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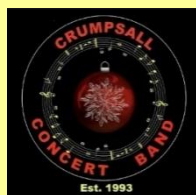
CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND



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"Festive Joy to one and all"

Hello & Welcome to the mid-winter edition of Your *New Herald* that celebrates our festive season events in splendid pictures whilst looking ahead to our 30th Birthday year. As 2022 draws to a close we can look back with a sense of pride on a busy year of banding in and around the communities we serve:- Three showcase concerts, Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Herristone Park Fairs, Bandemonium, Prestwich Carnival, Acts of Remembrance, a host of Festive engagements and more. Outside of band engagements we have been involved with a Quiz Night and Cleaner Crumpsall Litter Picks and all this whilst recruiting a new Principal Conductor, with Maren joining us at the start of this season. It has indeed been an eventful and fulfilling calendar year for Crumpsall Concert Band. We can look forward with ambition and confidence to our 30th Birthday year which kicks off with our rehearsal starting at the earlier time of 7.15pm on 11th January. Thanks to everyone who has made 2022 a year to remember and for all your support during the journey. Onwards and Upwards. Happy New Year to You and Yours and enjoy this festive edition, Yours in Banding, Rob



Included In Your December Issue:

Music Matters incl. Extended rehearsals, 2023 Playlist Update; Calendar Dates 2023; Event reviews 1st – 22nd December; Band News, Views & Banter incl. Stats Attack, 'Kat & Dog', New Feature Preview and more; Thanks for Reading!

MUSIC MATTERS: Extended Rehearsals & Music for 2023:

Extended Rehearsals - Back to the Pre Pandemic 2 hours from Wednesday 11th January 2023:

At our final rehearsal of term on 14th December, those present discussed the potential to increase rehearsal time back to the pre pandemic duration of 2 hours, with a short break. This was unanimously agreed with a proposed start time of 7.15pm ending at 9.15pm. Clearly, although a majority of the band were present not all were and we are going to trial 7.15pm – 9.15pm from 11th January and review during the first half term. Those who can't make the new start time or stay until 9.15pm can still register as usual so that a chair will be set out ready and those that still need to go at 9pm can of course do so. Overall, it was universally agreed that more rehearsal time is needed, particularly as we enter our 30th anniversary year and your support will be much appreciated. *Your Committee*

Music for our 30th Birthday Year - A great response for favourites from our back catalogue:

Thanks to all who have so far selected their favourite pieces from across our first three decades and a few of us are meeting on 4th January to select some that will be readily available for Maren to rehearse with us in the opening weeks of term with the Spring Concert (1st April) in mind. A comprehensive list of fave pieces will be posted in your January Newsletter and ahead of then, we will aim to make available the full library catalogue to help jog memories of those yet to submit their favourites. *Your Committee*

2022/23

Band Calendar Dates:

2022/23

Please save the dates; thanks

| DATE/TIMES | EVENT | NOTES |
|---|--|--|
| 2023 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023 ----- 2023 HAPPY 30th CCB 1993 – 2023 ----- 2023 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023 | | |
| Wed 11 th January 2023 7.15pm - 9.15pm (New Times) | <u>First rehearsal of 2023</u> <u>Our 30th Birthday Year</u> | Extended rehearsals back to the pre pandemic duration of 2 hours. More details in <i>Music Matters</i> . |
| Sat 1 st April 2023 (Save 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 (Save Date) 10am – 12 Noon | <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 (Save date) 7pm | <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. |

Festive Performance Reviews in Pictures - December 2022: 8 events & two rehearsals in 22 days: 10 Festive Events in total from the first and second on 26th & 27th November (see last issue):

Thursday 1st December 2022: The Big Tree Light Switch On in the Grounds of MCC - Organised by 'Cleaner Crumpsall' in Partnership with Manchester City Council:



Saturday 3rd December 2022: Heaton Park Farm Centre Christmas Market – Parking, Mulled Wine & Baileys Hot Choc provided with Maren making a playing debut on Tenor Sax:



Sunday 4th December 2022: Heaton Park Garden Centre – Band in the (Green) House - Parking, Hot drinks & Chocolate bars provided:



Saturday 10th December 2022: St Matthew with St Mary Church Christmas Fair – The band playing requests ‘Caroloky’ Style – Doug opting to prepare and get ready in the exact spot where he was once, many decades ago, a Chorister of the Church. Church organist, Paul Wood, also took the strain at times during the afternoon:



Thursday 15th December 2022: Community Carol Service – Held at MCC and back for the first time since 2019. Thank you to those involved in reinstating & supporting this traditional event & for those band members and community groups taking part in the service:



Sunday 18th December 2022: Methodist Church Crumpsall - Lessons & Carols – CCB /MCC Quartet (Louise doubling up on organ too)



Wednesday 21st December 2022: Carols By Candlelight - St Matthew with St Mary's Church – The 3rd iteration of this family service which began as a pandemic affected outdoor event on 23rd December 2020 – the band's only outing that year: This year saw Tom Rose supporting us on French Horn and Sophie Parker making her performing debut on Tuba. Thanks also to Les, Victoria, Barbara and Andrew who helped with the set up during the afternoon and Joe Atkinson for conducting the band:



