

WEST MIDLANDS BRASS BANDS ASSOCIATION

'The Big Brass Band' General Information

Saturday 24th March 2018

After last year's highly successful 'The Big Brass Band', The West Midlands Brass Bands Association is organising a follow up event on Saturday March 24th 2018 at Cradley Heath Salvation Army Hall. This year we will be welcoming Dave Lea from Jaguar Land Rover Band as our conductor.

Looking for something different to arrange we decided against a competition of any sort and elected to attempt to recreate the sound of Harry Mortimer's "Men Of Brass" where he joined the bands of Fairey, Morris Motors and Fodens together and called them his brass orchestra. We attracted 69 players from 21 different bands and had a splendid day culminating in an evening concert where we were joined by Cradley Heath Songsters and vocalist Hilary Crowhurst.

We are hoping to attract at least as many players this year. It's always great fun to play massed bands and especially if we can gather together 100 players. We will plan an interesting programme with music for all abilities to make this a successful day. There is no charge to take part just the cost of getting yourself to the venue at **Cradley Heath Salvation Army, Meredith Street, Cradley Heath B64 5EP**. This is a modern building with attached car parking and is well capable of taking a large band. We are looking to meet at 2.30 to sort out seating and to have a run through the programme followed by a chance to eat and socialise. The concert would start at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at £4.00 each on the door.

**Full details and a poster can be downloaded from the
WMBBA website**

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