**Sutton Swing Band. News Letter. Date:-8th Feb. 2018**

Will we, won’t we, will we, won’t we…………… cancel the Christmas Concert. That was the dilemma facing us after that heavy fall of snow left most people reluctant to go out to face the elements, and left us with critical decisions to make.

Thanks to Carl Richards and Mike Hayley for venturing out to check on the car parking facilities at the Toby Inn, and bringing us the good tidings that we could go ahead and perform as planned, and for Sylvia Buswell who spent hours on the ‘phone making sure everyone was fully informed.

And was it worth it?,…….. you bet your sweet life it was, as the band played as if their life depended on it. Nigel Beer stood in for Jack Sandland (Temporary blip) on the bass guitar, and gave a very good account of himself, and Mark Wilkinson and Peter Graystone performed to professional standards with their features for the sax section, and our new recruit Roger Tempest on the clarinet, played out of his skin with ‘Begin the Beguine’ and ‘Donkey Serenade,’ and Adrian Gibson , well, he fairly ‘Blew us away’ with ‘I’ve heard that song before’ and ‘Nice work if you can get it’ plus other features.

Of course, we are all used to hearing the wonders of Tony Burchett on the keyboard and once again he didn’t disappoint, giving a great rendition of a medley of Christmas songs, which went down exceptionally well and as a special request from Don Buxton our Band Leader, played the Oscar Peterson arrangement of ‘Tenderly’ which once again, ‘brought the house down’

So, a good night was had by all, and those who braved the awful conditions, were treated to a concert to be remembered, and they all gave the band a standing ovation, which they thoroughly deserved.

Our quest for a songbird is still ongoing, and with a bit of luck we will have some positive news in the New Year.

We hope that you all had a pleasant time over the festive season, and are looking forward to the new season of the Sutton Swing Band, and all it can offer.

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