



The event is funded by sponsorship from local businesses and, as expected due to the economic climate, the money raised so far is very much down on last year. We do understand and very much appreciate the support local businesses have given to the event and also thank those that couldn't help this year - hopefully next year will prove to be better.



You can help though; -

Very soon the committee will be travelling around the village to sell the Band Contest Programme - please buy one as this is a tremendous boost to the contest prize fund.

If you work locally and feel that your company would be able to help the fund for next year's event with an advert in the programme please either contact the Band Contest Secretary (secretary@heyrodbandcontest.com) who will get in touch or, if you prefer, approach your firm yourself and then let the Secretary know. We sell in excess of 300 programmes, and a full page advert only costs in the region of £50.

We also like to acknowledge the considerable support from residents within the village in the production of the programme, newsletters, posters, website, food and bar work - all completely free of charge.

Support on the evening;

Last year we received a lot of help from residents with stewarding, and this proved to be invaluable given the number of bands attending. If you would like to help with this year's events please contact the organisers by e-mail or phone and we will give you more details - we would also ask that if you stewarded last year would you please volunteer again, and also try and recommend a neighbour or friend to do the same. It will take no more than 30 minutes of your time on the evening and is very important for the safety of the bands, residents and attendees.

The contest is organised by a small committee including:

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Website & Design Services	Mark Tyrrell (Freeways-Link.com)	
Additional Support		

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2011 WHIT FRIDAY BAND CONTEST
NEWSLETTER

**Whit Friday Brass Band Contest
17th June 2011**



**Buzz Hawkins
& Stalybridge Old Band
Help Kick Start the 2011 fundraising**

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2010 Band Contest Review

The Whit Friday Band Contest last year fell on Friday 28th May and much work went in on during the day in setting up the hall and surrounding area - the bunting was out, the chairs in place, the food was prepared and the beer was ready to flow. It was then just a case of waiting for the bands to start to arrive, and keeping fingers crossed that we wouldn't be hit by a torrential downpour as had happened at 4.30pm the previous year.

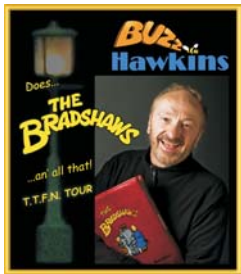
Fortunately the sun continued to shine, and the first band arrived to play not long after 4pm - a few arrived at around the same time and we had a queue forming, but the honours of the first band to play went to Avon Bank Band from Warwick.

The rain stayed away during the evening, the bands continued to arrive and in total forty bands played at Heyrod during the evening. Our adjudicator Andrew McLaughlin, did a sterling job and on the evening the main glory went to the Ashton-under-Lyne Band who won the coveted 1st Overall Prize plus the Best Cornet and the Best Local Band.

Many residents attended to support the event which, at the end of the day, makes the Heyrod Band Contest the outstanding community event that it is. There were also many who helped before and during the event without whom this event wouldn't take place so it's a special 'thank you' to everybody who supported the contest in any way.

See you on the 17th.....

Looking Forward to the 2011 Contest



As expected the economic climate is having an effect on the Whit Friday Contest throughout the borough. Our own efforts would have been greatly affected if not for the intervention of Buzz Hawkins who gave our fundraising a real kick start with his T.T.F.N. concert at the village hall in December 2010.

The evening started with a performance by Stalybridge Old Band to get everybody in the mood. With this being a fund raiser for the Heyrod Band Contest it was only fitting to have a Brass Band to get the proceedings underway.

The main event started with a selection of songs and poems that could only be described as typical 'Buzz Hawkins', reflecting on observations of typical life in Northern towns. A mention of old children's games and sweets got the audience reminiscing of what could only be described as 'better' times.

Then he brought on the Bradshaw family. We were treated to a glimpse into their slightly odd everyday life, listening to the antics of Billy and his father.

We were then surprised with a personal appearance by the one and only Billy Bradshaw, who sat on the stage and entertained the audience with a few tales of his day to day life - we're just glad his Dad couldn't hear him!

A big thanks to Buzz Hawkins and The Stalybridge Old Band for their help in the fundraising for the 2011 contest.

Big Boost From Local Councillors



The Heyrod Brass Band Contest could well have lost out given recent cuts in local council spending, but our contest has been very fortunate to receive donations from Councillors Kevin Welsh & George Roberts and also from Mossley & Stalybridge North District Assembly. They know how special these events are to local communities and are fighting in our corner to keep the event alive.

For Your Enjoyment On The Evening

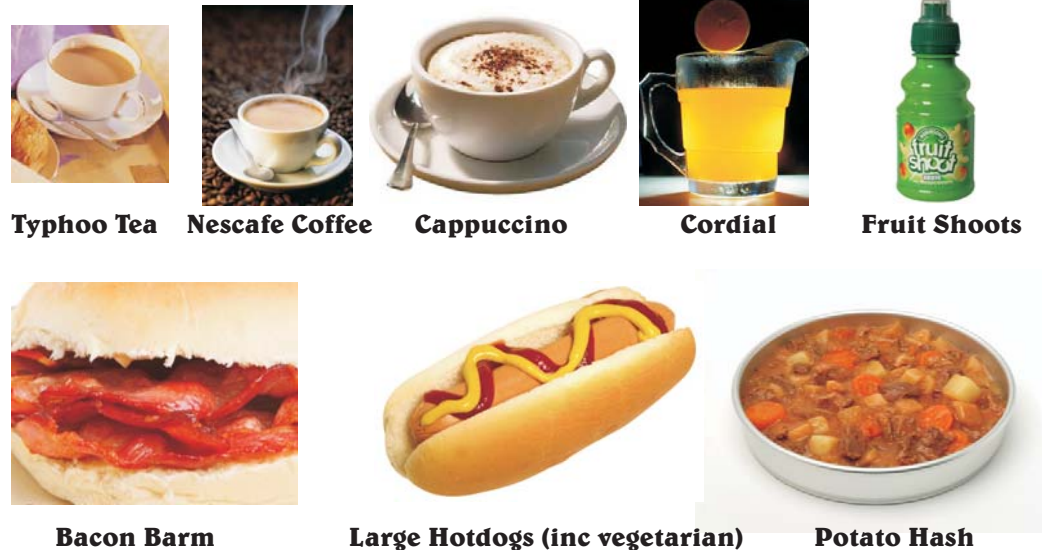
At The Bar

For the very few residents that drink beer we have the usual offerings on the bar.



Food & Beverages Available

There will be a large selection available on the evening including;



Typhoo Tea

Nescafe Coffee

Cappuccino

Cordial

Fruit Shoots

Bacon Barm

Large Hotdogs (inc vegetarian)

Potato Hash

Submit Your work

If any budding photographers, painters or cartoonists would like to exhibit their work of the evening on the Band Contest Website contact our host at; website@HeyrodBandContest.com - we would be pleased to display them.