

# WEST MIDLANDS BRASS BANDS ASSOCIATION

## 'The Big Brass Band' General Information

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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 30th 2019 at Cradley Heath Salvation Army Hall, Meredith Street, Cradley Heath B64 5EP. This year we will be welcoming back Dave Lea as our conductor. Please accept an apology if the date is different to that which was mentioned last year but the hall was unavailable on that night.

Two years ago when we were 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. Last year we attracted 69 players from 21 different bands and had a splendid day culminating in an evening concert where we were joined by 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. The uniform for the concert will be very simple namely black skirt/trousers white shirt and band tie. 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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