



2026 AGM

Sunday 19th April 2026 10.30am

Gloucestershire Academy of Music,
Commercial Road, Gloucester GL1 2JF

1. Present - Representatives from

AW Parker Drybrook:	Hugh James
Cheltenham Silver:	Sue Pawley, Adrian Pawley, Samantha Wakely (Secretary)
Filton Concert:	John Fricker
Flowers:	Lauren Chinn, Karin Lythell (CM), Mike James (Chair)
Forest of Dean:	Sharon Stratford (Treasurer), Roger Stratford
Gloucester Excelsior:	Andrea Reid
Lydbrook:	Robert Morgan (Vice chair), Martin Wakely (Webmaster)
Lydney:	Kerry Ford, Kevin Ford, Ian Ford (Contest sec)
Park End:	Sharon Thomas (CM), Carol Warren, Louis Thomas (CM)

(CM = Committee Member)

2. Apologies – Phoenix Brass, Gloucester Brass, Bream Silver, Wotton (post meeting).

a) **No reply** – Bristol East & Kingswood, Chalford, Cinderford, Cirencester, Frampton on Severn Silver, Marshfield, Monmouth Town, Nailsworth, Pillowwell, Ross on Wye, Stourport-on-Severn Brass, Tewkesbury Town, Thornbury

Post meeting note: City of Bristol sent an email with apologies but it was not received by Sec. before the meeting.

3. Confirm Minutes of AGM 6th April 2025

Proposed: Robert Morgan, Seconded Ian Ford **Agreed**

a) **Matters Arising from Minutes** – no matters arising.

4. Secretary's Report

I have taken on this roll as of last year, so I am still learning as I go.

I think this year has been very successful for the area, with another great Own Choice March and Test Piece contest. Held again at Chosen Hill school, I believe the day was a great success and a huge thank you to Ian Ford for organising the day. Our next contest has now been confirmed for the 22nd November 2026, again to be held at Chosen Hill school. Entry forms have been sent out and a poster will be available shortly.

We listened last year to requests to host more events; this year we have our new music festival 17th May 2026. Please do support if you aren't playing, as I'm sure it will be a fun day out for all. A poster will be circulated soon, so do share with your friends and family. This is a free day to attend. Thank you to Robert Morgan for organising this.

We also have our new March and Hymn Tune contest in collaboration with Scarr bandstand and Denis Wick on 5th September. Do enter if haven't already. Thank you to Ian Ford for organising this.

We have had many individuals to celebrate this year with their 50-year and 70-year awards,

Congratulations to

Clare Smith
David Watson
Tim Trask
Lyndon Cole
Cheryl Merrony
Lyne Parker
Mandy Kendrick
Martin Wakely
Ruth Davies
Tina Watkins
Barry Watkins
Clive Lewis
Chris Walding
Bob Williams

Do remember to honour your long-standing members by sending in a citation and photo with your application for the Roll of Honour certificate and GBBA badge. These can be awarded for 50 years and again at 70 years of service. Thanks to Martin Wakely for keeping this and the website up to date.

The 2026 West of England Area brought success for many GBBA Bands. In the top 6 were

Fourth Section:	Tewkesbury Town and Pillowell Silver
Third section:	Bream Silver (qualified) and Cheltenham silver band
Second section:	Wotton-Under-Edge (qualified) and Lydney Town
Championship section:	Flowers – 1 st

Congratulations to Stourport-on-Severn who came 5th in the second section in the midlands contest.

Also, good luck to Flowers Band who will be competing at the 2026 European championships in Austria, in just one week's time. (post meeting note, Flowers are now the European Champions)

Thank you to Karin Lythell for continuing to run our social media, it is a great space to share our bands upcoming events, and I think very useful to see what is up and coming. Thank you to our committee and member bands for your hard work as always.

5. Treasurer's Report

Chosen Hill School have now invoiced for both contests and have been paid.
Chair gave thanks to Sharon Stratford for all her hard work.

Sharon presented a breakdown of income and expenditure, which follows.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION INCOME &
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST
DECEMBER, 2025**

INCOME	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Band Subscriptions	£1,000.00	£1,030.00
NOVEMBER CONTEST		
Contest Fees	£2,350.00	£1,725.00
Entrance Fees (cash)	£192.00	£120.00
Entrance Fees (card)	£612.00	£130.00
Programs (cash)	£128.00	£38.00
Programs (card)	£148.00	£30.00
Sale of Water	£0.00	£15.00
Practice Room Hire	£300.00	£210.00
Caterer	£40.00	
Trade Stand	£50.00	<u>£40.00</u>
	<u>£3,820.00</u>	<u>£2,308.00</u>
Bank Interest	£73.81	£86.65
Sale of Sousaphone		£800.00
Toilet Door Repair		£150.00
Flowers Workshop	<u>£1,010.00</u>	
	<u>£5,903.81</u>	<u>£3,134.40</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Insurance	£201.68	£201.68
Subscriptions	£170.40	£200.40
BBE Course		
NOVEMBER CONTEST		
See Separate Sheet	£1,024.48	£944.58
OTHER EXPENSES		
Grants	£300.00	£350.00
Website	£308.30	
Lanyards		
Bank Charges	£40.00	£60.40
Flowers Workshop	£969.38	
Oak Farm Deposit	£132.00	
HONARARIUMS		
See Separate Sheet	<u>£400.00</u>	<u>£400.00</u>
	<u>£3,546.24</u>	<u>£2,157.06</u>
PROFIT FOR YEAR	£2,357.57	£2,217.59

