

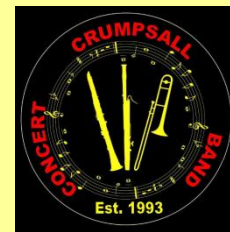


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THE NEW HERALD

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WELCOME to the latest issue of your New Herald; the fifth lockdown issue and just when we thought things were getting better, with the general easing of restrictions from 4th July, we receive news that **from today** they are being tightened once again across GM, East Lancs and parts of West Yorks. Clearly, COVID 19 continues to affect many aspects of our lives and banding remains no exception unfortunately. We continue to await the outcome of pressure from the **Musicians Union** in conjunction with **international studies** relating to the safe playing of brass and woodwind instruments. At that point, we may be given an amber light for planning a resumption of rehearsals in the knowledge they won't be as they were before? The health and safety of members, being paramount, we will collectively come up with a safe way to move forward when the time is right I'm sure. **Next Wed', 5th August, 7pm, we will hold another general meeting via Zoom focussing again on planning for a return to rehearsals and continued working towards a late summer concert** 😊. Again, it's a meeting you won't want to miss and for those that can't attend, we'll ensure you receive all the details. **See joining details** in the calendar dates over page. We will have a zoom break after the general meeting for a couple of weeks and resume them on 26th August. As ever this is a packed issue and hope you enjoy the read; thank you and all the very best. **Yours in Banding, Rob**

IN THIS ISSUE: A message from our conductor; Music Matters; welcome to a new member; our banding heritage Part 4; Tribute to Ian (Rocky) Stewart; CCB Social notices & news & Calendar Datesenjoy the read and thanks.

A MUSICAL MESSAGE FOR THESE TIMES FROM OUR CONDUCTOR: ALAN COTTRILL.

Hello Everyone, hope you are all keeping well and staying safe as times gradually change. Hopefully, it may not be too long before we can realistically meet up and rehearse together towards a concert, maybe even with an audience, taking into account following necessary distancing/ safety rules. If, like us, you are feeling a little daunted by playing for a full rehearsal then it may help to prepare yourself in a positive way. Perhaps give your instrument a good clean and polish and clear out any rubbish from your case. Set yourself up with an area to practise where you can leave everything out and ready. Plan short practice sessions (15/20 mins) including long note playing, perhaps a couple of scales, a bit of a study, a piece you enjoy. If you have a go and are not 'feeling it' don't get frustrated, just come back to it later. Listen to some instrumental music that you enjoy to inspire you. Above all, look forward to seeing likeminded friends knowing that we will find a way all in good time! **Have a great summer, Alan**



MUSIC MATTERS: INCLUDING RECORDING PROJECT LATEST:

At our last general zoom meeting on 8th July, we premiered our third lockdown recording '**A Welsh Rhapsody**' (arr Clare Grundman) pictured left. Big thanks to all who took part and to our production team of **Stuart and Joe** for bringing it all together so well. As a group we decided that our next recording would be '**When the Stars Began to Fall**' (arr Fred J Allen) and today, 31st July, is the deadline for submitting your video recordings via the usual routes. Good luck everyone and we may be in a position to premiere WTSBTF at next Wednesday's general meeting? Hope you can all join us on zoom at 7pm.



Recently, our Honorary President, **Derek Farnell**, pictured near left being COVID safe, has donated further parts & scores of music for our use, a set of music stands suitable for rehearsals and yesterday, a selection of books and studies that will be available for borrowing to support current / aspiring music students young and older alike. Including those pictured far left, an

assortment of books now reside on one of our shelves in the band room and when we get back to rehearsals please see me if you find anything of interest and wish to borrow a book. To support this longer term, anyone wishing to volunteer as a curator & librarian for the books please let me know. Anyone who wishes to donate similar to our fledgling reference library, all material would be gratefully received. Every day's a school day! Big thanks to **Derek and Amy** for donating this initial batch of valuable reference material. RF



