MANNINGHAM Concert Band members are as diverse in background as they are in age and yet, according to president Rachael D’Rozario, they are all in tune with each other.

“When we have our coffee breaks, we all mingle,” the French horn player said.

“We’re all there to learn how a band works and help contribute to the community. “We have a large diversity of members who come from a variety of professions. What brings us together is our passion for music.”

The band is holding its annual open rehearsal on Tuesday, February 19, searching for keen musicians who want to develop their skills. The band’s performances include Anzac Day, citizenship ceremonies and the Manningham Carols by Candlelight.

The band was formed in 1974 and there are 66 volunteer members.

The flute and saxophone section are full, but there are vacancies for other instruments.

Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments to the open rehearsal at The Pines Learning and Activity Centre, 520 Blackburn Rd, Doncaster East, at 7.45 p.m. Details: manninghamband@hotmail.com