



Music Is For Life

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CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND

WELCOME TO **SEASON 3**



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Hello & Welcome to the **February 2023** edition of Your *New Herald* and as winter ebbs away (notwithstanding a possible late *Beast from the East*) we can begin to look ahead to the promise of Spring. For our band, that means our celebratory year kicks off with a **Spring Showcase Concert**, taking place on 1st April 2023 at Methodist Church Crumpsall. As a thank you from the Band for 30 years of *Community Support*, this event will be **FREE ADMISSION**. Thanks to **Caroline** for another excellent poster, previewed right, and further details for the concert can be found in **Calendar Dates** below along with early notice of dates for the **busy festive season** already 😊:



Of course, as this issue is finalised and readied for despatch, we remember our dear friend and supporter, **Amy Farnell** who's funeral was held earlier today, 28th February. Our thoughts, prayers and support continue to extend to **Derek, Nigel, Wendy, Barbara** & all the rest of Amy's family and friends, at this time in particular.



Being our 30th Birthday year, whilst celebrating the past we very much want to use the momentum to create lasting legacies for the future as *Music is For Life* and we want to secure celebratory milestones for our band for future generations to come. **All are welcome on the journey**. We hope you enjoy this issue. Yours in Banding, Rob




Included In Your February Issue:

Calendar Dates 2023; Music Matters incl. Latest programme news & Library Corner, Band News, Views & Banter incl. Stats Attack, New Recruit Welcome, Training Band Update, Artistic Commission, The Heritage of Our Band – Local History Talk invitation & more; Thanks for Reading!

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Band Calendar Dates: Please save the dates; thanks

2023

DATE/TIMES	EVENT	NOTES
Sat 25 th March 2023 10am (Not a band playing event)	<i>Non Playing – COMMUNITY EVENT</i> <i>Cleaner Crumpsall Group – Litter Pick</i> <i>Hi-Vis, Gloves and Litter Picker provided</i>	Anyone able to support Community Partners, CLEANER CRUMPSALL , please meet at the Labour Club, Wilton Rd, Crumpsall, M8 6PX at 10am. Refreshments after.
Sat 1 st April 2023 Concert Starts at 7pm Band to meet at 6pm	 Spring Showcase Concert Methodist Church Crumpsall <i>Doors for Supporters 6.30pm</i>	As a thank you to our supporters, this concert, the 1 st event of our 30 th year, will be FREE ADMISSION – (there will be a raffle and donations for refreshments will be appreciated).
Wed 26 th April 2023 Rehearsal to start at the earlier time of 7pm	Rehearsal and 2022/23 AGM Methodist Church Crumpsall	We will hold a shortened rehearsal from 7pm – 8pm and following a brief refreshment break, we'll hold our 2022/23 AGM. More details next issue.
Sun 7 th May 2023 Early Afternoon	King's Coronation 'Street Party' Kearsley Road, Crumpsall	Similar event to last year's 'Street Party' on Kearsley Road where we played to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. More details to follow.
Sat 13 th May 2023 Morning	 Spring Fair & Coffee Morning Methodist Church Crumpsall	The post pandemic return of an old favourite that we last played for in Spring 2019 with Rosie Kingham making her Conducting Debut with the band that day.
Sat 17 th June 2023 Times to be confirmed	Bandemonium Bury Town Centre	Our precise location in the Town Centre and allocated timing slot will be advised in the near future.
Wed 21 st June 2023 Normal Rehearsal Times	 National 'Make Music' Day Open Rehearsal at MCC	Sponsored by Making Music, to whom we are affiliated, this is an ideal opportunity for friends and supporters to come and see us in rehearsal mode.
Sun 9 th July 2023 Meet 1.30pm	Herristone Park Summer Fair Herristone Park, Crumpsall	We will meet 1.30pm ready to play at 2pm and will play a second set around 3pm. The Fair finishes at 4pm
Sun 16 th July 2023 Concert Starts 7pm	CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND Spectacular 30 th Birthday Concert, Ukrainian Cultural Centre, Smedley Lane, Cheetham Hill, Mcr, M8 8XB	Ahead of the band turning 30 on 24 th July, this is our big birthday showcase event at a local venue (approx. a mile from our HQ). Some of you may remember us playing there on stage for our first major post pandemic gig as part of the Cheetham Cultural Festival in Sept 2021. Full details nearer the time.

