



# THE NEW HERALD

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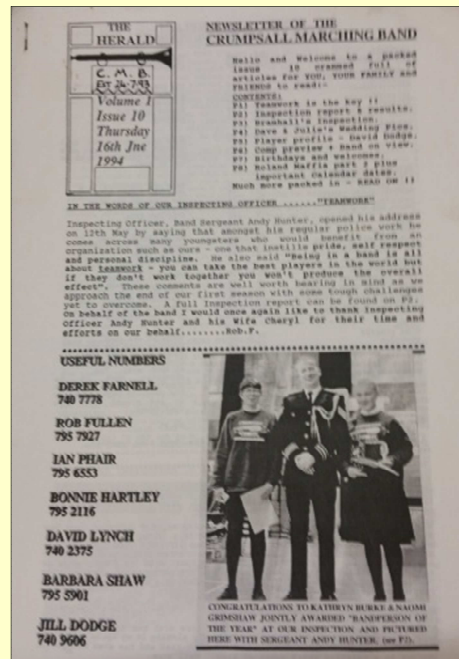
## CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND



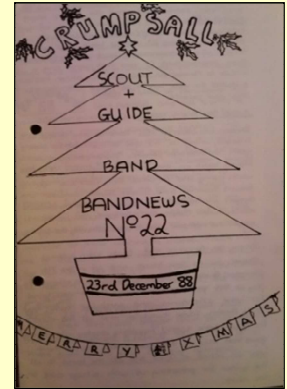
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**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR & WELCOME** to the first issue of the **New Herald**, hopefully reviving the tradition of regular newsletters for the band that ran from 1993 to 2000. Of course, we **Herald** a different era, not just in terms of the band but also technology, which has evolved at pace in the last quarter century.

When I penned 'The Herald' Issue 1 in July 1993, I was using an early word processing package, *Word Perfect*, for the text but cutting and pasting images / photos into the final version was very much a physical activity; literally using scissors and Prit-Stick; all good, creative fun, but very time consuming. From the mid 1980's the required technology was almost non-existent in homes (my first desktop computer at work didn't appear until 1989) and the **Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band 'Band News'**, the precursor of 'The Herald', was completely handwritten and photocopied.



See the front cover *Right* (apologies for the festive Artwork☺) of Issue 22, from 30 years ago - December 1988 and Issue 10 of the Herald, *left*, from June 1994 with a young **Kathryn Burke** (left) and **Naomi Grimshaw**, pictured receiving the joint award for '**Band Person of The Year 93/94**' from our Inspecting Officer, Sergeant **Andy Hunter** of the GMP Band.



Printers and copiers weren't what they are today either, and the quality of reproduction was relatively poor; but, the value of the newsletter was immeasurable in forging our identity and sharing the good news of banding and music in the community, in our formative years. I firmly believe the printed page still has a contemporary place; a complementary one alongside modern and equally valuable media channels such as our website and excellent Facebook group. I hope you agree? In addition, we also hope to make a digital copy available and create an electronic library of past issues as we move forward.

Enjoy this issue, thanks for reading and any ideas for future content are more than welcome. **Many thanks, Rob.F**



**A new chapter for Crumpsall Concert Band; 16th January 2019, St Matthew's Parish Hall, Band HQ**  
Rosie Kingham's 2<sup>nd</sup> rehearsal as our new Musical Director as the baton passes from Kathryn Burke (MD 2012-2018)



**25 NOT OUT:** The band, formed in July 1993, held two special concerts to mark its Silver Anniversary in 2018. Both were held at our rehearsal base of St Matthew's Parish Hall with the first being a summer event on 28<sup>th</sup> July concluding with a special Anniversary Concert on 24<sup>th</sup> November enjoyed by an enthusiastic 100 strong audience. Musical Directors Past, Present and Future, *Derek Farnell 1993 – 2012, Kathryn Burke 2012 – 2018* and *Rosie Kingham, 'MD in waiting' from 2019*, cut the cake.

## FESTIVE FROLICS 2018 – HERRISTONE PARK CHRISTMAS FAIR – 02/12/18



With Kathryn directing from the flute, a 14 strong contingent of the band (above) played a selection of Christmas carols and festive songs for the local community Christmas Fair, held in Herristone Park on a cold, damp 2<sup>nd</sup> December last year. We also accompanied the 434<sup>th</sup> Scout Group 'Choir' as they sang *Jingle Bells* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. The archive picture right shows a cohort from the band (led by Derek Farnell on Euphonium) playing the same event in December 2001, underlining our long standing commitment to community events. **More December snap shots in next month's issue.**



## CALENDAR DATES 2019 – PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIARIES – THANK YOU

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Sat 06/04/19	Methodist Church Crumpsall – Spring Fair 11am	<b>Confirmed booking</b> – Full Band
Sat 15/06/19	BANDEMONIUM, Bury (Kay Gardens, Town Centre) 1pm	<b>Confirmed booking</b> – Full Band
Sat 27/07/19	Summer Concert, St Matthews Parish Hall	Planning stage – Full Band
Wed 31/07/19	Band Summer Social (Summer Break – August 2019)	Planning stage – All Welcome
Wed 04/09/19	First rehearsal of the Autumn Term	Ready to start at 7pm
Sat 16/11/19	Autumn Concert – potentially featuring some joint slots with the Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band veterans	Planning Stage – Full Band & Guests
Sat 30/11/19	Methodist Church Crumpsall – Christmas Fair 11.30am	<b>Confirmed booking</b> – medium band
Sun 01/12/19	Herristone Park, Crumpsall, - Christmas Fair, 1pm	Annual booking – medium band
Wed 11/12/19	Final Rehearsal of 2019	Ready to start at 7pm
Wed 18/12/19	Band Christmas Social	Planning stage – All Welcome
Thu 19/12/19	Community Carol Service, Methodist Church Crumpsall	<b>Confirmed booking</b> – medium band
Wed 08/01/20	First Rehearsal 2020	Ready to start at 7pm

The above is not an exhaustive list but an attempt to get some key dates communicated to members as early as possible in the year. Any additional dates or amendments to the above will be communicated in future issues, posted on the notice board and published on-line via our website & Facebook group. Thank you

**THANKS FOR READING. ISSUE 2 OUT END OF FEB – FEEDBACK & ARTICLE SUGGESTIONS WELCOME. RF**