



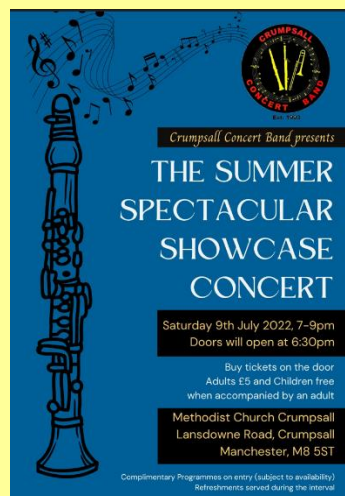
A Busy Busy June

Hello & Welcome to your June 2022 issue of the *New Herald*, coming at the end of our busiest month of banding in years. From the 1st to 30th June in my capacity of Chair with portfolio for Band Management, not a single day has passed without some action being required for the band. The month started with our first conductor audition on 1st June concluding today, 30th, with the publishing of this 'less is more' issue of Your newsletter. 'Honestly; I've loved every minute' 😊

In between we have held a further audition, analysed feedback, planned and executed 5 gigs in 4 weekends held an extra rehearsal and are now planning for our last two gigs of the season culminating in our **Spectacular Showcase Concert** to be held on 9th July. See Poster Right. I hope as many supporters as possible can attend this season climax and please spread the word.

Of course, whilst it has been a busy time personally, 'no one is an island' and special thanks go out to my **supportive committee colleagues**, our social media and publicity gurus, occasional musicians who have stepped in to help out, our two auditioned conductor candidates, logistics coordinators **Stuart F** and **Les**. My long suffering family support; **Karen and Victoria**, **Joe** for his fabulous stint as our conductor and programme planner for this term, and last but by no means least, **all fellow members** who have attended rehearsals, completed conductor feedback and turned out on the gigs. Give yourselves a pat on the back then steel yourself for the final push of our first full season since 2018/19. **Thanks for reading and for all your support.**

Yours in Banding, Rob



Included In This 'less is more' Issue:

Calendar Dates 2022; A Busy June in Pictures Band News, Views & Banter including a Conductor recruitment update, Welcomes, Stats, Community Corner and More. **Regular features and delayed articles will appear next issue!**

2022

Calendar Dates:

Every member counts, please save the dates; thank you

2022

DATE/TIMES	EVENT	NOTES
Sun 3 rd July 2022 Ready to play at 2pm	Herristone Park Summer Fair – 'Picnic in the Park' After a two year break the local summer fair is back 😊	Meet 1.30pm and we will be playing 2 half hour sets the first at or around 2pm as the fair opens and the 2 nd from 3.15pm. Full Uniform. Chairs provided
Sat 9 th July 2022 Meet 6pm Concert start 7pm	End of Season Summer Spectacular Showcase Concert The kickstart to our 30 th Anniversary season of celebrations Methodist Church Crumpsall.....spread the word !	Full band event, meeting at 6pm for a 7pm start. Assistance setting up during the afternoon would be appreciated please. Full details at rehearsals.
Wed 13 th July 2022 (evening)	Final Formal Rehearsal of our 2021/22 Season	Usual arrangements at our usual venue. Maybe a drink or two at the Woodthorpe afterwards too?
Wed 20 th July 2022 (evening)	End of Season Social – Croma , Prestwich In the week of our Band's 29th Birthday	Croma Restaurant, Prestwich. If you have not done so already, let Nicky know if you want to come along and the menu will be at rehearsals for the next few weeks to make your advanced selections.
Wed 27 th July – Wed 24 th Aug 2022 Times TBC.	Subject to Demand: Informal Summer rehearsals for anyone who wants to keep their hand in over the traditional summer break.	Organised & Conducted by Joe Atkinson and subject to demand, will commence on Wed 27 th July for 5 weeks to 24 th Aug. No rehearsal on 31 st .
Wed 7 th Sept 2022	Our first formal rehearsal of our 30th Anniversary Season	Usual time, sat down ready to play at 7.30pm
Sun 18 th Sept 2022 (afternoon)	Cheetham (& Crumpsall) Cultural Festival Curtain Raiser for our 2022/23 Season	Our first event of 2022/23 with times, venue and further details to be confirmed over the summer.

CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND – 'JUNE 2022 – A BUSY MONTH IN PICTURES'



Four weekends, Six band events commencing with an extra rehearsal on 4th June followed by:
A: A Crumpsall Jubilee Street Party, Kearsley Road – Sunday 5th
B: Coronation/ Jubilee Community Celebration, St Matthew's – Sunday 12th (a very windy one)
C: Bury Bandemonium, Kay Gardens, Bury – Saturday 18th
D: Crumpsall & Cheetham Model Allotments, 50th Anniversary – Saturday 25th
E: Prestwich Carnival, Centenary Event – Sunday 26th (another windy one)

Setlists left, with running orders devised by this term's conductor Joseph Atkinson. Cheers Joe.

If you were there - relive the moments and everyone regardless, please enjoy the following pictures courtesy of Karen & Barbara:

A. Kearsley Road, Crumpsall – Queen Elizabeth II - Platinum Jubilee Street Party – Sunday 5th June:



B. Crumpsall Coronation Community / Jubilee Fair, St Matthew with St Mary, Church Yard & Hall, Sunday 12th June 2022:



C. The 7th Bury Bandemonium, Kay Gardens, Bury Town Centre; Saturday 18th June 2022:



D. Crumpsall & Cheetham Model Allotments, 50th Anniversary Celebrations, Saturday 25th June 2022:



E. Prestwich Carnival Centenary Event; Sunday 26th June 2022:



CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND – 'BAND NEWS, VIEWS & BANTER...'

From CCB – Get wells & Very Best Wishes:

Good news that some of our walking wounded are seemingly on the road to recovery and after nearly 5 weeks in hospital **Derek Farnell** is now home and we may see him at a rehearsal before the end of the season? He thanks everyone for their best wishes. **Phil Hilton** is recovering too and hopes to be allowed to drive again soon following a recent op. It was great to see **Samantha Heywood**, out of hospital and watching us at Bandemonium and hopefully they too are the comeback trail, perhaps in time for early next season? Hopefully, **Abbie** is recovering post op and aiming to be back in September. Thoughts and best wishes are with you all and those who are awaiting procedures /still recovering from ailments. From all your friends in and around CCB; keep smiling folks 😊

STAT ATTACK – June 2022 Rehearsals - Facts & Figures and Instagram Stats:

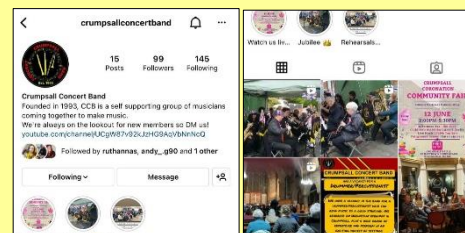
Date >>>	01/06	08/06	15/06	22/06	29/06	Average	Season High	
Attended >	24	24	22	24	25	24	29 (24 th Nov'21 & 19 th Mar '22)	
Individual musicians who have attended at least one rehearsal/event in June: 41							Season to date: 57	

Instagram Stats 2 months in:



Ruthanna joined our committee at our AGM back in April with a portfolio to enhance our social media presence and she promptly set up an Instagram account for the band which went live on 20th April. Thanks to Karen and others who provide regular content for Ruthanna to notate and publish to our site. In just over 2 months we have attracted **117 followers** from **5,377 individual accounts** which in turn have generated **6,328 views** of our videos. The most viewed video is

Lord of the Dance from our Spring Concert but, recently added *Eighties Flashback* played at Prestwich Carnival last week, has already received **415 views**. Many thanks Ruthanna and all who support the content. We will keep you updated with Stats each month. **Why not sign up, spread the word and support Ruthanna's work. Thanks**



CONDUCTOR UPDATE - Although not quite there we are hopefully getting closer:



