



Season 2019/2020

THE NEW HERALD

Newsletter of the

CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND



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WELCOME to a **new band season** and the first issue of Volume 2 of Your **NEW HERALD**. I hope you all had a fantastic summer break and as the nights draw in and the summer recedes, we look forward to brightening things up with a busy autumn / winter programme. Please note the **calendar dates** and update your availability on our notice board. Besides our Autumn and Winter **Calendar Dates** this issue will also provide you with a **Committee Update, Music Matters**, a look back at our **Summer Concert** and much more. Thanks for reading, Rob

Your View's Matter & Committee Updates: Last issue we updated on feedback submitted on questionnaires relating to **Rehearsals, Music** and associated comments in the **Coda** section. We met again on **9th September** and discussed findings and comments from the remaining sections covering, **Communications, Engagements** and **Recruitment / Sustainability**. Brief summary highlights on Comms and Engagements are as follows with feedback on Recruitment and Sustainability set to be detailed in the next issue. **Thanks once again for helping shape our future development and direction:**

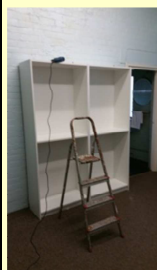


1. **Member Communications (section 3): 24 comments in total 92% positive**

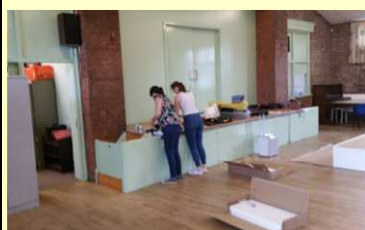
- Several favourable comments regarding **YOUR newsletter** – *Thank you*
- **Notice board** – could be kept better updated – *hopefully you will have noticed this is now the case and we also have an additional notice board in the band room too.*
- Positive feedback on the **Facebook Group** in general although the Facebook page requires updating
- Generally positive comments regarding the **Website** – see over page for more on summer improvements
- Recognising good communications are essential in all organisations, it is pleasing to note that our various outlets are now much more consistent with each other and on the whole, provide options which cover all our membership preferences. *However, we won't be complacent and will always look to improve.*

2. **Band Engagements & Other Events -Current and Future (section 4): 12 comments in total**

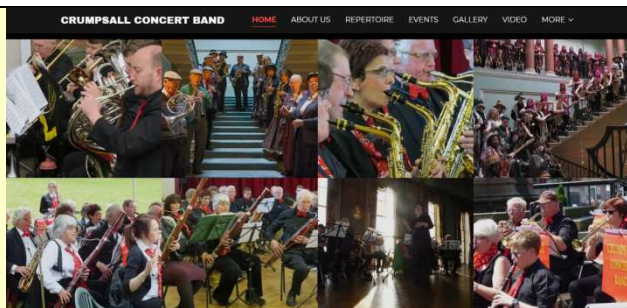
- Unanimously favourable comments in respect of our regular annual cycle of community focussed engagements. *A positive endorsement thank you*
- **Futures** – summary of responses (**watch this space for the development of future options 😊**):
 - a) Collaborations (other bands / choirs): YES: **9**, NO: **0**, Maybe: **0**
 - b) Master classes / Play days / Workshops: YES: **7**, NO: **0**, Maybe: **0**
 - c) Competitions / Contests (one and max 2 per year): YES: **4**, NO: **1**, Maybe: **1**
 - d) Make a recording (maybe audio / visual or just audio): YES: **3**, NO: **0**, Maybe: **1**
 - e) Other events such as playing near & far: YES: **5**, NO: **0**, Maybe: **0**



