

## Ponteland Partnership Community Band



Last year 30<sup>th</sup> April saw the launch of the Ponteland Community Band. This is an exciting new community venture which showcases the talents of the people in the local community and surrounding areas. The Community Band is the brainchild of Madeline Garside from the County Music Service and is sponsored by Ponteland Extended Services and Ponteland Community High School. The intention of the band was to bring together musicians of all ages, from the Ponteland areas, who have reached grade 3 and above. The band has now exceeded 40 members.

Already, they have successfully played at Alnwick Gardens, Dobbies at Christmas, Ponteland Party in the Park and have been asked to demonstrate their talents again this year at various venues.

The band includes saxophone players, flutists, a percussionist, clarinet players, an excellent pianist and we even have a trombone player. It is being conducted by Alastair Lord, a composers and trumpet player of note.