

Welcome to Cheltenham Silver Band!

This page should give you a quick introduction to how our band works and a few tips to help you get started playing your instrument.

For absolute beginners we can offer a few one to one lessons to help you choose an instrument and start playing your first few notes. We may be able to lend you an instrument free of charge.

Once you are confident with this you can move onto our **Beginners' Band** on Monday evenings at 6:30pm in King's Hall where you'll be able to play some music in a group.

From there you can move on to **Training Band** on Friday evenings at 6:30pm in the Stanton Room for more advanced music. You are welcome to come try band for free for a month to see if it suits you. After this time if you would like to join Cheltenham Silver Band we would ask for a voluntary subscription, which is reduced for under 16s and training band members (see our subscription page for full details).

Once you have been in training band for a while you may want to start playing at our engagements and for this you will need our training band uniform. This is available at a subsidised cost of £5 for a polo shirt and £10 for a hoodie (these can be ordered from Linda Mcquone at [linda.mcquone@btopenworld.com](mailto:linda.mcquone@btopenworld.com))

Helpful Links:

Cleaning your instrument –

Brass instruments should be cleaned regularly perhaps at the end of every term. Here is a useful video to show you how: <http://youtu.be/EBPntaUJLFI> (this video is cleaning a trumpet but the technique is the same for all brass instruments)

Putting up a music stand –

It seems so simple but this is an important skill to protect the band equipment:  
<http://youtu.be/itlCTxaMmOE>

The history of brass bands and brass band competition –

If you are interested in learning more about brass bands this website has some good information to get you started: <https://www.makingmusic.org.uk/resource/introduction-brass-bands>