



"Lest We Forget"

THE NEW HERALD



Newsletter of



CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND

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Hello & Welcome to the November' 22 edition of Your *New Herald* that respectfully '*Remembers*' even as we are invited into a '*Season to be Jolly*' as the lyrics to the festive ditty *Deck The Halls...* remind us. This issue reviews November performances including our Autumn Showcase Concert at MCC in front of a bumper audience (as pictured left), and looks ahead to a busy festive end to the calendar year. We **welcome new recruits**, provide **fundraising** and **Training Band** updates and offer you the chance to **select your top three** pieces we have played over the last 3 decades; plus so much more! Please update diaries with the latest **Calendar Dates** which now stretch into 2023. Enjoy the read, Yours in Banding, Rob

Included In Your November Issue:

Calendar Dates; Music Matters incl. Festive Programme, Nov' Event Reviews, Have your say for our 2023 30th birthday playlist; Band News, Views & Banter incl. Stats Attack, Fundraising, Welcomes & more; Thanks for Reading!

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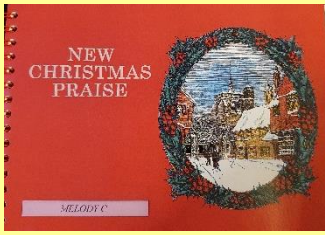
Band Calendar Dates: Please save the dates; thanks

2022/23

DATE/TIMES	EVENT	NOTES
Thu 1 st Dec 2022 Band meet at 6.15pm	<u>'The Big Switch On'</u> <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	<u>Heaton Park, Light Switch on Event</u> <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	<u>Carols at the Garden Centre – Heaton Park</u>	Once more into Heaton Park to provide Christmas Music for this event.
Sat 10 th Dec 2022 Meet at Noon to help set up ready to play from 12.30pm	<u>St Matthew with St Mary Christmas Fair</u> <u>'Caroloky' in the Church playing carols on Request</u>	We will be playing alternate carols on request with the organ. We will have breaks and be finished by 2.30pm. We need to have everything cleared away by 2.45pm at the latest.
Wed 14 th Dec 2022 7.30pm – 9.00pm	<u>Final Rehearsal of Term</u>	We are back on 11 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 Event starts at 7pm	<u>A Community Carol Service</u> <u>Methodist Church Crumpsall</u>	The band have been asked to play for this festive Community Event held at our HQ. help with set up and clear down will be appreciated. Thanks
Wed 21 st Dec 2022 Meet 6.00pm Event starts 6.30pm	<u>Community Carols by Candlelight</u> <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. Our only representative performance that year.
Thu 22 nd Dec 2022 Evening 7pm – 9pm (with breaks)	<u>Carols for Diners</u> <u>Woodthorpe Hotel, Bury New Road, Prestwich, M25</u>	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.....
2023 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023 ----- 2023 HAPPY 30th CCB 1993 – 2023 ----- 2023 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023		
Wed 11 th January 2023 7.30pm	<u>First rehearsal of 2023</u> <u>Our 30th Birthday Year</u>	Starting on a programme of New Old Music from across our 3 decades – See Music Matters below and have <u>Your say</u> !
Sat 1 st April 2023 (Save the Date)	<u>Spring Showcase Concert</u> <u>Venue to be Confirmed</u>	Proposed date at this stage – more details to follow
Sat 17 th June 2023 10am – 12 Noon (Save the Date)	<u>Bury Bandemonium 2023</u> <u>The Rock, Bury, BL9</u>	A change of venue to a more popular location within Bury Town Centre for the 2023 event.
Sat 15 th July 2023 7pm (Save the Date)	<u>30th Birthday Concert</u> <u>Venue To Be Confirmed</u>	One not to be missed which is why we want to get the date established as soon as possible.

MUSIC MATTERS: Featured Carols & Songs, Performance Reviews, Music for 2023:

Featured Carols & Songs - Festive Engagements 2022:

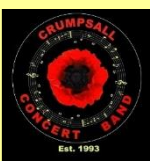


Many of the engagements we undertake at this time of year necessitate a selection of Carols and Festive Songs at the centre, of our repertoire. **Currently our music of choice is the Salvation Army's New Christmas Praise (Red) Carol Books as pictured.** For your convenience and reference the following numbers in the books form the hub of the music we have and will play throughout the season. **No's: 12, 25, 27, 32, 34, 36, 42, 44, 55, 59, 63, 69, 70, 76, 80, 93, 96, 100, 102 & 110.**

Please be aware, others may be added and for the engagements on **15th and 21st December** will be supplemented by some festive pieces including *Sleigh Ride*, *Christmas Swing Along* and *Christmas Crackers* all being well. Please let us know at the soonest opportunity if you have any parts missing? Thank you, *Your Committee*

Performance Reviews - November 2022:

