

Rothwell Temperance Band – Malta Tour 2016

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In May, Rothwell Temperance Band returned from a very successful tour of the Maltese Islands. The band has strong longstanding links with the Imperial Band of Mellieħa who invited them to the islands and arranged their concerts.



The first of these was on the island of Gozo and took place in the ancient Citadel before an enthusiastic audience which included the Minister for Gozo, The Hon. Dr Anton Refalo and The Parliamentary Secretary for Rights of Persons with Disability and Active Aging, The Hon. Dr Justyne Caruana.



The second was in the Anglican Cathedral in the Capital Valetta before an international audience, many of whom had not heard a Brass Band before and were captivated by the elegant performances of the soloists and gave the band a rapturous reception.

The last was an outdoor concert in a packed square in Mellieħa itself where the band received a standing ovation.

During the week - long tour the Imperial Band had organized a formal dinner and reception in their wonderful Band Club at which presents were exchanged to mark the visit. The meal was cooked and served at the Band Club which is open to the public for food and drink all day. The band gave an open rehearsal which was well attended and were given a conducted tour of this spectacular Club.



When they were not actually playing the band members and their young families had plenty of time to spend with their hosts on the beautiful beach to be found in Mellieħa Bay. Band members and supporters had a wonderful time and plans are already afoot for another visit probably in 2018 when Valletta becomes the European Capital City of Culture.