Advanced Notice of known Festive Engagements for 2023 to add to your calendars: **Saturday 2nd Dec 10am Coffee Morning & Christmas Fair, MCC.** **Sunday 3rd Dec 12.30pm Herristone Park Christmas Fair.** **Thursday 7th Dec 6.30pm Crumpsall Christmas Tree Light Switch On, MCC.** **Sat 9th Dec, 1pm – Farm Centre Christmas Market, Heaton Park.** **Sun 10th Dec, 1pm Heaton Park Garden Centre.** **Thurs 14th Dec, 6.15pm, Community Carol Service , MCC.** **Wed 20th Dec, 5.45pm, Carols By Candlelight, St Matthew with St Mary's Church.** **Thurs 21st Dec, 6.30pm Carols at the Woodthorpe Hotel.**

MUSIC MATTERS: Spring Programme, Missing Music & Library Corner:

Spring Programme - Our pads are beginning to swell with your selected favourites plus others...:



Maren is driving our 2 hour rehearsals really well as we begin to crystallise our efforts around the likely pieces that will be included in the programme for our opening concert of the year, on 1st April. A surprise piece for many, that saw the light of day at our rehearsal last week (22nd Feb), was **Sousa's March** penned in 1888 **High School Cadets**. Why is this back in the pads for the first time since 1997? Quite simply, we began life 30 years ago as a **Marching Band** and indulging our history, this piece was one of the first we played on the march at practice in 1993 and on the streets in 1994. It was also played in early **Concert Band** repertoires too, in the 1990's. **Without spoiling the whole programme for our supporters,**

members will have an inkling of what we will be playing at the **Spring Concert** from recent rehearsals and the finalised set list will be emailed to all members at least a couple of weeks before the event.

Missing Music - Thanks to those who have responded so far.....just a few stragglers to go:

The response in recent weeks to Sue's appeal to return missing parts has been largely successful and thanks to all for searching through your personal pads. However, whilst not a naming and shaming exercise, there are still some key parts missing and Sue can't get the pads back on the library shelves before they are complete once again. This is causing Sue undue stress as it's delaying her in cataloguing unsorted pieces. **Please therefore, anyone with outstanding parts to the pieces we handed in at the start of the year, return them ASAP.** Thanks, *Your Committee*

Library Corner - Another 45 pieces make the shelves and some more curios are unearthed:

As At Date	No of Catalogued Pieces on Library Shelves
13/10/2021	659
12/01/2022	703
13/04/2022	735
13/08/2022	788
22/02/2023	833

Sue continues to undertake sterling work in our Library in not only identifying, collating and repackaging individual parts from pads (as detailed above) but making a dent in the huge collection of music our band has largely inherited, down the years. Last week (22nd Feb), Sue added a further **45** completely catalogued pieces to our library shelves. Sue informed me at our Exec Committee meeting last night (27th), that there are a further **7** pieces that will be added imminently. **That will take us up to 840 fully catalogued pieces.**



Sue is conscious that there is still so much to catalogue and we undertook a stocktake of boxes that are still outstanding. These total **21 boxes at present.** Once the missing parts are all back in from already catalogued pieces, Sue intends to redouble her efforts to make serious inroads into those boxes. She knows she is not alone in this daunting task and support is available to help where needed. **Thanks to Sue for all her continued hard work as our Librarian.**

In sorting a score and all parts for Rossini's **William Tell Overture** recently, Sue identified some fascinating adverts for instruments on the music from Hawkes & Son which became Boosey & Hawkes Ltd in 1930. Therefore it's probably safe to assume that these adverts first appeared around a century ago.



