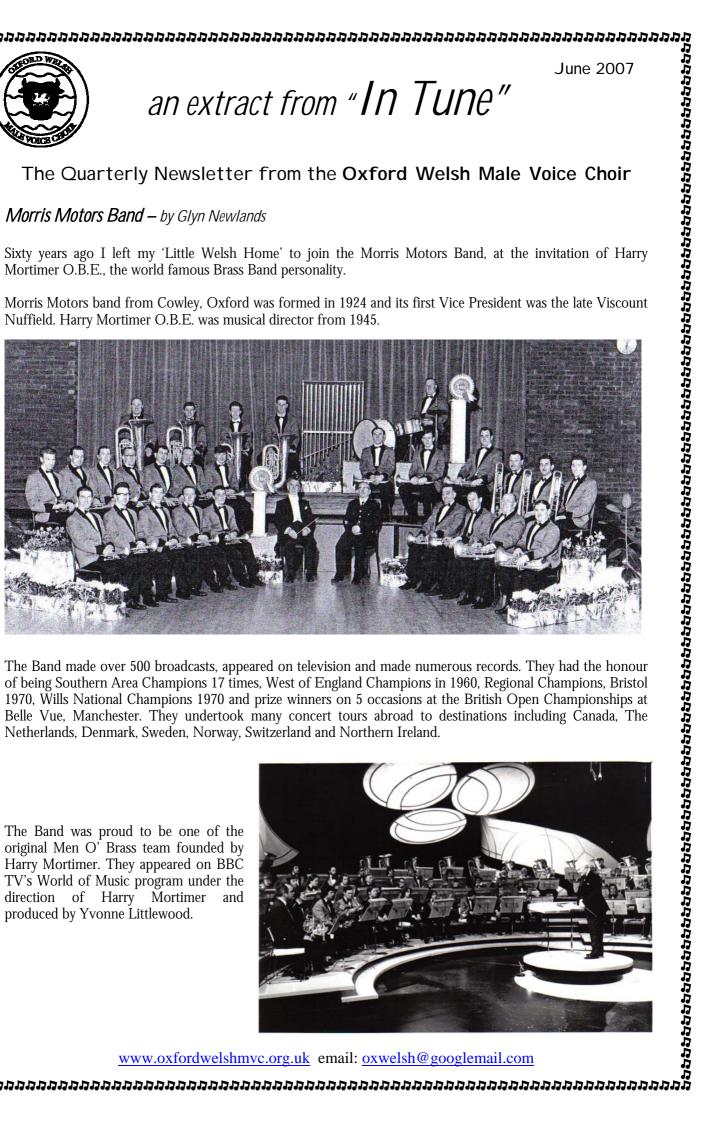


Morris Motors Band – by Glyn Newlands

Sixty years ago I left my 'Little Welsh Home' to join the Morris Motors Band, at the invitation of Harry Mortimer O.B.E., the world famous Brass Band personality.

Morris Motors band from Cowley, Oxford was formed in 1924 and its first Vice President was the late Viscount Nuffield. Harry Mortimer O.B.E. was musical director from 1945.



The Band made over 500 broadcasts, appeared on television and made numerous records. They had the honour of being Southern Area Champions 17 times, West of England Champions in 1960, Regional Champions, Bristol 1970, Wills National Champions 1970 and prize winners on 5 occasions at the British Open Championships at Belle Vue, Manchester. They undertook many concert tours abroad to destinations including Canada, The Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Northern Ireland.

The Band was proud to be one of the original Men O' Brass team founded by Harry Mortimer. They appeared on BBC TV's World of Music program under the direction of Harry Mortimer produced by Yvonne Littlewood.



The Brass Quarter and Solo Championships of Creat Britain, one of the major events in the British Brass Band calendar, were permoted by the band.

The band had an extensive repertoire and possessed one of the finest music libraries in the country.

The band appared at the Royal Albert Hall on 27 occasions including Six Arithur Blass. Six Malcolm Sargent and Imogen Holst.

We were always in demand and had to ravel certensively, mostly at weekends. The Company built two craches for the Band. I remember travelling to a private crack rane to the rescue, but were late for rehearsal with the BBC Concert Orrhestra who were not very pleased!

Over the years they played at concerts which included Malo Voice Choirs, Mortson Orpheus, Rolls Royave with Owen Branningan, Lankey MVC. Sheffield MVC. Dyffryn Tywl. Postlardulais and Rossentalia MVC.

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