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"Spicy Pumkin Soup time"

THE NEW HERALD

Newsletter of

CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND

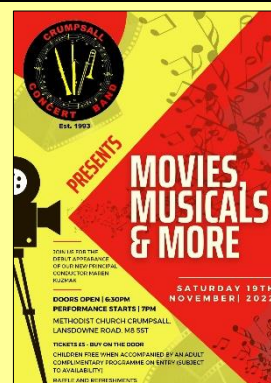


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Hello & Welcome to your Halloween edition of the New Herald that reviews a pretty quiet month of preparation during October but, as you will see from our **Calendar Dates** looks ahead to a busy end to the year commencing for our buglers on Remembrance weekend followed a week later by the full band for our Autumn Showcase Concert – see poster right.

Enjoy the read, Yours in Banding, Rob



Included In This Autumnal Issue:

Calendar Dates; Music Matters incl. Library Corner, Concert Programme hints;
Community Corner; Band News, Views & Banter incl.
Stats Attack, Best Wishes, Congratulations and more; Thanks for Reading!

Band Calendar Dates: Please save the dates; thanks

DATE/TIMES	EVENT	NOTES
Fri 11 th , Sat 12 th & Sun 13 th November 2022	 Armistice Day, FC United & Remembrance Sunday <i>'LEST WE FORGET'</i>	Our buglers are once again in for a busy and important weekend in our calendar; covering four Acts of Remembrance. Thanks guys.
Sat 19 th Nov 2022 Doors 6.30pm Start 7.00pm	CCB Autumn Concert – Movies, Musicals & More! Methodist Church Crumpsall, Lansdowne Road, Crumpsall, M8 5ST	Our first showcase event of our 30 th Season. Band to arrive from 6pm and supporters travelling with bandmembers can gain entry at this time too.
Thu 24 th Nov 2022 9pm – 10.30pm (Non-Playing event)	Community Quiz Night and Raffle in Aid of Band Funds <u>Labour Club, 98 Wilton Rd, Crumpsall, M8 6PX</u> Being in aid of the band it would be great if we could put at least a couple of teams into the quiz and anyone interested in forming a team, please let Rob or Barbara know. Thanks.	This event takes place on the last Thursday of every month in support of a local charity or community group and Committee Colleague, Barbara, has kindly arranged for this night to be <u>in aid of our band funds</u> . Thanks Barbara.
Sat 26 th Nov 2022 10am – 12.30pm *NEW DATE*	Christmas Starts Here <u>Christmas Coffee Morning / Fair</u> Methodist Church Crumpsall	Any of the band that can support this event by playing Carols as a backdrop to the morning whilst enjoying festive fayre, more than welcome.
Sun 27 th Nov 2022 12.30pm – 3.00pm	Herristone Park, Christmas Fair A local community event we have been privileged to support since the 1990's	A local Festive Favourite organised by the 'Friends of the Park' The winter warmer mulled wine always goes down well too – it even snowed last year 😊
Thu 1 st Dec 2022 Band meet at 6pm	Crumpsall Christmas Tree Light Switch On <u>The Grounds of Methodist Church Crumpsall</u>	Organised once again by our friends from 'Cleaner Crumpsall' this community event, supported by our band playing Carols, has become a firm favourite.
Sat 3 rd Dec 2022 1pm – 4pm	Heaton Park, Light Switch on Event <u>Taking Place in the Splendour of Heaton Hall</u>	Should be an excellent event and one we were asked to do last year but the booking came in too late. This was our first booking for this year.
Sun 4 th Dec 2022 1.30pm – 3pm	Carols at the Garden Centre – Heaton Park	Once more into Heaton Park to provide Christmas Music for this event.
Wed 14 th Dec 2022 7.30pm – 9.00pm	Final Rehearsal of Term	We are back on 12 th January 2023 but this is not the end of our music making in 2022..... See below
Thu 15 th December Band meet 6.15pm	A Community Carol Service <u>Methodist Church Crumpsall</u>	The band have been asked to play for this festive Community Event held at our HQ.
Wed 21 st Dec 2022 Evening	Community Carols by Candlelight <u>St Matthew's With St Mary's Church, Cleveland Rd, Crumpsall</u>	A Firm and established favourite for band and community alike that first came into being outdoors during the pandemic in December 2020.
Thu 22 nd Dec 2022 Evening 7pm – 9pm (with breaks)	Carols for Diners <u>Woodthorpe Hotel, Bury New Road, Prestwich, M25</u> (More details next issue)	Band to arrive from 6.30pm, will be our last event of a busy 2022 and a lovely way to round off the year. Mince pies and mulled wine.....