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STAT ATTACK – February 2023 Rehearsals, Events, Instagram, YouTube - Facts & Figures:

Date >>>	01/02	08/02	15/02	22/02		Average	Season High
Attended >	31	30	29	26		29	33 11/01/2023
Individual musicians who have attended at least one rehearsal / event in Feb: 34							Season to date: 47

Instagram Stats (from launch on 20th April 2022) as at end of Feb 2023:

Number of followers: 198 (Closing in on the 200 mark)

Number of Views/ Accounts: 10,278 (increase of 109 on last month)

Most Popular Video: *Lord of the Dance* - Spring Concert; 19th March 2022; 3,071 views.



YouTube Channel Stats – something strange is happening across the Pond and our 9th and Final Lockdown Video is suddenly proving consistently popular with our American cousins – Could this be the Maren effect 😊??:

The Muppet Show Theme with a Kermit Cameo (released 15th May 2021): 30,044 views WOW
The nearest Lockdown Recording to The Muppets is Mamma Mia (23rd May 2020): 1,214 views



Welcome – To returning French Horn Player, Geof Blomerley - 8th February 2023:



After getting back in touch with us, initially via our Facebook Group and picked up by Sue Atkinson, Geof was welcomed back to rehearsals on 8th February 2023 after a five year break since he last played with us in 2018. A week later he was reunited with Derek Farnell on F.Horn. Derek, a musical instrument maker and repairer of some renown, had made Geof's instrument for him around 20 years ago. Pictured top left, Geof on his first rehearsal back, 8th February and below left, with Derek a week later.



Above right, Geof, in his previous spell with the band pictured front right in the sun hat as the band played in sweltering heat in our first appearance at Bury Bandemonium, Kay Gardens, Bury Town Centre on 17th June 2017. Geof has previously played Tenor Horn with Besses Brass Band and it's great to welcome him back to the CCB fold illustrating our door is always open to former as well as new members. We hope you enjoy being back with us once again Geof. CCB



Thinking of you – Thoughts, Prayers, Support, Best Wishes, Thanks & Congratulations

Whatever your circumstances, very best of wishes from all in and around Crumpsall Concert Band:



Congratulations to Kate and her Assistance Dog in Training, Copper (pic right at rehearsal last week, 22nd) who have successfully negotiated their first full rehearsal with the band, as a double act. Onwards & upwards for both of you.



Congratulations to Ruthanna (pictured left on one of our festive gigs last December) who was recently successful in applying for a new job which she starts towards the end of March.



Congratulations also to Sophie & family who are in the throes of moving house and we hope it all goes smoothly and you settle in very quickly. Think Sophie needs more room for her Tuba 😊 Sophie pictured right making her debut at the Carols By Candlelight Service back on 21st December.



For those who drive to rehearsals you may have noticed that it has become easier to find a space on our car park in recent weeks. That's largely down to Ben and his trusty assistant, daughter Lily-Mae who cone off the spaces on the way to school each Wednesday morning. Ben has also proved a tremendous support, particularly to me, working on the car park, whatever the weather, as you arrive for rehearsal each Wednesday. Grateful thanks Ben & Lily Mae.



To Doug and Brenda – Doug is moving back home on **Thursday 2nd March** and it is hoped this will support his recovery process still further. Undoubtedly it's a long journey that Doug is on and all our best wishes to him and Brenda going forward. *Doug is pictured right on church organ duty during December last year.* **Brenda hopes to bring Doug to see us** in the not too distant future and we look forward to this when the time is right. **Let us know Brenda if you need any support and we hope Doug liked his card?**



Growing a Legacy - Training Band Sub-Committee Update:

On Tuesday 21st February the above sub-committee held its inaugural meeting at MCC with the following broad remit:

With direction and support from the band's main Executive Committee, in the spirit of creating a lasting legacy from our 30th anniversary year, a Sub Committee is to be established to investigate the feasibility of creating a Training / Development Band as a feeder to the Main Concert Band and to provide opportunities through music for all involved. The sub-committee to feedback to the main Executive with recommendations for approval.

For the inaugural meeting, the Sub-Committee were joined by **Alan** and **Jane Cottrill** who imparted valuable advice and guidance from their experience of setting up and running the Werneth Youth Concert Band for ten years up to December 2019. This was very much appreciated and they also provided us with a copy of the safeguarding policy they adopted. **Jane** and **Alan** have kindly agreed to offer ongoing advice and guidance should we have any queries ahead of establishing a Training Band dynamic.

