

Autumn Leaves Brass Band Contest Press Release.

Greenfield Autumn Leaves Brass Band Contest

We have had to cancel our Whit Friday Brass Band Contest on 2 consecutive years because of covid.

Greenfield Whit Friday Brass Band Contest Committee would like to encourage and help our local brass bands restart after this lockdown by holding an Autumn Leaves Brass Band Contest On Ladhill Playing Fields on Sunday 5th September between Noon and 8 pm.

We have researched our local bands to test the appetite for an early autumn contest and checked with Bob and Mary Rodgers who are co-ordinators of the Saddleworth and Oldham District Whit Friday Band Contests, to ensure we are not standing on anyone's toes or stalling a Saddleworth wide contest by going ahead with our individual plans. Our enquiries have met with enthusiasm from all approached. By restricting it to bands from the Borough of Oldham and encouraging school, training and social bands to participate as well as the established Youth, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st and Championship section bands we will provide an experience to encourage younger players and learners to continue their commitment to the art and provide a community party to celebrate the downfall of Covid.

This Brass Band Contest could be described as a "Concert with prizes".

We plan an inclusive contest for up to 20 brass bands only from the Borough of Oldham.

Each band will have a pre-drawn playing time 15 or a 20 minute time slot and they will perform on the elevated bandstand. Each band will play a hymn and a march but this will be amended to satisfy the abilities of the different levels.

The Adjudicator will sit in the open allowing the juniors to see the judge is human and allowing him to also enjoy the day. Our adjudicator, Mr Chris Wormald, comes from Bolton and holds no local allegiance. This will also allow us to announce the name of the band playing and their competition piece.

We are trying to promote a relaxed, Sunday afternoon family party atmosphere compared to the high octane highly competitive Whit Friday Contest.

Bands to register your early intent please email rothwellfrank50@gmail.com or as a last resort phone Frank on 07802 938 270.