MUSIC MATTERS: October Rehearsals, Concert Preview & Library Corner:

October Rehearsals 22/23 - A Quiet Month of Preparation:

For a variety of valid reasons, after a record breaking month of attendances in September, by strange coincidence, October ended up being one of our least attended rehearsal months on record? Unfortunately **Maren** was unavailable to conduct us on the 5th and 19th and we were grateful to former Principal Conductor **Alan Cottrill** for taking our rehearsal on 5th October. At very short notice, we are also grateful to our drummer **Joe Greenway** who conducted the second half of our rehearsal on 19th October. Thanks all who were able to attend and with a busy schedule coming our way, **we need to achieve good attendances at rehearsals for the remainder of the year please; starting this week.** Thanks to **Stuart & Sue** who coordinated and ran the extra rehearsal we put in last week during half term. **Contrasting with last month, the following montage captures our productive but sparser populated October rehearsals:**

05/10/2022: Alan, back conducting the band:



12/10/2022: Maren on the podium and our bugler's First 'Last Post' practice:



19/10/2022: Our drummer, Joe, bravely volunteered to conduct us through 'Bond.... James Bond':



CONCERT PREVIEW - MOVIES, MUSICALS & MORE - Saturday 19th November 2022 at MCC:



Without doubt a disjointed, whilst productive, set of rehearsals in October, as shown above, has restricted our preparations for our first showcase of the season and we hope to have the programme finalised and announced to members very shortly. Given the concert 'Theme', members will have a good idea of many of the pieces that are in the running for the programme already, but we will provide full clarity asap.

Everyone matters and we therefore appeal to all members to make every effort to be present at the upcoming rehearsals and thanks to all who have indicated their availability for the event itself.

We look forward to welcoming supporters to the concert and entrance is by 'pay at the door' (£5 adults, Children FREE if accompanied by an adult). There will be a Grand Raffle and refreshments will be served at the interval. Entrance includes a complimentary programme (subject to availability) and doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Thanks to **Caroline Hall** for once again designing a superb event poster.

Library Corner – Phase 3 – Library Capacity Increase Project - Completed.....:

As reported in our last issue, we have been working to increase our Music Library capacity in the Band Room to accommodate a further 400+ pieces and at the same time creating space elsewhere to consolidate the majority of our unsorted music. Thanks to help from **Karen** and **Victoria** back on 15th October, as part of a broader sort out of storage at MCC, this has now been completed and over the course of the coming weeks we will be moving more of our unsorted music to the upstairs store room; as pictured on shelving above the **Scout & Guide Band drums**, some is already in place. This gives us 12 to 18 months band room library capacity as our librarian **Sue** continues to catalogue unsorted scores.



CRUMPSALL COMMUNITY CORNER – ‘COMMUNITY MATTERS’:



Thanks to the organisers, helpers and all who attended the Macmillan Coffee morning at MCC on Saturday 1st October. Well done all as a fantastic £262.91 was raised and has been sent to this good cause.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR DATES – November 2022 (For dates involving the band - see additional detail on page 1)

<p>Fri 11th Nov 2022 10.30am – 11.30am</p>	<p><u>ARMISTICE DAY – Act of Remembrance</u> Held in Blackley Forest – Top Meadow Organised by the ‘Friends of Blackley Forest’</p>	<p>Involving classes from Bowker Vale Primary School this annual ceremony will include Buglers from CCB playing Last Post and Rouse.</p>
<p>Sat 12th Nov 2022 10am – 12 noon</p>	<p><u>CLEANER CRUMPSALL GROUP – LITTER PICK</u> Labour Club, 98 Wilton Rd, Crumpsall, M8 6PX Hi-Vis, grabby stick, bags, gloves and refreshments provided</p>	<p><u>Final Pick of the year</u> and any members / supporters who want to assist in this environmental endeavour, will be very welcome.</p>
<p>Sat 26th Nov 2022 10.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p><u>Christmas Coffee Morning and Fair</u> Methodist Church Crumpsall</p>	<p>Hot & Cold Food & Drinks, Stalls & festive music provided by CCB.</p>
<p>Sun 27th Nov 2022 1pm – 3pm</p>	<p><u>Herristone Park, Christmas Fair</u> Organised by ‘Friends of the Park’</p>	<p>A Local Festive Favourite for all ages with Carols performed by CCB</p>

CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND – ‘BAND NEWS, VIEWS & BANTER...’