Friday 11/11 to Sunday 13/11/2022: Remembrance Weekend – An Honour and Privilege to Support & Observe these ceremonies:



A busy time of year for our buglers; this year supplemented by my sister, **Mandy**, a founder member of our band (trumpet and bugle) and keen to get involved in our Training & Development Band once it becomes established next year. **Mandy and I** are pictured right representing the band at St Matthew's Church on Remembrance Sunday 1994 (the last time Mandy had played Last Post and Rouse until this year). **Our weekend of observance** commenced in **Blackley Forest**



on **Armistice Day** (11am on the 11th) supporting the annual ceremony held by **'The Friends of the Forest' & Bowker Vale Primary School** (**Buglers: Mandy, Rob, Ruthanna**). The following day we played at **FC United of Manchester's Broadhurst Park** ahead of Kick-off in their match against Gainsborough Trinity (**Buglers: Mandy, Rob, Ruthanna, Victoria**). The next morning - **Remembrance Sunday** – we participated in the service at **MCC** with the Act of Remembrance; As is tradition, Victoria and I wore Scout Leader uniform being still involved in the Movement and maintaining the historic link between our band and our forebears - **Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band (CSGB)**. The ceremony was being performed exactly 40 years after my debut, full of nerves, playing Last Post for the CSGB (14/11/1982) conducted by **Bandmaster Derek Farnell** at MCC – seems like yesterday! (**Buglers: Mandy, Rob, Ruthanna, Victoria**). In the afternoon, we were once again up at **Broadhurst Park** to conclude the weekend of observances playing before Kick-off for the Women's Team FA Cup Tie against Mersey Rail Ladies. (**Buglers: Rob, Ruthanna, Victoria**). **Grateful thanks to all fellow 2022 buglers for your excellent playing and generosity of time and support throughout this period of Remembrance. Lest We Forget. RF**



Saturday 19/11/2022: Autumn Showcase Concert – Movies, Musicals & More !



After only conducting us for 9 rehearsals (2 of those spent rehearsing for the Cheetham Cultural Festival on 30th September that we didn't end up performing at due to venue difficulties), our Principal Conductor, Maren Kuzmak, made their public bow in front of the band at our Autumn Showcase Concert held at MCC. The themed concert went down really well in front of a packed audience and grateful thanks to all the band for a tremendous effort in getting a programme ready in



time. Congratulations to **percussionist, Joe Greenway**, making his public debut for us behind the kit. Thanks also to **Tom Rose** who supported us on French Horn and **Victoria** for sorting the on screen presentation. It was also a special evening, being the first event of



our 30th Season and featuring , on French Horn, our Founder, original Bandmaster / Conductor and our current **Honorary President, Derek Farnell** (pictured with Rob) in his first full showcase concert with the band since his formal retirement in 2012. **Thanks to all who supported the event on the night** and to all who worked behind the scenes to ensure the preparations and the night itself went down so well. Thanks to MCC for their generous hospitality as always.



Saturday 26/11/2022: Methodist Church Crumpsall Christmas Coffee Morning & Fair:



We kicked off the festive season in our 'home' hall at MCC playing carols throughout the duration of the Christmas Coffee Morning & Fair organised by the Methodist Church. It was a lovely, friendly occasion with a variety of stalls along with hot and cold snacks and drinks with CCB providing the musical backdrop throughout. Thanks to all who were able to take part and well done to **Evie**, making her performing debut on clarinet & **Barbara** making her festive debut on incidental percussion.



Sunday 27/11/2022: Herristone Park Christmas Fair:



Since the mid 1990's we have been privileged to support the Friends of Herristone Park at their Summer and Christmas Fairs and the latter is always one of the first dates on our festive calendar. Amidst the usual popular stalls, including Santa's Grotto, 7th Crumpsall Brownies Face Painting and Festive Refreshments, the band provided the traditional festive sound track which was enthusiastically appreciated. Once again, thank you band for not only turning

out to play but also for demonstrating our continued commitment to our local communities, enshrined in our 1993 founding constitution.



HAVE YOUR SAY - Let us know your favourite pieces we have played since 1993 to help inform our 30th Birthday playlist for 2023: Granted, there are not many of the band still involved who were there in 1993 but, think about what pieces you have enjoyed playing from the time you have been with the band and, working with our librarian, Sue, we'll begin shortlisting to compile a pad for 2023 for Maren to start rehearsing with as soon as we return from the festive break. Let the debate begin on WhatsApp and email [r.fullen23@gmail](mailto:r.fullen23@gmail.com) with your top 3 choices as soon as you are ready and before Christmas if possible. Supporters and former members reading this, feel free to have your say too. We will try and accommodate as many choices as possible whilst creating a balanced selection representing the past 30 years of music making by our band. Thank You.