WELCOME TO CORNET PLAYER JOHN MILLS: John joined the band in lockdown on 1st July 2020 having been an excellent player in his younger days but not playing a cornet or trumpet since 1992. I have known John since we were in cubs and scouts together at St Matthew's Parish Hall in the 70's. We played bugle and cornet together in the **Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band** in the late 1970's and were fellow cornet players in the **Moston Brook High School Band** between 1976 and 1981; **John being Principal Cornet** and pictured right on the 2nd row with me on the far end of the same row. We reunited briefly in the early 90's through the chromatic section of the Scout & Guide Band (John pictured below between Mandy Burke



[then Fullen] and me, Christmas 1990) and afterwards only for John to call me recently After such a long break, John no longer had cornet and after 'fettling' it up, was pleased and sign him up to the band. On behalf of the goes without saying that it's never too late to be honoured to be able to join us, is really have reassured him that we are a friendly



sadly lost touch shortly to ask if there was any chance of getting involved at the CCB. an instrument of his own so we agreed to loan him a band to meet John, safely, on 1st July to pass the instrument over CCB I wish John a successful reintroduction to banding and it start playing again. Like the rest of us, John, who feels looking forward to when we can get back to rehearsals and I bunch and will help him to settle in as quickly as possible. RF

CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND – BAND HERITAGE SERIES PART 4: 1950's CONTINUED



Last issue we majored on the 42nd Manchester Boys Brigade Band, a major force in local banding up to the 1980's but a local rival to that claim from 1951 – 1963, was the flourishing 199th Scout Group Brass Band based just a mile or so from where we practice today, up in Blackley Village. Back in June 1951 the 209th Scout Band (Crumpsall Park Methodist) used the services of a 199th lead Cornet Player, Skip Roberts, at a NW Region Scout garden party held in Wild boar Clough as detailed in part 2 of this series, issue 9. However, this appears to be where the link between the Crumpsall and Blackley Bands severed, although in the 1980's some key members of the 199th Scout Group joined the 434th Crumpsall Methodist Venture Scout Unit and one in particular, Ian Burke, became an important member of the Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band and founder member



of our band on Tuba back in 1993. Ian is pictured on Tuba in the picture at the bottom of page 1 (to the right of the drum kit) with the Scout & Guide Band's chromatic group in December 1990. In homage to the now defunct 199th Scout Group and its band and thanks to research by a former member who was there at the time, Mr Bob Bibby, I am pleased to feature their contribution to local banding at the height of their powers through to their banding demise in the early 60's. The 199th Scout Group Brass Band, formed in the mid-1920s and having had a break during and immediately after WWII, restarted in 1951 under the leadership of Group Scout Master, Bandmaster & Conductor, Ray Kenderdine, pictured top left circa 1955 two behind the young scout in the dark jacket, Bob Bibby. Behind Ray was side drummer Alan Matthews, a shoe repairer by trade, of Cecil Avenue, Blackley. The band was in great demand for not only traditional parades as pictured above, but also for shows and concerts. Bob distinctly remembers playing at the Ardwick Hippodrome for the 1956 Gang Show. By 1963 the band, at its zenith, came into conflict with the wider scout group as being too dominant (parallels to the CSGB in 1993 which directly led to the formation of our band) and the band folded with Ray Kenderdine and many of the senior and better players leaving to join the Irwell Forge Brass Band in Bury which later became Airtours Brass Band, Haslingden; both bands long since consigned to the pages of history. Thanks again to Bob for his research to support this chapter. In Part 5, we finish our look at the 1950's and once again pick up the story of our central character in this series, Derek Farnell as he underwent his National Service, came home and got married to Amy. We also discover what his close friend and fellow bandsman Clifford Bevan got up to when he too left Crumpsall. Both carried on their involvement with music whilst locally, bands prepared to move into the 1960's. Thanks for reading. RF

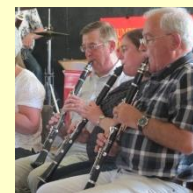
REMEMBERING IAN (ROCKY) STEWART.



