

# Mount Charles Band

## Press Release



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### **Badge is recruited to become new MD at Mount Charles**

The Mount Charles Band has announced the appointment of Simon Badge as their new Musical Director.

Simon, a serving Royal Marine, has been playing Eb bass with the band over the last 12 months and has already enjoyed taking a number of rehearsals.

Band Chairman Derek Thomas told 4BR: *"We have all been impressed by Simon's drive, energy and musicality in his rehearsals and the results that he has been achieving. We are also delighted to bring some stability to the band with this appointment given that we have been without a full time MD for some time. Simon brings with him a wealth of experience and enthusiasm and that unmistakable motivation to succeed associated with the Royal Marines."*

Simon is also looking forward to the challenge as he added: *"We have some really exciting projects and plans for the coming 12 months, including numerous concerts and important contests such as Yeovil, the West of England Area and the Grand Shield."*

Two player positions have already been filled with the return of Martin Sanders on solo trombone and the arrival of Alister Berry on percussion, which follow on from the appointment of Jeremy Taylor and Jackie Berry on euphonium.

Derek Thomas added: *'As we always have been, and always will be, we're really committed to developing younger players, as well as welcoming experienced players. We appreciate and relish the challenges of performing at the highest possible level, whilst enjoying the work that it takes to do so to create a great team. There are great opportunities for all players, whether currently playing or thinking of dusting down their mouthpiece. We have some really good ideas for smaller ensemble work to give further variety and playing enjoyment and feel this will prove to be a really productive, enjoyable and unusual aspect of playing for the band. We look forward to welcoming new players in the near future.'*

**The band is currently looking to fill a number of vacancies within the playing ranks and would welcome anyone interested in performing with the band to make contact, through the website or in person.**