

Another name-change for 100-year-old band



WIGSTON Temperance and has changed its name to The Wigston Band. The name-change was agreed at the eighth annual general meeting to bring the band's image more up date.

The band has changed its name several times since it s formed in 1902 by breakaways from the Wesleyan Mission Band who invited well-known local conductor Charlie Moore to be their conductor.

It is traditionally unofficially known as Charlie Moore's Band.

Official names have included Wigston's Temperance Band, Wigston's Temperance Prize Band, Wigston's Temperance Silver Prize Band with the penultimate name change in 1963 to Wigston Temperance Band. The band is presently compiling information for a book about its history, and anyone who can supply information is asked to contact Ray Cunnington, on Leicester 870712 or Mick Veasey on Leicester 775547. Mr Cunnington was elected president, succeeding Mr Bill Boulter at the annual general meeting. Mr Cunnington is a past secretary of the band.

Meanwhile, the band is continuing with its fund-raising drive to get its own bandroom. Fund-raising is always going on to buy music, instruments, uniforms and other equipment. Approaches to local businesses for sponsorship have so far been unsuccessful.

This year, the Walter Boulter Cup, presented to the member under the age of 18 who has made the most progress, was awarded to flugelhorn player Graeme Hulls.

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