Band Room(s) Update - As a committee, we planned the look and feel of the new space we now occupy and over the summer we had a busy time getting the room as ready as possible for the start of the new season. I am sure you will acknowledge it's now looking the part and please join me in thanking **Stuart** and **Sue** for sourcing the **Billy Bookcases** to house our music library, **Karen** and **Victoria** for helping me fit out the room and in particular for clearing and sorting our downstairs storage. Also to **Bernard** for coming in over the summer to sort out the drum kit. We now have a fully functioning, aesthetically



pleasing space that can also double as a rehearsal room for sectional break outs and committee meetings as required. Thanks to **Sue**, our librarian, who is now beginning to populate the shelves in a structured way; a long job but one that will serve us well going forward. Please help us keep the room tidy. Thanks



Website Update: Brilliant work by **Stuart** over the summer in arranging the change to a new host and securing our original site for archive purposes; whilst simultaneously sorting out the fantastic new look and feel of our website. **Thanks Stuart** and please all take a look when you get chance and feedback any comments / suggestions as we constantly look to keep our communication channels as accessible as possible. www.crumpsallconcertband.co.uk



MUSICAL MATTERS: Since we returned selecting new music for our pads for rehearsing **Christmas music** and into a selection for our

in support of **Tangled Dance Company**; this year's In recognition of preferences revealed in our **Phantom of the Opera** makes a return to the more to follow. Prior to the summer break for members to bring back post cards travels that would then brighten up coming darker nights. Thanks to **Julie** bringing in a post card memento of her North Yorkshire Moors Railway; appropriate At our last committee meeting on 9th September, a view to a potential collaboration and play and premiere. The composer, **Gregory Harper**, was genuinely excited at the prospect and has gone away to draft some ideas. More on this enticing opportunity in future issues, as ideas develop.



from our summer break Rosie has kept Sue busy the new season. We have even started **Harry Potter's Wondrous World** to work December performances at Ordsall Hall theme being **Magic and Christmas**.



questionnaire, pad and there will be an idea was floated from their summer notice board for the **Thompson** for and Mary's trip to **Hogwarts Castle** on the with **Harry Potter** magically appearing in our pads. Nicky arranged for a guest composer to attend with commissioning of a special suite exclusively for us to

A LOOK BACK - SUMMER CONCERT 20TH JULY 2019: A great way to end the season and thanks



to everyone who was able to play and for our guest Euphonium player **Tom Rose** (Trisha's son) who stood in for regular Euph player **Tim Diesner** who had an impeccable excuse for missing the concert: **Congratulations to Tim & Mark** on their wedding (*pic below*) which took place on the day of the concert.

Best wishes to you both for your future happiness from all your friends in the band. The set up and clear down after the concert was very slick and thanks to all for a great team effort in this regard. Many hands..... As the last strains of *Instant Concert* melted into the enthusiastic applause at the end of our concert, thoughts turned to the following Wednesday and thanks to Nicky for once again organising our end of term social and to all those who were able to attend the meal at Croma.



Uniform Update: As mentioned in the last issue, the splendid uniform pin badge has now arrived and if you have not yet collected your complementary one to be worn on shirts / blouses at concerts going forward, please see Stuart. Big thanks to Stuart for sourcing these and if you want to buy a second badge for non uniform general use or as a keepsake, please see Stuart whilst stocks last. Guidance on positioning of the badge will be provided in advance of our next gig. Thanks

AUTUMN / WINTER TERM CALENDAR DATES 2019 – PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIARIES & NOTICE BOARD CHART – THANK YOU

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Sat 16/11/19	Autumn Concert, (Evening) Here at the Parish Hall	More details next issue
Sat 30/11/19	Christmas Fair – Methodist Church Crumpsall	More details next issue
Sun 01/12/19	Christmas Fair – Herristone Park	More details next issue
Sat 14/12/19	Tangled Dance Co Christmas Show – Ordsall Hall	Timings next issue (3 slots)
Sun 15/12/19	Tangled Dance Co Christmas Show – Ordsall Hall	Timings next issue (3 slots)
Wed 18/12/19	Band Festive Social (last rehearsal Wed 11/12/19)	Details to be confirmed
Thu 19/12/19	Community Carol Service – Methodist Church	More details next issue