

Dance Hall Days 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rjma6AGWhal&feature=youtu.be>

[Video of British flag waving on a flag pole alongside the room of a building with the text Durham Brass in front of this video image]

[Background sound of brass music]

[Video of a flyer on a notice board reading "Durham Brass Festival Performance 'Dance Hall Days' today at 2.p.m All welcome]

[Video of young people on stage playing brass instruments and a crowd full of elderly people dancing to this. The video then moves to a close up of Michelle Kindleyside with a Durham Brass blue banner on the screen reading her name and job title]

[Michelle Kindleyside] So, my name's Michelle Kindleysides and I'm the head of health and wellbeing here at Beamish and we run a programme of activities for older people and people living with dementia and other long term health conditions. Our part in today has been to work with. The Durham Brass Festival and we've been working with some of our participants to hear their memories and their wonderful stories from the: 1940's the 1950's about when they used to go to dance halls.

[Video of a young man and young woman performing, dancing and making announcements]

[Video of couples dancing in front of a stage filled with young people playing brass instruments and elderly people sat at tables with cups of tea, all smiling]

[Video of Brian Pearson sat amongst other elderly people in the dance hall smiling, singing and clapping along]

[Video of Brian Pearson and Linda Marshall sat on deck chairs in a garden area with a Durham Brass blue banner on the screen reading their names followed by 'Dance Hall Participants']

[Brian Pearson] If there's music on I'll get up and dance I used to get wrong off my wife [pause] bless her. Can you not shut up five minutes? Because I sang and I still do don't I?

[Linda Marshall] Yeah

[Brian Pearson] And that song in there got two of us crying because it was Scarlett Ribbons.

[Brian Pearson] She wouldn't go to bed until I'd sang that at night as a lullaby. [Pause] Isn't that right?

[Linda Marshall] That's right that yeah.

[Video of the young man singing scarlet ribbons into a microphone]

[Video of Kylie Lloyds comes onto the screen. It is a close up of her with a Durham Brass blue banner on the screen reading her name followed by her job title]

[Kylie Lloyd] My name's Kylie Lloyd I'm the community arts manager for the Durham County Council and as part of my role I work on the festivals programme. So today I've been producing this event for the brass festival [pause] I think this project is really lovely because it is truly intergenerational.

[Video of a young man and young woman dancing]

[Video of a young woman placing a napkin over her hand]

[Kylie Lloyd] So we've worked with older people to collect their memories about the 1940's, 50's and dance hall days when they were 15, 16, 17 and then we've created a song list and that song list has gone to young musician. So [pause] 16,17,18 years olds today who are playing the songs back for the older people and I think there's something really important in that about the role that music plays in people's lives. Erm that it is such an important emotional thing and that even though the style of music might change, the fact that [pause] Music is important remains the same.

[Video of a group of elderly people dancing to brass music]

[Video of the brass band on stage and a clapping audience]

[Michelle Kindleyside] I think music plays a really really important role in our lives and it's one of those things that we don't realise maybe at the time. But as you can see today [pause when you hear music that you've not heard for years and years. So many memories come back and it's not memories that you maybe think about all the time but they're still there and even if you've got dementia. Those memories are still there and sometimes it's just finding that trigger and very often music is that trigger.

[Video shows elderly people dancing in the hall and sitting down at tables with cups of tea]

[Video of a young woman singing and dancing at front of the dance hall]

[Michelle Kindleyside] It's all around us it's songs that we hear on the radio. Songs that we had at our wedding, our birthday parties and it can still bring back so many lovely memories for people.

[Video is back to Brian Pearson and Linda Marshall sat on deck chairs in a garden area]

[Linda Marshall] It was nice to be able to get up and dance wasn't it? Do the twist. You've still got it

[Brian Pearson] Wey Aye.

[Closing text on blue slide shows the Durham County Council logo and a logo showing that the Durham Brass is Supported using public funding by Arts Council England which is National Lottery funded]