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

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

Date >>>	02/11	09/11	16/11	19/11	23/11	30/11	Average	Season High
Attended >	29	26	28	28	23	30	27	30 30/11/2022
Individual musicians who have attended at least one rehearsal / event in Nov: 38								Season to date: 43



30 on 30th:
A bumper rehearsal and post pandemic rehearsal attendance high on 30th November 2022. Thank you all and let's keep it up as it makes a big difference.

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

Number of followers: 166

Number of Views/ Accounts: 8,302 (increase of nearly 1,000 on last month)

Most Popular Video: *Lord of the Dance - Spring Concert*; 19th March 2022; 3,067 views.

Festive Contender: *Deck the Halls - Herristone Park 27th Nov 2022*; 652 views in just 1 day



From all in and around the CCB – Sincere Condolences, Get wells, Best Wishes and Hearty Congratulations:

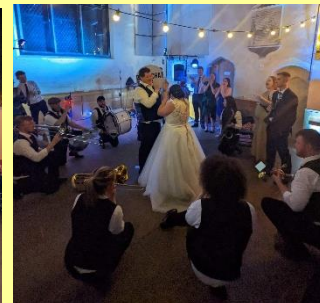
It is with profound sorrow that we send sincere condolences to the family of Martin Baker (Father of our baritone saxophonist, Deena) who passed away following a brave battle with illness, on 18th November on the eve of our Autumn Concert. I only had the privilege to meet and chat with Martin on one occasion when he was supporting Deena on her debut public appearance with the band at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration event in the grounds of St Matthew's Church back on 12th June 2022.

Being a renowned brass player, Martin was optimistic about joining our band once he had recovered, was impressed by what he heard that day in June and delighted that Deena was enjoying playing with our band. At this sad and difficult time, our thoughts and prayers extend to his wife Rachel, daughter Deena, her siblings and Martin's wider family and large circle of friends, some of whom play with our band, and knew him well. CCB



For those members & supporters suffering long term ailments, recovering from aches and pains or recent operations / procedures; our collective best wishes for full and swiftest recoveries. As a proven duet of tonics, keep smiling and where able, keep playing the music 😊

Hearty CCB Congratulations to former clarinettist and interim conductor **Robbie O'Brien** and his Wife, **Sarah** who tied the knot in York on 19th November as we entertained a bumper audience at our Autumn Concert.



Mr O'Brien surprised Mrs O'Brien for their 'first dance' by putting together a lock down style video of their favourite song 'All of Me' (*John Legend*) and some of our band contributed; enlarge the middle picture above on the big screen and you may spot some familiar faces. Also pictured are the happy couple, mid dancefloor being serenaded by musician friends of theirs.

A day full of splendid memories, as is quite right, and once again Robbie and Sarah, all the very best from all in and around the CCB.

One for the Family Album: Last issue we offered our congratulations to clarinettist and committee colleague **Nicky**, her husband **Steven** and daughters **Alissa** and **Tamara** on the arrival of a baby son and brother, born in North Manchester General Hospital on Wednesday 19th October (whilst we were a few hundred yards up the road rehearsing for our autumn concert). Baby **Gideon**



needed some post-natal care in hospital and came home to complete the family household on 14th November. At Herristone Park's Christmas Fair on 27th November, Nicky, accompanied by her family, returned to playing clarinet and we



have captured the family outing as pictured. Best wishes to you all and welcome back Nicky.

Welcome to November's New Recruits:



Evie (Clarinet) pictured left on her first night with the band with her friend Deena on 16th November. Evie made her performing debut with the band at the Coffee Morning / Christmas Fair held at MCC on 26th November.

Sophie (Eb Tuba), introduced by Stuart (Bass Clari), joined us for her first rehearsal right on month end, 30th November, and is scheduled to make her first performing appearance with us during the festive season, all being well.



Thank you both for joining our band and we hope you enjoy a long and happy 'musical' time with us; a warm CCB welcome to you both. RF

Musical Laughter – 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 & remedies 😊:

Why do musicians avoid the centre of Rochdale? – 'Coz it's got Seven Flats 😊

I'm a big fan of film music scores. I began watching 'Psycho' recently but couldn't sit through it all. **Think it must have been all the gratuitous violins!** 😊

C, Eb and G walk into a bar. **"Sorry"** says the bartender to Eb. **"We don't serve minors!"** 😊

Thanks to **Anon** for this month's thigh slappers and once you dabbed away unfettered tears of joy and steadied your breathing why not scour physical and virtual joke books as 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. keep 'em clean and together, let's help make the world a happier place this winter 😊

Fundraising Update – Quiz Night & Greetings Cards Update and Appeal:



On the last Thursday of every month (*except December*), Crumpsall's Labour Club host a 'Good Cause / Charity' Quiz Night with a monthly beneficiary. Earlier this year, Committee Colleague and regular quizzier **Barbara Shaw** booked our band as the beneficiary at the quiz held on 24th November. Winners on the night and regular participants were the 'Crumpsall Crackers' featuring band members **Barbara** and

Andrew Shaw. The Band's Team, 'The Banned' featuring **Stuart, Sue, Rob & Karen**, ran the **Crackers** close in our debut appearance and the event raised **£77.00** for our funds. Hopefully we can do it all again sometime next year with perhaps a few more 'band teams' taking part? Thanks to Barbara, the Labour Club, fellow quiz teams and their individual participants and the organisers.