STAT ATTACK – October 2022 Rehearsals, Events & Instagram - Facts & Figures:

Date >>>	05/10	12/10	19/10	26/10		Average	Season High	
Attended >	25	18	22	19		21	29 14/9 & 21/09/22	
Individual musicians who have attended at least one rehearsal / event in Oct: 32							Season to date: 37	



Instagram Stats (from launch on 20th April 2022) as at end of Oct 2022:

Number of followers: 149

Number of Views/ Accounts: 7,307

Most Popular Video: *Lord of the Dance* from our Spring Concert; 19th March 2022.

Glowing Comment this month: “Great Graphics” for our Autumn Concert Poster -Take a bow Caroline... 😊



Stat Attack Questions for the Month:

How many different conductors fronted a CCB rehearsal, or part thereof, during October?

Can you name them? *The answers can be found in articles included in this issue.*

From all in and around the CCB – Get wells, best wishes and hearty congratulations:



For those members suffering long term ailments, recovering from Covid or recent operations / procedures; our collective best wishes for full and swiftest recoveries. Keep Smiling and where able, keep playing the music 😊

Sending our best wishes to one of our former clarinettists and interim conductor **Robbie O'Brien** and his fiancée, **Sarah** who tie the knot in York on 19th November – he has sent apologies for missing our Autumn Concert 😊 More on Robbie and Sarah's big day next issue.



Congratulations and very best wishes to **Nicky, Steven, Alissa** and **Tamara** as 4 become 5 with the arrival of a son to Nicky and Steven and baby brother to the girls back on 19th October..... I knew Nicky would have a good excuse for missing rehearsal that night; she was just down the road at North Manchester General giving birth whilst we were rehearsing Greatest Showman et al. 😊

Congratulations to trumpeter / bugler and committee colleague, **Ruthanna** and her partner **Ben** on moving into their new house in 'Last of the Summer Wine' town, **Holmfirth**, last Friday exciting times for you both and all the very best.



Happy October Birthdays to:



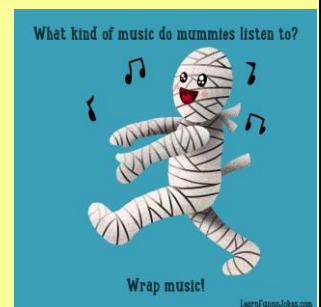
Our Founder, Honorary President & Horn Player **Derek Farnell** 88 on 8th October
Long-time supporter, **Brenda Graham**, 76 on 16th October
Trumpeter / Bugler – **Victoria Fullen**, 3 Oh! On 22nd October
Committee Vice Chair and the Band's original Chair back in 1993, **Barbara Shaw**, 7 Oh! Today, 31st!
And to **anyone else in our ranks** who has celebrated a birthday this month Many Happy Returns one and all.

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; We grow old because we stop playing" George Bernard Shaw

Musical 'Dad' Jokes – Send in your musical Jokes / Cartoons and we'll feature all we can throughout this volume of your New Herald; music and laughter two of the greatest antidotes and remedies 😊:

What do you call someone who plays tricks on Halloween? – **Frankenstein** – okay, not a musical one but topical for the season surely? 😊

What do you call a pod of Whales playing instruments? **An Orca-stra** – that's more like it 😊 And the most musical part of a chicken is? Why, the **drumstick** off course ! 😊



I recognise that the above sets a high bar, so, take note, sharpen the pencil, don't flatten the mood and come on folks there must be hundreds of such or similar out there.....don't be shy, send them in to the New Herald Editorial HQ..... r.fullen23@gmail.com

THE LAST BIT:

Heritage of CCB – as regular readers may have gathered, since Volume 2, Your New Herald has carried a series charting the Heritage and History of our band and research, with kind contributions from those who were there, has allowed me to trace our roots directly back to the late 1940's. In the New Year I will be looking to reinvigorate this series to bring our story right up to date during 2023. However, those who can't wait that long, the subject has come to the attention of a local heritage society and on Monday evening, 14th November 2022, I will be presenting our band's direct and associated heritage to the Cheetham & Crumpsall Heritage Society at St Thomas's Church Lower Crumpsall. Anyone is welcome to attend (there is a small admission charge) and please see me if you are interested in coming along and would like more details.

Next Issue – Due late November, will include a review of the forthcoming Remembrance Season and our Autumn Concert, whilst previewing a busy but fun filled Festive schedule.

And Finally – Thank you for reading and hope you've enjoyed. Yours in Banding, Rob