Following a month of auditions, committee discussions, high quality member feedback and detailed analysis thereof I am pleased to report that, subject to some final analysis and discussions, we are close to making an announcement regarding a new Principal Conductor for the band. A change in such a pivotal position for any music ensemble is undoubtedly exciting for all parties but also, both will have apprehensions as we travel into new territory together. It is hoped that for all concerned, the settling in period will be a positive one and backed by our collective support and traditional friendly CCB welcome, I am sure it will be. **The successful candidate will take up post in September as we embark on our 30th season** and all members will be informed of any decision in the first instance. A full update will appear in the July issue of your New Herald. In the

meantime, any further queries or comments you wish to raise in confidence, or otherwise, for committee consideration please let me know. **In the meantime, continued thanks to Joe, (pictured from a conductor's eye view at Wednesday's rehearsal, 29th),** for keeping us in time throughout this extremely busy term. **Many thanks, Rob**

COMMUNITY CORNER - Cleaner Crumpsall Volunteers in action again – Sat 11th June 2022:



The CCB representative ranks (pictured left) were swelled by the debut of trumpeter **Les Payne** joining veterans **Barbara** and **Andrew Shaw** and 2nd-timer me on Saturday 11th June heading out from Crumpsall's Labour Club with 56 other volunteers to help make a positive difference to our local environment. Here's what Group Coordinator **Dave McDougall** posted the following day:

Hi all, what a fantastic turnout for our community litter pick yesterday. More than 60 people joined in with us and 60 bags of litter was collected. Big special thank you to Cravenwood school teacher and families who came to help, and to all regular supporters and the new people who came for the first time. It was a fantastic community effort and confirms to us that people do care about the environment and about Crumpsall. We are hoping to get more schools involved



and to cover more areas. Once again thank you to everyone involved in making it all possible. Great sandwiches and cakes were available in the Labour Club afterwards too and true to my word, I made sure I got Les a drink from the bar for making his debut. First, post-pick drink on me for any band members (past or present) debuting on the next pick, scheduled for sometime in September (date to be confirmed). Cheers, Rob 😊

A Warm CCB Welcome – to this month's New Recruits – Barbara, Craig & Poppy:



Barbara Shaw, Committee Colleague, re-joining our committee at April's AGM more than two decades after stepping down as the band's original Chair. However, this is a musical welcome having asked a keen Barbara to fill in as our percussionist (Tambourine) on the smaller band gigs (Street Party and Allotments) where we played without a conductor or regular percussion set up. Genuinely a valued contribution that kept us in time when playing the *Tunes & Toasts* repertoire. Thanks Barbara, welcome to the playing ranks, and there will be more sundry percussive opportunities moving forward for sure. We also welcome a former theatre pit percussionist **Craig Evans** to the band, but understandably, after two decades away from playing, Craig feels he's not ready to venture back behind a kit as yet. Instead, Craig, who first came along to rehearsal on 22nd June after following our progress, has offered his support with publicity, photography and behind the scenes administration etc, which is very much appreciated. Last week,



Craig also brought along his Springer Spaniel, Poppy, who loved the fuss her welcome attracted Potential band mascot there Craig?!? 😊

THE LAST BIT:

Vote of thanks – Committee Colleagues, Stuart F and family for providing us with gig shelters this month (something we need to invest in as a band), photographers and article contributors and all who make us what we are. **Forza CCB.**

Next Issue – Due late July, will include regular / delayed features, pics from our final gigs of the season, and hopefully that long awaited confirmation of a new Principal Conductor as we look ahead to 2022/23. We'll also include a proper thank you to those who have come in to help us out during this busy term, many being former CCB regulars such as Robbie, Charlotte, Dominic and Peter, and who will always be considered part of the CCB family. There have been more besides but for now though, thanks once again folks; your support is very much appreciated.

And Finally – You and Yours keep safe and well and spread the word about our summer concert on 9th July!

Many thanks for reading, Yours, Rob