Key recommendations were made by sub -committee members **Rob, Joe Greenway** and **Stuart Fieldhouse** (apologies received from **Ruthanna**) and Rob represented the main points to the Executive Committee for approval on 27th February:

- Working Title – **The Training band**
- Membership Dynamic – **Ages 8 to 80(+)**
- Structure – two groups – **Beginners and Intermediates** (including musicians returning after a break from playing)
- Entry criteria - **No minimum standard of ability for entry**
- Recruitment - **Various publicity options** (including recommendations from members of the main band)
- Instruments – **Joe and Stuart agreed to build on our current instrument inventory** as Quartermasters of our stock.
- Staffing, Music, Uniform – **to be further discussed**
- Proposed venue and timings – **MCC, Wednesday evenings, meet 5.45pm, rehearsing 6pm – 7pm.**
- Proposed start – subject to being ready, **Wednesday 7th June 2023** to allow a few sessions ahead of the summer break

All the above was well received by the Executive Committee and the Sub-Committee will now move forward in developing the above points in more detail from practical, logistical and constitutional perspectives. Grateful thanks to **Alan** and **Jane** for their input and to fellow sub committee colleagues, **Joe, Stuart** and **Ruthanna**. We would really appreciate **any other members of the band getting involved in planning this exciting aspect of our organisation and please let me know if you are able to help.** We have already received encouragement as several former players and relative beginners have expressed an interest in joining. Further updates to follow. RF

Artistic Commission – 30 years in - the Band to be immortalised on Canvas:



Local Artist, **Mary Burke**, who, amongst other commitments, teaches enthusiastic, budding artists at the College of the 3rd Age, C3A (Fridays at our former HQ) was initially approached to understand if she would be able to paint the band as part of our 30th Anniversary legacy portfolio? Mary was provided with some newsletters and researched pictures on our website agreeing to host some of our committee at her home studio. Along with myself, **Barbara, Stuart and Sue visited Mary's studio** back in January and we all agreed that it was a great idea

and Mary was the ideal local partner to work with. Decision made, the initial phase for Mary was to visit us on Wednesday 8th February and make her observations, initially on camera, as we rehearsed. Mary has developed some initial sketches from those pictures and we will continue to work closely with her and keep you informed of progress and timescales as the finished piece takes shape in the coming weeks and months. Thanks to **Mary** for partnering with us and **Barbara** for the photos. RF



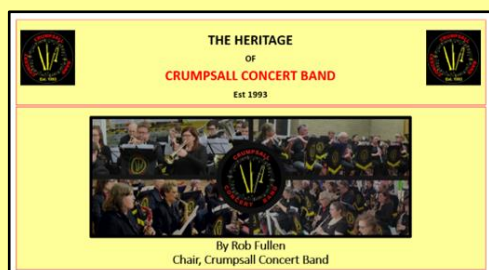
Local History Talks - The Heritage of Crumpsall Concert Band – Wed 8th March 2023, 10:30am:

Hosted by the C3A, you are invited to the latest (and possibly final) talk on the Heritage of our Band (1940's to 1993). Wed 8th March, 10.30am, Crumpsall Community Hall (formerly St Matthew's Parish Hall) £2.50. Pay on the door - no need to book in advance.

This talk will be dedicated to the memory of **Amy Farnell**.

How did we form? Where did we come from? Who were the key figures? all these questions and more are answered in this entertaining talk, researched and delivered by Rob with first hand accounts from those that were there. As we celebrate 30 years, come

along and support our heritage, your history and gain a fascinating insight into decades of banding in Crumpsall / North Manchester.



THE LAST BIT:

Next Issue – Due late March, will preview our Spring Concert on 1st April, the delayed start to new feature 'Just in Case' , key updates on progress with our artistic commission and plans for our Training Band.

And Finally – Thank you for reading and we hope you've enjoyed this latest issue

Yours in Banding, Rob