Sadly, on 1st July 2020, after suffering a stroke, Ian passed away and our thoughts and condolences extend to his wife Marilyn, their wider family and friends from in and around the CCB at this difficult time. Ian, pictured left playing saxophone in the CCB Trad Band that used to meet pre main band on a Wednesday, was mainly recognised for playing the clarinet with distinction. Ian was a regular member of the band between 2009 and 2015 but, having played alongside Derek in the GMP Band for many years, often deputised with our band when needed from the 1990's to him becoming a regular in 2009. One such 'dep' appearance was in one of our most prestigious concerts





when we played as warm up to the Royal Liverpool Phil' in Longford Park, Chorlton in August 2002. There have been some lovely comments and memories penned by members of our band who played with and knew Ian very well and these have been compiled and forwarded to Marilyn (thanks Nicky) who in turn has really appreciated all condolences and fond recollections. Ian pictured top right on the right at Herristone Park 16th June 2013 and with Alan and Nicky at the Michael Kahan Music Day 2014.



CCB SOCIALS, NOTICES & NEWS

Once again, thanks to Julie for convening our weekly gatherings via zoom and back on 1st July Nicky organised a Generation Game Conveyor Belt style game where up to 20 miscellaneous items were passed across the screen and those watching had to remember as many as possible. A real memory test and in the 3 rounds Nicky, Stuart, Victoria & Rob tended to have the best recall. A week later was our last general meeting of course and on the 15th July, Doug, a retired High School Spanish teacher, treated us too stories from his teaching days before launching into a Spanish song 'Isabel' encouraging us to join in the chorus with a warning for a passionate Isabel to calm her feelings..... I'm sure Doug will enlighten you if encouraged 😊 On 22nd July, Victoria organised a 3 round quiz won by Stuart with Andrew finishing second and Sue and Sarah joint third. Thanks to Nicky, Doug and Victoria for providing the content against a usual backdrop of banter, updates and wheelie bin news..... don't ask 😊 and for everyone who has joined in this past month. All welcome. **CHANGE OF NAME FOR THE PARISH HALL:** Earlier this month, whilst corresponding with St Matthew's Priest in Charge, Daniel Valentine, we were informed that the Parish Hall has recently changed its name to **Crumpsall Community Hall** and Daniel is coordinating a funding bid to support significant improvements to the hall in order to place it front and centre of community activity within the area. To support this bid, Daniel has asked for any photos and recollections of events and activities in the former parish hall from down the years and please email any you have to me at r.fullen23@gmail.com in the first instance at your soonest opportunity as the bid deadline is looming. Thank you. Rob

CALENDAR DATES – (PLEASE NOTE: ZOOM GATHERINGS EACH WEDNESDAY AT 7PM EXCEPT 12th & 19th AUG ALL WELCOME)

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Wed 05/08/2020	CCB General Meeting via Zoom at 7pm. Link as follows: https://zoom.us/j/97067958074 Meeting Password: 760690	Open to all members & would be great to see you all to discuss current topics / future plans such as a potential for a late summer concert!
Sat 15/08/2020	 VJ Day 75 th Anniversary commemoration / celebration – National event for trumpeters.	Restrictions permitting, our Trumpet Section will be looking to come together safely to play last post & reveille (11am) and sunset (8.18pm)
Wed 26/08/2020	After a two week break we are back to regular zoom gatherings at 7pm. Use the same link and password as above.	Not a general meeting as such on this Wednesday but definitely a good one to attend for reasons that will become apparent!
Sun 13/09/2020	 Summer Festival that we have been asked to take part in; probably virtually. More details to follow.	Similar to the CCF Spring Fling, we will aim to put together a small virtual performance based around our latest available recordings.

Summer Memories: Thanks to all who have so far shared pictures of moments of summer escapism whether that be a meal in a favourite restaurant, a visit to see family and friends or other 'staycations'. I was beaten for space this issue but hope to devote a section to all the best pics and stories behind them in the final Issue of Volume 2 due 26th August. Keep 'em coming. Thank you, Rob