

# About Sue

Back in 19 something or other I joined Dunchurch Silver Band, as it was known back then. I went because my cousin played the trombone! I started in the Junior Band on a cornet.

I moved on to playing the flugelhorn before trying & really enjoying, the sound and feel of playing the tenor horn. A “middle of the band” instrument, it produces a lovely, rich and mellow sound. I took over teaching the Dunchurch Silver Band, Junior Band until the juniors progressed to the Senior Band. Encouraging the youngsters to improve and gain confidence in their abilities was an incredible experience.

I continued playing with Dunchurch Silver Band for many years in the solo horn position and have a lot of happy memories of that time. We entered Area Competitions for many years doing very well as a third section band and entertaining crowds at local fetes, church services, joining with the West Midlands Police Band playing at the Royal Stoneleigh Showground and leading the Dunchurch Fete procession from the junior school around the village to the sports field.

I joined Dunchurch Band in the spring of 2024 after a break of a lot of years! After a few months playing the cornet with the main band (and trying the trombone and baritone with the Training Band), the opportunity to join the tenor horn section came up just before Christmas last year. I’ve been made welcome with no pressure from anyone in the band.

I don’t have a music degree and have never studied any form of music, I don’t compose or arrange music, but I enjoy playing it and when I get it right it’s a great feeling! A real sense of achievement!! It’s not about being musically clever, it’s about having a go and enjoying yourself!! I would say to anyone wanting to see what playing a brass instrument is like to come along and just have a go. You’ve nothing to lose!!!