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Newtown (Mid Wales) March and Open Air Contest 2018

Newtown Silver Band, together with Newtown Carnival Trust would like to invite your band to its seventh March and Open Air Contest in Newtown, Powys, on

Sunday 10th June 2018

Bands will be asked to perform the following:

1. **A Quick March along High Street, Newtown**, from the Town Clock through the Memorial Gates into the Town Hall grounds. High Street will be closed to traffic for the duration of the event. This part of the contest will be judged by a department/presentation judge.

2. **Bands will then perform, within the Town Hall grounds (suggested playing time: 15 minutes):**
 - a. An own-choice hymn tune from the red 120 Hymn Book (2 verses)
 - b. An own-choice Quick March.
 - c. An own-choice entertainment piece.

The Music Adjudication will be closed. Bands please provide a score/solo cornet part for the music adjudicator.

The competition will be for bands graded in the first, second, third and fourth sections nationally, non-registered bands, youth bands – 21 years and under (can include **five** adult players), and training bands (to include a maximum of **five** experienced / registered players). There will be no contest signature forms or registration cards required and bands may borrow up to **four** players from another band; maximum number of players per band not to exceed 35 players. We endeavour to ensure fair play for all competing bands!

The programme timings will be announced at a later date.

Prizes

1st Prize: Trophy plus £300

2nd Prize: Trophy plus £200

3rd Prize: Trophy plus £100

Department Prize: Trophy plus £100.00

Soloist Award: Trophy plus £50.00

Other prizes: Best Non-Registered Band; Best Youth Band; Best Training Band (not in main prizes)

Judges decisions will be final.

Entry Fee for the whole event will be £30.00. Cheques to be made payable to **Newtown (Mid Wales) March and Open Air Contest Account** Please find an Entry Form attached.

Entries should be received by Wednesday **2nd May 2018**. The Draw will take place in Newtown Silver Band Headquarters next to the bus station. There is a large public car park for cars and coaches nearby.

We hope to welcome your musical contribution to the continuing success of this venture in Mid-Wales.

For any enquiries please contact David Evans, Chair NSB (contact details at top of letter)