"Big E"

Ellington Colliery Band are proud to announce the recent release of its debut CD titled "Big E" at only £9.99

The CD contains 12 tracks of quality brass band arrangements of such classics as 'Born Free', 'I got rhythm', 'Singin' in the Rain, and a new arrangement of the Beatles classic 'Yellow Submarine'.

The CD features the band's Principal Cornet John Colvine in a beautiful interpretation of the Scottish ballad, 'My Love is like a Red Red Rose'.

The band recorded the CD at St. John's Church in Ashington, conducted by resident Musical Director, Mr. Denis Wright.

If you would like the band to perform a concert or programme of music for any function, celebration or charitable event, contact the band's assistant secretary Bob Shotton, Tel: 01670 516607.

Heritage Lottery Fund · Nationwide · The Countryside Agency

The band have recently been successful in securing a grant of £27,000 from the Local Heritage Initiative.

Following the demise of the coal industry, the band is anxious to remain an integral part of the local culture and heritage associated with the North East Coalfield. Ellington Colliery is one of the last deep coal mines still operating in the country, and the band are justifiably proud to be representing the colliery.

The Grant will enable the band to purchase new walking out uniforms, and several new instruments, allowing existing ones to be used by the Ellington Colliery Youth Band.

The band will produce another CD of local music, supplemented by memories and anecdotes from members of the local community as well as band members past and present.

A visual display of the band's history and photographs will be exhibited at many of the band's future engagements.

ELLINGTON COLLIERY BAND

Why not visit our newly designed website and find out more information about the band, it's history, future engagements and gossip at:
www.ecband.org.uk

Local Heritage *initiative*

The Band

The Band consists of a group of dedicated musicians from many different backgrounds.

Band rehearsals are held twice a week at Ellington Colliery and members travel from as far as Amble and Newcastle.

The Band regularly competes in competitions, as well as providing entertainment to the public at various venues throughout Northumberland and Tyne and Wear.

New members are always welcome, or if you just fancy a 'blow' come and join us.

The Band was formed in 1925 and over the years has produced many fine players. It has competed at the highest level in Brass Banding with several successful visits to the National Brass Band Championships, the latest in September 2002

Ellington Colliery Junior Band

The junior band was first established 25 years ago and to this day still supplies musicians to the senior band, and for the last 17 years has been a stepping stone to musical careers in the Armed Forces.

The junior band meets every Wednesday night and is suitable for everyone up to the age of 18 years, from absolute beginners to the more advanced.

Instruments are provided to the youngsters free of charge. This is a chance for any youngster, regardless of ability or disability to learn to play a brass instrument, to be part of a team of like minded youngsters and to be part of the proud heritage of Brass Banding.

Friends of the Band

This was set up to assist with the cost of instruments and funding of expenses for major contests, such as The National Union of Mineworkers Contest which is held annually at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool.

The band is self funding relying upon engagements, donations and other fund raising events to keep the band going.

Extra funds generated by Friends of the Band will allow the band to develop more initiatives,thereby securing it's future.

We have the ideas, all we need is the funds.

Friends of Ellington Colliery Band
If you would like to become a friend of the Band by paying £10 per year please contact:

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