



Season 2019/2020

# THE NEW HERALD

Newsletter of the



## CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND



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**WELCOME** to Your **NEW HERALD**, the penultimate issue of 2019, which will include a music update, a Remembrance Reflective, previews of imminent festive gigs, new recruit welcome including a special welcome from our Founder, Derek Farnell, Calendar Dates and much more. As a Committee, we met after rehearsal last week to discuss updating and developing key policies and we are putting out an appeal for band First Aiders. Anyone qualified or lapsed and interested please let a committee member know at your soonest convenience. Refresher training will be considered. Thanks as ever for reading. Enjoy, Rob



### Facebook best post: **F**rom Kathryn Burke after our rehearsal last week:

Great Rehearsal tonight! Still some work to be done for our upcoming gigs but you are sounding fab. Myself and Joseph are really pleased with how it's all going. See you next week!

### IN AND AROUND THE BAND.....

**NEW CONDUCTOR:** I hope you all enjoyed the half term break at the end of last month and it was good to get back into action last week as we begin gearing up for this traditionally busy time of the year for all bands after which we look forward to welcoming our new conductor, **Alan Cottrill**, who has recently confirmed he is good to join us from **8<sup>th</sup> January 2020**, our first rehearsal back after the festive break. Alan will be dropping into our rehearsal on 27<sup>th</sup> November for a meet and greet and he may also be able to introduce some new recruits to our ranks when he comes along in the new year? **Further updates ahead of Alan taking up post will be included in our festive issue due out 11th December.**

**INTERIM ARRANGMENTS:** Ahead of Alan joining us early next year, as you know **Kathryn** (Kate) and **Joseph** (Joe) are alternating rehearsals although there maybe some weeks when both are able to help out. After taking us through **Harry's (Potter) Wondrous World** last week, both are pictured with crossed wands by our notice board ready to work us hard after our brief break. Thanks once again to both of you for helping us out in this key capacity for the next few key weeks.



**NEW MEMBER WELCOME:** Following a recent email enquiry picked up by Committee member **Nicky Kay**, we are delighted to welcome flautist **Sarah Glenister** to the band. **Sarah**, pictured left with **Nicky** in the band room last week, is shown clutching our first ever **Welcome Pack** which was only formally signed off by the Committee a few days earlier. The pack contains lots of useful background history and day to day information to help new members settle in better and my thanks to the entire flute section for helping Sarah settle so well at her first rehearsal last week. You are proper outnumbered now John!!! **Derek Farnell, our Founder** has penned a formal welcome to all new recruits that features on the front page of our welcome pack and it's sentiment is equally pertinent for all members as well as new recruits: Derek's welcome is faithfully reproduced below:



### WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER: DEREK FARNELL

In advance of my retirement as Band Master of the Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band in 1993, I knew there were some real possibilities for further building the musical and banding legacy in our area. Along with Rob and other key members of the CSGB Leadership Team at that time, we set about establishing the Crumpsall Marching Band in the summer of 1993. The band undertook marching and concert engagements in the early years and evolved organically into the concert band format that you have recently joined. Having retired as Band Master and Conductor of CCB in 2012 I have remained a supporter of the band and am proud of the legacy the band continues to develop, more than quarter of a century after it all began. I wish you and all new members to come, all the very best with the band and hope you feel able to contribute to building on the proud legacy of community music making in Crumpsall.

Enjoy, Welcome and Best Wishes, *Derek Farnell*, November 2019



**MUSICAL MATTERS:** The last couple of rehearsals have given all present an insight into the programme we are looking to play at the **Christmas Fair on 30<sup>th</sup> November** comprising a mix of non Festive and Christmas fayre. Featured recently have been Amparito Roca, Harry's Wondrous World, Queen on Stage and Scottish Salute whilst on the festive front Continental Christmas, Sleigh Ride and Kate's own combo arrangement weaving magic and festive together is also coming along nicely. One thing for sure is that our interim conducting duo will be testing us all the way to be the best we can be.



**LEST WE FORGET;** They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, **We will Remember them.**



**ROB'S REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY REFLECTIONS:** Always a poignant day, as all those who chose to observe and reflect will no doubt testify. For 38 consecutive years I have been honoured to play **Last Post** and following the silence, **Rouse** here in Crumpsall; mainly at the **Methodist Church**, but sometimes here at **St Matthew's** and



sometimes both, although not often as I couldn't be in both places at 11am! At our fledgling Band's first Remembrance Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 1993, I was joined by my Sister **Mandy** (above) as we played our bugles here at St Matthew's. Fast forward 26 years, to last Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Methodist Church and our bugle party comprised, for the

first time, uniformed representation from the **Crumpsall Concert Band** and **Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band**, entwined in common bonds of music making for approaching three decades. My eternal and grateful thanks (pictured to my right above) to daughter **Victoria**, and other mutual banding comrades past and present, **Les** and **Phil** from the CCB's trumpet section and **Eddie** and **Dave**, veteran buglers from the CSGB. Well played one and all, a fitting musical tribute on a beautifully crisp autumnal morning in 'sunny' Crumpsall. **We will Remember them.** RF

### GIG PREVIEWS:

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November:** (Full Band) **Christmas Fair – Methodist Church** – arrive by 10.30am so we can be ready to play at 11am with the Fair closing at 1pm. Please encourage as many friends and family to support not only the band but the event as a whole (organised by Victoria) and there will undoubtedly be some Festive goodies on sale that might help fill a stocking or two whilst avoiding the shopping centre madness and taking in some live music courtesy of the CCB. **PLEASE SEE POSTER ON OUR NOTICE BOARD FOR FULL DETAILS OF THE WIDER EVENT.**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> December:** (representative band) ready to play from 1pm (TBC) in Herristone Park a festive venue for the band over many years as we support the local community once again. Usually finished within the hour.

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Normal rehearsal (6.30 for a 7pm start) for all but a small group from the band who will be playing carols between 6pm and 7pm up at the Methodist Church where the lights on a Community Christmas Tree situated in MCC's grounds, will be switched on by the **Leader of Manchester City Council** and local resident **Sir Richard Leese**. Any band members not playing and who wish to **come and join the celebration** before heading to rehearsal, please feel free to lend your support and **you will find an event poster on our notice board.** Thank you.

### AUTUMN / WINTER TERM CALENDAR DATES 2019 –

#### PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIARIES & NOTICE BOARD CHART – THANK YOU

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Sat 30/11/19	Christmas Fair – Methodist Church Crumpsall	Full Band – see preview above
Sun 01/12/19	Christmas Fair – Herristone Park	Representative Band – see above
Wed 04/12/19	Community Christmas Tree Light Switch on (Quartet only)	Methodist Church – see above
Sat 14/12/19	Tangled Dance Co Christmas Show – Ordsall Hall	Timings 14:30, 16:30, 18:30 TBC
Sun 15/12/19	Tangled Dance Co Christmas Show – Ordsall Hall	Timings 16:30, 18:30, 20:30 TBC
Wed 18/12/19	Band Festive Social (last rehearsal Wed 11/12/19)	The Wilton, Rhodes, Middleton
Thu 19/12/19	Community Carol Service – Methodist Church	Full Band - More details to follow