On the Greetings Cards Front, Enid has had a busy year upcycling cards thanks to your generous donations, turning used cards into 'new' ones with that quality handmade touch and these have been selling well at Church Services and at our Autumn Concert.



£25.00 has been passed to Stuart so far this term to add to our funds.

Grateful thanks to Enid, pictured to the left of my Mum, Ann, on duty behind a stall at the recent Christmas Coffee Morning and Fair at MCC and also learning a new skill – **how to erect music stands** – helping with the set up the day before. **Enid is now appealing for your used cards once again, not just Christmas ones but from all year round celebrations and other religious festivals across all faiths.** Please



bring these along to any rehearsal and be assured, any unused cards will be properly recycled. Many thanks.

Training & Development Band – Taking another step to becoming a reality:

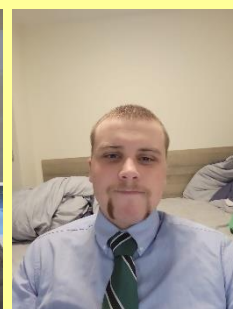
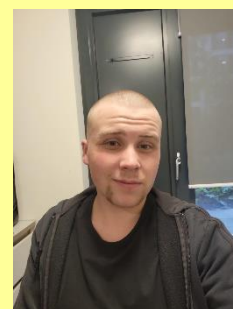
It is many years since CCB boasted a 'training band' to serve as a developmental step for musicians to progress through into the senior band. Indeed it was the early 2000's when this model, badged as the '**Junior Comets**' passed from reality into our history – see picture of some of the **Junior Comets at MCC in 2002**. Now 20 years later and in our 30th Season we are looking to reinvent this dynamic to create a lasting legacy for the sustainability of our band, hopefully long into the future.



This is an exciting project and, guided by your Committee, with Ruthanna undertaking a lead role, we will be establishing a Sub Group early in the New Year to begin looking at the detail around making a Training and Development Band an absolute reality as soon as possible. **Already, Stuart Fieldhouse and Joe Greenway have offered their expertise and input** into the process and we encourage anyone who feels they have something to offer in helping get this off the ground **to let Ruthanna and myself know in the first instance.** This time it's about involving all ages and we already have some interest from a former member who, after a long break, would like to join a Training & Development Band to pick up where they left off, over 25 years ago. Also there will be opportunities for younger players starting out on their musical adventure to serve as a supplement to their learning through established programmes in schools, colleges and music services. **Again, if you know anyone of any age who would like this opportunity, or indeed anyone from within or beyond our ranks who would like to support establishing this exciting initiative, please let us know.** Updates on progress will be provided at every step and your newsletter will carry regular features too. **CCB Committee**

'Movember' 2022 – Dominic Ferguson playing his part in raising funds in support of men's health:

Dominic, son of our Principal Trumpeter Sarah, has been a long-time member of our band and is currently studying History at Exeter University. Along with his University Rugby Team pals, Dom embraced 'Movember' 2022. The idea is for men that are taking part, to grow their hair, usually facially, for a full month without shaving and Dom thought he'd begin this journey by shaving his hair off at the start of November as can be seen in the **before and after pics below right**. Also pictured are how many of the band will remember him with a full head of hair, starting out as a 12 year old clarinettist, up to him serving as a French Horn player and interim conductor on a couple of occasions during the 2022 summer term as our search for a new conductor continued:



Well played Dom and as a University Rugby League Team they have so far raised over £4,000 for this established charity. Sarah is happy to receive any donations from members who want to support Dom's Movember Challenge at rehearsal on 7th December and equally donations can be made directly via <https://movember.com/m/14835780?mc=1> but hurry as the page closes on 8th December. Thanks for any support.

THE LAST BIT:

Vote of thanks – on a personal level, thanks to those who came along to my debut talk on the **Heritage of Crumpsall Concert Band** held at St Thomas's Church, Lower Crumpsall back on 14th November. I hope you found it interesting, at times funny, whilst also revealing? I have been asked to speak on the same subject to the **College of the Third Age's History & Interest Group** on 11th January 2023 in the afternoon (St Matthew's Parish Hall) and anyone who would like to attend, please let me know.

Next Issue – Due out on Christmas Eve, will review a busy Festive Schedule and look ahead to our 30th Birthday year.

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