

# **Brigstowe Village Band**

**Website: [brigstovewillageband.com](http://brigstovewillageband.com)**

## **Information for New Members (Jan 2019)**

Welcome to the Brigstowe Village Band.

We are modelled on the Village Bands of Thomas Hardy's day when local musicians played for the local gatherings and celebrations.

We mainly play traditional tunes which would have been familiar in the Hardy era and use words, songs, dancing and costume to give them historical context.

The band was started in 2014 by Elizabeth Newman and Pat Gilbert. It now has around 40 members playing a wide variety of acoustic instruments including fiddles, boxes, trombones trumpets and drums.

We employ a professional musical leader - Laurel Swift ([laurel\\_swift.co.uk](http://laurel_swift.co.uk)) who arranges most of our music and leads monthly rehearsals.

Our rehearsal are usually held on the third Sunday of the month from 2pm to 4.30pm in the Jubilee Pavilion of the Long Ashton Community Centre, BS41 9DP. Occasional extra practices are held before performances.

We pay a monthly sub to cover costs. Subs are due on 1 January, 1 April and 1 September and are £30 per term. They are payable to Chris Newman (BVB), Acc no: 90096463, Sort Code: 52-10-07, Nat West Bank. Please ensure your name appears on your payment.

We perform at various charity and community events throughout the year including street party's, open gardens, Apple Days, Harvest Celebrations, St Stephens Lunchtime concerts and Southmead Hospital Buskathon.

The band is run as cooperatively as possible, led by a steering group consisting of our Gaffer Liz Newman, Scribe Pat Gilbert, Membership Secretary Fritjof Koerber, Treasurer Chris Newman, Website Manager Helen Price and Publicity Manager Mike Mather.

Comments and suggestions from band members are always very welcome. Please talk to any member of the steering group or email [BVB.committee@gmail.com](mailto:BVB.committee@gmail.com).

We hope you have a great time being part of the Brigstowe Village Band.