Thursday 22nd December 2022: Carols For Diners - Woodthorpe Hotel, Prestwich – our final event of the festive season: Some of us dined beforehand and the Woodthorpe Manager, Gaynor, was so pleased with our performance that, on the spot, she booked us for the last Thursday before Christmas next year. Derek recalls we last played at the Woodthorpe on a fundraising carol playing tour of the Bury Old Road hosteliaries during our first Christmas in 1993. A year later we did the same through Crumpsall & Blackley Village:



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

| Date >>> | 07/12 | 14/12 | 15/12 | 21/12 | | | Average | Season High |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|---------|--------------------|
| Attended > | 28 | 23 | 20 | 23 | | | 24 | 30 30/11/2022 |
| Individual musicians who have attended at least one rehearsal / event in Dec: 37 | | | | | | | | Season to date: 45 |
| Festive CCB Stats: From 26 th November to 22 nd December the band undertook 10 Events and 3 rehearsals in just 27 days with a total 223 attendances. | | | | | | | | |

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

Number of followers: 181

Number of Views/ Accounts: 10,073 (into 5 figures; increase of nearly 1,771 on last month)

Most Popular Video: Lord of the Dance - Spring Concert; 19th March 2022; 3,068 views.

Festive Contender: Deck the Halls - Herristone Park 27th Nov 2022; 1,549 views.



Facebook Stats (CGB Page) as at 17th Dec 2022:

Number of followers fb only: 236

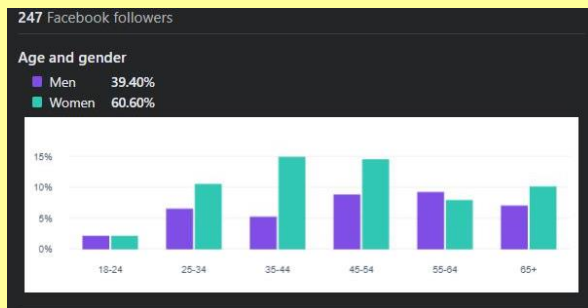
Number of followers fb & Instagram: 11

Number of followers fb in total: 247

Post Reach: 2,068

Post engagement: 921

Photo Views: 124



Kat & Dog (Copper) – Update from Trombonist (and our former MD) Kathryn (Kat) Burke:



Meet Copper, my assistance puppy in training! She's only 15 weeks old so we are still getting to grips with toilet training, but she is already doing so well at walking beside my wheelchair and sitting on command. She has a whole lot more to learn, but when she is fully trained she will be able to help me in so many ways - for example, picking up items that I have dropped, or getting the washing out of the machine for me. As my assistance dog, she will be coming absolutely everywhere with me, so expect to see her at rehearsal in the new year. **There are a few rules to be observed, though - if she is working and focused on me, please do not speak to her or stroke her. If she has been 'released' from her duties, then you can absolutely make a fuss of her! The general rule of thumb will be to please always ask me if she can be petted/stroked.** She is a really sweet-natured, gentle dog and I am so pleased to have her! Huge thanks to all the band for your support, I am so happy to be back playing with you! All the best for the festive season, see you in January - Kat x

New Year - New Fun Feature – 'Just in Case'



In preparation for the busy festive period I decided to not only service my trumpet, but also sort out it's case to add **fingerless gloves, Santa hat** and **stand lights**. To make space, during the sort out, I couldn't quite believe how much 'stuff' had accumulated over the years in such a relatively small space. Being a musician of a certain vintage, I reasoned that I am probably not alone in accruing 'stuff' so, why not find out? To kick off this new fun feature in January, I will reveal all my case contents (what's under the cloth?) and have volunteers waiting in the wings for February and March. Any other volunteers for 'Just in Case' please let me know and I'll let you know what's required. Cheers, Rob 😊



Fundraising Update – Greetings Cards Appeal:



Enid is now appealing for your used greetings cards once again, not just Christmas ones but for all year round celebrations (birthdays, congrats, happy new home etc) 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.



THE LAST BIT:

Vote of thanks – thanks to our fantastic photographers, Barbara, Sue and Karen for capturing the action this month and to Kat (and Copper) for their article and Sue and Ruthanna for the Socials Stats. Thanks to all band members and supporters for all your efforts during 2022, to event organisers, conductors Alan, Joe, Dom and Maren and my long suffering committee colleagues.

Next Issue – Due late January, will kickstart our 30th Birthday year and please save the calendar dates known so far. The issue will also begin to firm up the repertoire for the year as we bring out many favourite pieces from across the decades. Also, we'll update on our plans for a Training and Development Band and any help with this will be much appreciated.

And Finally – Thank you for reading and hope you've enjoyed the journey this year, onwards and upwards for 2023. Enjoy the festive season and a Happy, Healthy & Peaceful New Year to You and Yours.
Yours in Banding, Rob