



THE NEW HERALD

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CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND



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WELCOME to Issue 5 of *The New Herald* including a review of a soggy Bandemonium 2019, arrangements for the Herristone Park gig this coming Sunday, news from your committee, initial update on the recent member survey, calendar dates and much more. Enjoy Issue 5 (*Issue 6; Summer Special, due 17th July*) and many thanks for reading. Yours, Rob



YOUR VIEWS MATTER: As you know, all members have been encouraged to complete a questionnaire in recent weeks and the poll official closed at the end of rehearsal last Wednesday having been open since 15th May. **Your comments** are currently being summarised for consideration by the Committee at our next meeting on 9th July, following which we hope to be able to draw up some key themes to help inform our future direction of travel. **What we can say at this point is that we have had an above average response with 12 questionnaires** being received translating to a **response rate of 42.9%**, higher than the 30 – 40% average response rate for internal surveys and significantly better than the average 35% voter rate in England at the Local Elections 😊. A quick glance also shows that a lot of positive, constructive comments have been included and **a huge thank you to all those who took the time to provide their views, anonymously or otherwise.** I look forward to working with Committee colleagues with a view to publishing interim findings and potential actions / proposals in issue 6 next month. **RF**



MUSICAL MATTERS: We now enjoy an established pad of music which provides a varied repertoire that will inform our final two engagements before the summer break, at least. However, Rosie will no doubt be interested in feedback from questionnaires regarding musical preferences and wish lists and will be working closely with Sue to see what we have in the library that might suit, what we might want to purchase, and what can / can't be accommodated going forward. Hopefully early thoughts can be included in our next issue as we start the feedback process following your suggestions. **Please note, the music boxes are now empty and going forward music pads will be housed in the grey cupboard in our 'new' store room.** Thank You.

WELCOME – welcome back to **Travis** (the band's first ever Flugel Horn player) who hopes to get down to practice more regularly now that College exams are over and his Dad **Dean**, who sat in on Eb Bass last week. Great to see you both guys and hope you can make it down on a regular basis. Enjoy. Sadly, **Steph**, who joined on clarinet a couple of weeks ago, found the level too difficult for where she is in her development at this time, but thanks us for the opportunity and we have left the door open for her if and when she feels ready to join in.

RECRUITMENT – although it isn't for Steph at this time, it's worth noting that she heard about the band during a random conversation I was having and that we both know a mutual friend who was a founder member of our band back in the marching days in the early to mid-1990s. **We are our best recruitment ambassadors** so when an opportunity presents, please sing our virtues as you never know, a future new recruit might be listening..... **Thanks.** (See **STOP PRESS** at the end of this newsletter).

PERFORMANCE REVIEW: BANDEMONIUM, BURY: SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2019





It rained, it poured but Bandemonium 6 (our 3rd consecutive one) carried on regardless. We threw money down the drain, expertly retrieved by Catherine, Stuart (concerned treasurer) and Joe rescuing nearly £10 – see pic, near left and finished early with literally a soggy ‘Singing in the Rain’ – see pic far left . Bury’s Mayor, Cllr Trevor Holt, chatted with us before the rain came down and **grateful thanks** to all who turned up and played so well in dreadful conditions. Thanks to Eva, Catherine, Karen & Victoria for the pics; **particularly Eva** who repeatedly braved the elements for her art. **Cheers**

UPDATE FROM YOUR COMMITTEE: Our last meeting back on 21st May, as always, covered several topical items including reviews of our March meeting and April’s AGM, Treasurers Update and Recruitment with further headlines as follows:

Uniform – to further enhance our uniformity we discussed a further adornment to our uniforms. Watch this space as coming soon will be an **enamel band badge** suitable for all members to wear on their uniform and produced in our band colours of Red, Black and Yellow. We hope these will be available for our Summer Concert on 20th July.

New Store Room – permission being sought (*and now granted*) to fit out the storeroom with robust shelving in order to house our music library, primarily. Also the integration of a store cupboard from the main hall into our storage room (*now done*). We plan to overhaul the storage provision both in the basement and upstairs over the summer.

Questionnaires – timescales for completion, review and publishing of outcomes discussed; *initial details on Page 1.*

Next Meeting - 9th July and update from this to be provided in Issue 6; due on 17th July.

In the meantime, any questions please ask. Thanks on behalf of **Your Committee**.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR 23RD JUNE 2019– HERRISTONE PARK – FULL BAND EVENT

Venue: Herristone Park, Crumpsall, Manchester, M8 4PN. **Event:** Picnic in the Park (51st Anniversary of the park)

Nearest Parking: Street Parking on either Herristone Road or Brynorne Road which run either side of the park.

Dress Code: Full, Smart Band Uniform (all black). Gentlemen, please remember your band tie.

Bring with you: Instrument, Music Stand and Music Pad, Pegs / Magnets for music. Chairs will be provided.

Arrive to set up: 1.50pm ready to play for 2.15pm our slot is 50 minutes

Finish Playing: 3.05pm followed by usual clear down and packing up.

Weather Watch: Light showers, gentle breeze & sunny spells forecast on 23rd (*as at 18th*) but is very likely to change. Shelter provided as pictured right when it was required for last year’s event because of the blistering heat! Be prepared, this is Britain in June!



Thanks to all who have indicated their availability for this performance

SUMMER TERM CALENDAR DATES 2019 –

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIARIES & NOTICE BOARD CHART – THANK YOU

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Sun 23/06/19	Herristone Park ‘Picnic in the Park’ – see detailed arrangements above	Community event that also sees our friends from the 434 th Scout Group doing archery & friendship bracelets.
Wed 17/07/19	Last Rehearsal before the summer break – usual times (Issue 6 of newsletter due out also)	Important practice - our final one before our big summer concert
Sat 20/07/19 (Changed from 27 th)	Summer Concert, St Matthews Parish Hall ‘Our first big showcase event of the year’	Confirmed booking – Full Band – more details next issue
Wed 24/07/19	Band Summer Social (therefore no rehearsal): Croma Restaurant, Prestwich, M25 1AY. Table booked for 8pm	All Welcome and please confirm your attendance with Nicky. Thanks
Wed 11/09/19	First Rehearsal back following the summer break. Usual times.	Let’s get the new term off to a great start with a positive turnout. Thanks

Autumn Term dates are on our notice board and please confirm your attendance. ✓ Full listings will be published here also, from Issue 7 (due 11/09/19) onwards.

STOP PRESS: Sadly, our long standing percussionist, Ian Farnell, after provisionally indicating some time ago that we should be looking for a replacement, has now confirmed that he will ‘retire’ from our band at the end of this term. The percussion role, like all other sections, is vital to our sound and integral with virtually every piece of music we play, therefore, if anyone knows a percussionist or more than one, who would want to get involved or initially wants to know more about us, please see a member of the committee at the soonest opportunity. Many Thanks, Rob