

## Legends in Brass

Some months ago, I was toying with the idea of organising a `benefit` concert but had to give this a lot of thought as I have never done anything like this before.

I also had to consider which charity would benefit from the proceeds raised. This was a relatively easy decision as I have a good friend who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and then one of my oldest friends – Joanne Sykes – needs help. Her son, Stephen, a fabulous trombonist, is suffering with Hodgkin`s Lymphoma and the treatment he needs is not available on the NHS.

Therefore, all the monies raised will be donated to Breast Cancer Now through “Boobs & Brass”, the wonderful `pink ladies` who raise funds for the charity, they are currently funding their ninth research project - and the `Save Stephen` fund which will help towards purchasing further treatment for Stephen and help towards getting him well again.

Some of the `greats` within the brass banding world - Alan Morrison, Mark Walters, Stephen Sykes and Kevin Holdgate have very happily agreed to help me out as guest soloists for the evening.

So, the “Legends in Brass” fundraising concert will feature the Hatfield Band with Stan Lippeat - a `legend` himself – hosting, conducting and compering the evening.

Askern Miners Welfare have very kindly offered the venue free of charge for which I offer them my sincere thanks.

During the evening, we will be performing the `Acrobat Challenge` and any trombone player attending the concert is very welcome to bring their instrument along and be part of this. Stephen`s mum, Joanne, will be conducting this piece.

I just hope that we can raise a substantial amount for these two very worthy causes and hope that you can come and support this event and help us to do this.

**Mike Kilmartin**