

## Helston Town Concert Brass Engagements for 2018

**Saturday, 21st April - Trengrouse House - 11.00 am start**

**Saturday, 19th May - Carnon Downs - 3.30 pm start**

**Sunday, 3rd June - Princess Pavilion - 2.30 pm start**

**Saturday, 28th July - Band Fete at The Boating Lake - 2.00 pm start**

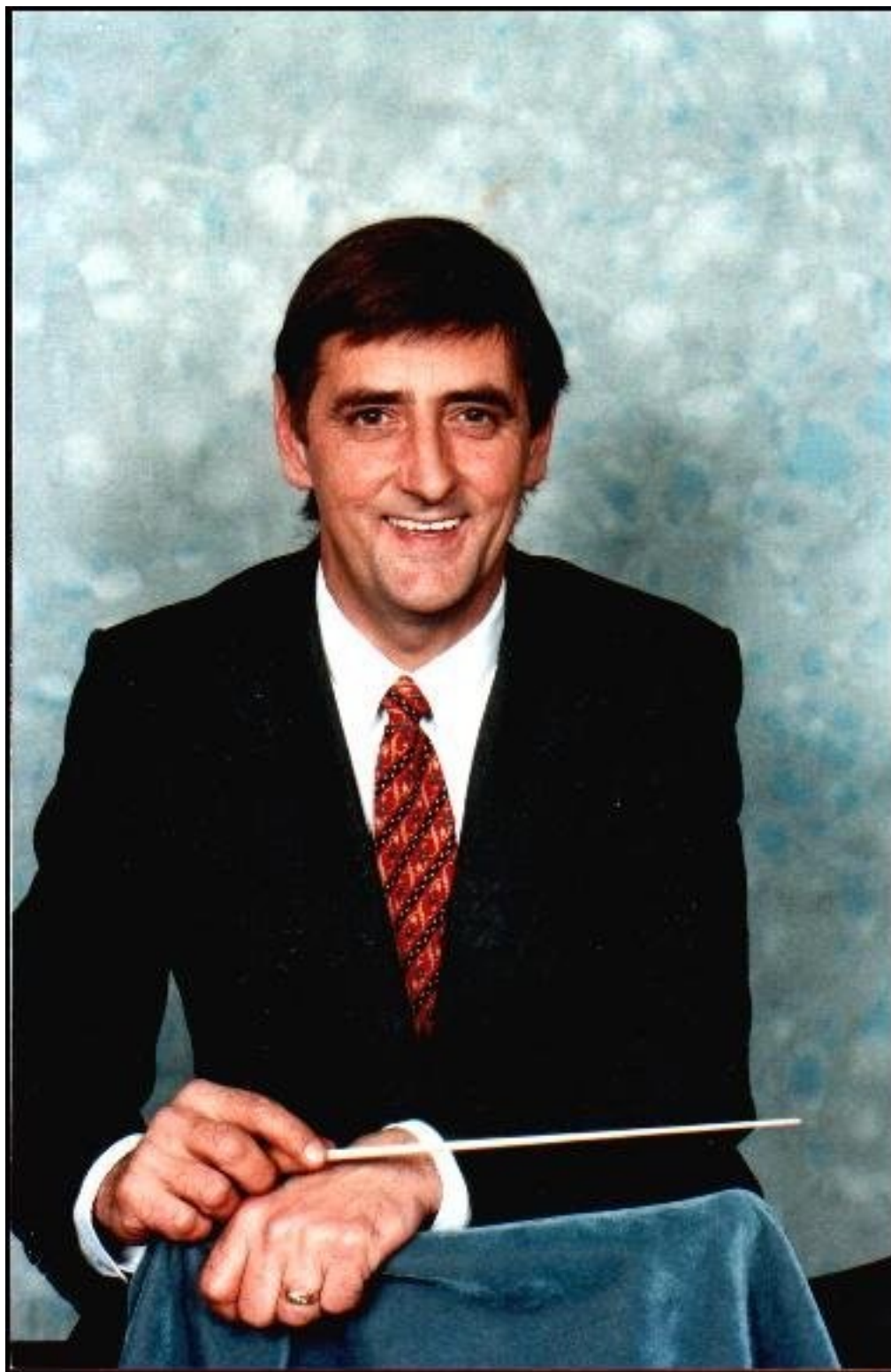
**Sunday, 5th August - Princess Pavilion - 2.30 pm start**

**Sunday, 9th September - Princess Pavilion - 2.30 pm start**

Helston Town Band has, in one form or another, had a 'training' group for many years. Over recent times, the band evolved following the merger of the Junior and Training bands, and the Concert Band now incorporates younger players who have moved up from the beginners group, players who do not want the full time commitment of contest banding and also players returning from retirement.

The band, initially known as Helston 'B' Band was renamed Helston Town Concert Band in 2013 to acknowledge the positive steps the group had made, and also to ensure that the link between the senior and concert remained strong.

The success of this flourishing group was also emphasised in 2013 with the appointment of Ian Edwards as the dedicated Musical Director of HTCB.



Ian took a strong interest in music from the age of eight and he learned the recorder as well as joining St Keverne Band.

Since those days, Ian has conducted and been Musical Director/ Associate of various musical organisations in this country and abroad, ranging from brass and accordion bands to country pop groups and male voice choirs.

On ten occasions he has been a Musical Director in France, Germany and Holland as well as making solo appearances in this country and Germany, where he has also directed musical workshops on four occasions. He has also been Musical Director at various holiday centres, including Butlins and Haven. In the brass world Ian has won national and international awards as a player and has directed various groups to over thirty award winning performances.

Ian has been influenced by well-known musicians including Cyril Payne, Derek Johnston Senior, Villem Tausky, Eric Ball, Arthur Butterworth and Malcolm Arnold, having played under their direction. Ian is a music tutor for the ABRSM and undertakes freelance conducting work, as well as standing in with different bands/groups when they are between Musical Directors.

His attitude to music is that sounds are sounds and points make prizes! His main objective is to create good sounds and present entertaining concerts, with broad traditional and modern music for singers, players and audiences alike.

Ian is also currently Musical Director of his own award winning brass group, Illumination Brass. Locally, Ian has worked with Helston Accordion Band, Constantine Silver Band and St. Keverne Male Voice Choir - winning 1st prizes with each of them at various contests and festivals. Most importantly for Ian is that he has enjoyed developing those groups into much sought after concert performers.

Ian is delighted to link up with the Helston Town Band organisation once again, having played with them under Edward Ashton, a number of years ago.

HTCB now enjoy a varied calendar, with concerts, performances along side the senior band and of course, its involvement on Flora day. The concert band rehearses on Monday evenings, if you are interested in joining please click the 'Contact Us' tab