 Association Membership: It was agreed to maintain the status quo.
- 8 Any Other Business:
- i) Geoff Bush asked that we get the requests for stewards out a little earlier next year.
 ii) DC asked whether the AGM is happy for the committee to pursue charitable status. DC to start research
 iii) NH stated that the Winter Contest would be held on 22 & 23rd February 2025 with Steven Mead as adjudicator (17 bands already entered!); the Brass Festival would be held on 27th April with Saphron Ali as adjudicator; the Entertainment Contest would be held on 19th October 2025 with Leigh Baker as adjudicator; and the 2026 Winter Contest would be on 28 February & 1 March with Steve Pritchard-Jones booked. We are also planning a training day for youngsters (led by Flowers Band) to be held at Wantage Band Room on 2/11/25
- 9 Date of Next Meeting: TBA
- 10 Close: NH closed the meeting with thanks to everybody for their attendance.

ODDBA Account - 1st Sept 2024 to 31st August 2025

	Income	Costs	Balance
EC2024	£1,101.91	£1,732.23	-£630.32
WC2025	£5,540.15	£4,022.60	£1,517.55
BF2025	£467.42	£500.00	-£32.58
EC2025	£946.00	£0.00	£946.00
SUBS	£530.00	£0.00	£530.00
Donation	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
General	£0.00	£1,163.15	-£1,163.15

General Costs breakdown

BBE Subs	£140.40
BBE Training	£260.00
Gazebo	£364.00
Insurance	£279.25
Neil Brownless Donation	£50.00
Wantage Test Piece	£69.50
Total	£1,163.15

Totals £9,585.48 £7,417.98

Income over Expenditure £2,167.50

Year opening balance 1/9/2024 £4,230.59

Year closing balance 30/8/2025 £6,398.09

Profit/Loss balance £2,167.50

NOTES

- A. Income and Costs for EC2024 before 1/9/24 not included
- B. Income and Costs for EC2025 After 31/8/25 not included
- C. Scores for 2025 National finalists COSB and KCB not yet claimed
- D. There is a substantial increase (20%) in school hire at Cokethorpe School due to VAT being imposed on them
- E. The profit is partly due to a donation by Mike Pickett in memory of his father Harry, to be used for a ODDBA Youth award annually.
Increased Entry (and fee) in the WC2025

Member Bands in 2025

Wantage Bands	City of Oxford Bands	Witney Town	Pangbourne Silver
Witney Town	Jubilee Brass	Kidlington Concert	Oxford Cherwell
East Woodhay Silver	Chinnor Bands	Bletchington Silver	

Prepared by Dave Clack - Oct 2025

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WC2025

	Credit		Debit
Yarnton Band Entry	£63.00	Copy Scores	-£162.85
Towcester Band Entry	£100.00	Adjudicator Hotel	-£243.00
Jackfield Band Entry	£100.00	Cokethorpe School	-£1,867.20
The Staffordshire Band Entry	£100.00	Float	-£200.00
Markham & District Band Entry	£100.00	Adjudicator fees	-£360.00
Hook Norton Band Entry	£70.00	Wristbands & Stationary	-£50.61
Harborough Band Entry	£100.00	Adjudicators Meal	-£122.77
Medway Towns Entry	£100.00	Van Hire	-£283.18
Ocean Brass Entry	£100.00	Adjudicator B'fast	-£6.99
EESB Entry	£100.00	FRANKLINS GIFT	-£100.00
Weston Super Mare Band Entry	£100.00	Printing	-£15.00
Alder Valley Brass Entry	£30.00	Percussion Hire	-£611.00
Alder Valley Brass Entry	£70.00		
Olney Brass Entry	£100.00		
Kidlington Concert Brass Entry	£90.00		
Godalming Band Entry (cheque)	£100.00		
Chinnor Training Band Entry	£63.00		
Chinnor Silver Band Entry	£90.00		
Egham & District Band Entry	£100.00		
Verwood Town Band Entry	£100.00		
Verwood Concert Band Entry	£100.00		
City of Oxford Silver Band Entry	£90.00		
Test Valley Brass Entry	£100.00		
East of England Band Entry	£100.00		
Saint Seb Wokingham Band Entry	£100.00		
Horsham Borough Band Entry	£100.00		
Staines Band Entry	£100.00		
Witney Town Band Entry	£90.00		
Michelmersh Silver Band Entry	£100.00		
Tongwynlais Temp Band Entry	£100.00		
Cublington Silver Band Entry	£100.00		
Parkend Band Entry	£65.00		
MK Brass Band Entry	£100.00		
WGC Band Entry	£100.00		
Lydbrook Silver Band Entry	£100.00		
BB of Central England Entry	£100.00		
Avonbank (Evesham) Band Entry	£100.00		
FRANKLIN CATERING	£830.00		
SUM UP PAYMENTS	£516.15		
CASH IN	£773.00		
	£5,540.15		-£4,022.60

BF2025

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General income & costs

	Credit		Debit
Wantage Subs	£85.00	BBE Subs	-£140.40
Witney Subs	£45.00	BBE Training	-£260.00
COSB Subs	£65.00	Gazebo	-£364.00
Bletchindon Subs	£45.00	Insurance	-£279.25
COSB Subs	£30.00	Neil Brownless Don	-£50.00
Jubilee Subs	£45.00	Wantage Test Piece	-£69.50
Pangbourne Subs	£45.00		
Oxford Cherwell Subs	£45.00		
East Woodhay Silver Subs	£30.00		
MIKE PICKETT Donation	£1,000.00		
Yarnton Band Subs	£30.00		
Chinnor Subs	£65.00		
Kidlington Concert Brass Subs	£0.00		
	£1,530.00		-£1,163.15