EXPENDITURE**2025****2024****NOVEMBER CONTEST**

Adjudicator	£ 437.99	£ 339.30
Compere	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Hall Hire		
Percussion Hire	£ 250.00	£ 200.00
Programs	£ 120.00	£ 110.00
Helpers Refreshments	£ 15.00	£ 90.39
Card Machine Charges	£ 13.53	£ 2.93
Hire of Flood Lights		£ 31.98
Wrist Bands	£ 37.96	£ 19.98

£ 1,024.48**£944.58****HONARARIUMS**

Secretary	£150.00	£150.00
Treasurer	£125.00	£125.00
Contest Secretary	£125.00	£125.00

£ 400.00**£ 400.00****FLOWERS WORKSHOP**

INCOME

Course Fees	£ 860.00
Donations From Secretary	£ 150.00
	£ 1,010.00

EXPENDITURE

Tutors	£ 745.00
Glos Academy Hire	£ 150.00
Music/Refreshments	£ 74.38
	£ 969.38

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION BANK

ACCOUNTS @ 31ST DECEMBER, 2025

HSBC ACCOUNTS

COMMUNITY A/C

Bal@ 1st January, 2025 Profit for Year

£3,198.95

£2,357.57

Bal@ 31st Dec 2025 £ 5,482.71

MONEY MANAGER A/c

Bal@ 1st January, 2025 £4,464.86

Bal@ 31st Dec 2025 £ 4,538.67

£10,021.38

£ 10,021.38

The accounts have been prepared from Bank Statements, receipts and other information supplied to me and I hereby certify them as correct.

M Turley

Mark Turley

12th February, 2026

6 Election of Officers 2024-2025 (*required by Constitution)

Position	In Post 2024/25	Standing 2025/26	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman*	Mike James	Mike James	A Jones	C Warren
Vice Chairman	Robert Morgan	Robert Morgan	I Ford	H James
General Secretary*	Karin Lythell (Acting)	Samantha Wakely	A Pawley	C Warren
Treasurer*	Sharon Stratford	Sharon Stratford	K Ford	R Morgan
Safeguarding Officer*	Ian Ford/Emily Kempster	Lauren Chinn	S Thomas	I Ford
Trophy Officer	Ian Ford	Louis Thomas	K Lythell	R Morgan
Member	Karin Lythell	Karin Lythell	C Warren	S Thomas
Member	Sharon Thomas	Sharon Thomas	L Thomas	R Morgan
Member	Louis Thomas	Louis Thomas	I Ford	S Stratford
Member & Webmaster	Martin Wakely	Martin Wakely	S Thomas	A Pawley
Contest Secretary	Ian Ford	Ian Ford	S Stratford	K Lythell

Lauren Chinn was welcomed to the committee.

6. Election of WEBBA Representatives 2026-2027

In Post 2025/26	Standing 2026/27	Proposed	Seconded
Karin Lythell	Karin Lythell	R Morgan	L Thomas
Mike James	Mike James	R Morgan	L Thomas
Ian Ford	Ian Ford	R Morgan	L Thomas

7. Any Other Business

KL gave a brief update from WEBBA meetings

- Venues were discussed. Many had been investigated but so far none offer the facilities available at the Riviera centre and Church.
- S Pawley and K Ford said that the Church was very well organised.
- Joint section results in RIC did not work well this year; this is being discussed by WEBBA.
- WOB will be recording both venues again in 2027.
- Photos: bands are still taking and posting photos despite 'no photo/recording' warnings.
- WEBBA are investigating the possibility of having an official photographer take photos of bands on stage and in warm up. This will also be investigated for the second venue
- The addition of a junior/non registered section is being discussed.
- The topic of changing was raised. KL asked that all bands remind their members that no changing is permitted (toilets must not be used for changing).
Sec to send email to bands with this reminder Action SW

Kevin Ford requested that bands are informed of WEBBA and GBBA meetings and topics that will be discussed. I Ford will add them to the GBBA calendar.

Kevin Ford requested that WEBBA finances are made available.

Add WEBBA and GBBA meeting dates to calendar
Send email to bands informing them of this
Publish precis of GBBA minutes on website

Action IF
Action SW
Action MW

It was asked whether bands will rotate between the Riviera Centre and the Church – KL confirmed that sections 1 to 4 will take it in turn to play in the church.

Add link to WEBBA website on GBBA website

Action MW

GBBA contest – Roger Stratford raised the subject of excessive noise in the foyer when bands were playing nearby.

Investigate whether there is an area suitable for bands to socialise

Action IF

The Flowers workshop was a success and GBBA was thanked for organising it. There will be another workshop but this time it will be organised by Flowers.

Meeting closed at 11:30

8. Post Meeting

Honoraria to be paid for this year and agreed for next.

Contest Secretary	£125
Secretary	£150
Treasurer	£125
Webmaster	£125 donated his fee back to GBBA

Safeguarding Officer	£125 (new this year)
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Grants had been £100 For Alec Banner NYBBGB, £100 for Edward Jury NCBBGB; £100 toward Scarr Bandstand roof fund.