



Season 2019/2020

THE NEW HERALD

Newsletter of the

CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND



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WELCOME to Your latest issue of the **NEW HERALD**. After 30 rehearsals and 4 performances as our Conductor, **Rosie** has decided to resign her position with the band with immediate effect for a variety of compelling reasons as detailed below. As a band we fully respect Rosie's decision and offer our grateful thanks and very best wishes in all her future endeavours. Please be reassured, since confirmation of Rosie's decision recently, your Committee has been working feverishly behind the scenes and we have secured contingency on the baton from two familiar and reliable sources for rehearsals and festive commitments to the end of the year; **Kathryn Burke** and **Joseph Atkinson** have agreed to alternate rehearsals and cover the festive engagements ahead of a longer term solution being in place from the New Year (*more info once all confirmed*). **Very grateful thanks to Kate & Joe** for stepping in and all will be well; thanks for all your understanding and continued support of the band during this turbulent spell. **Thanks for reading, Rob**



OTHER HEADLINES – PLEASE NOTE:

Rehearsal Wed 30/10/19: No rehearsal next Wednesday due to half term holidays.

Concert 16/11/19: Due to a number of factors, regrettably but pragmatically, our concert on 16th November has been cancelled. See over page for details of plenty to look forward to between now and the end of the year.

Rosie's Resignation email to the Committee & Band's reply – reproduced with kind permission:

Dear all,

As you may know, during the past few months I have struggled with my health. I also have responsibilities at Church and work, other musical commitments and caring responsibilities.

Recent deterioration in my health has meant that I have not been able to devote the attention to developing the Band that you deserve; so I could not take the band, or the Band/MD relationship, as far forward as I had hoped. This is not fair to the band. It is with regret, therefore, that I must resign as MD.

It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with such a talented and enthusiastic group of people, and wish you all the best for the future.

Yours, with all good wishes

Rosie

Dear Rosie,

On behalf of the committee, thank you for your email and the honesty in appraising your personal position in terms of your health, caring and myriad other commitments that demand of your time.

I fully respect your decision and thank you in all sincerity for giving of your best on behalf of the band during your time with us. I hope the space this decision creates will allow you to centre more fully on your other commitments not least your own personal health and wellbeing, which is of paramount importance.

Please know you will always have a place in our band family and any time you feel like dropping in for a play or a chat and a cup of Norman's special, it will be great to see you. In addition, should the opportunity arise for a collaborative workshop or concert with your choir / orchestra at some point, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will do likewise if that's ok with you?

Thank you once again and the very best wishes for your future health and happiness.

Best regards
Rob

YOUR VIEW'S MATTER – final instalment from the questionnaire:

Recruitment & Sustainability. In terms of **Recruitment** we had lots of responses on how we might attract new players as follows:

- **Word of Mouth** – we are our best sales force; please spread the word
- **Posters in various key locations and via social media** – Caroline and Catherine have designed a fantastic recruitment poster (see right) and if you can display them at workplaces or communal venues please ask C & C for some copies and thank you.
- **Contact past players** – always a good one to try if any of you are still in touch with any former players?
- **Stalls at Community Events where we are playing** – we have several such events coming up which will be a good opportunity to spread the word and hand out posters.



In terms of **sustainability**, particularly looking at the prospect of potentially establishing a youth (feeder) band, whilst respondents thought this was a good idea for the longer term, there was also recognition of potential barriers. Some positive responses around partnering with local educational establishments got us thinking about a local collaboration with a rejuvenated **Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band** based at the Methodist Church; perhaps with some assistance from experienced CCB members? At our Committee meeting of 9th September this was supported as a 'slow burner' and please watch this space for future developments. In the meantime, if anyone feels this project is something they could support in helping local young people develop their musical potential, please let me know? There is a real historical precedent here of course; **our Concert Band** can trace its roots back more than quarter of a century to when it was formed from the ranks of the **Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band in 1993**; how fitting therefore if the two bands could be mutually supportive of each other to promote longer term sustainability of music making in the area.

IN MEMORY OF ERIC WILLEN – Sadly, Eric passed away, following a battle with illness, on 5th October 2019. Eric, a former professional trumpet player with a ballet company played regularly with the band from the late 2000's to 2015 and guested with us several times before becoming a regular member. Most notably, Eric guested with us at the prestigious Commonwealth Games Concert, Longford Park in Aug 2002 where we were the support band before the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra took the stage. Our sincere condolences to Eric's family and friends at this difficult time and we celebrate and give thanks for Eric's life in music and time in our ranks.



Concert 6th June 2010



Blackley Concert March 2014



Spring Concert, St Matthew's 13/05/15



AL MATTERS: In some respects cancelling our Autumn Concert is a disappointment, however, having spoken with **Kate** ahead of tonight's practice there may be some scope to play as a full band at the **Methodist Church Christmas Fair on 30th November** (much as we did at their Spring Fair back in April) where we can play some of our more well known pieces alongside traditional Christmas Fayre. Let's see how things develop when we start rehearsing in earnest on 6th November.

AUTUMN / WINTER TERM CALENDAR DATES 2019 – PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIARIES & NOTICE BOARD CHART – THANK YOU

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Sat 30/11/19	Christmas Fair – Methodist Church Crumpsall	Full Band - More details next issue
Sun 01/12/19	Christmas Fair – Herristone Park	More details next issue
Sat 14/12/19	Tangled Dance Co Christmas Show – Ordsall Hall	Timings next issue (3 slots)
Sun 15/12/19	Tangled Dance Co Christmas Show – Ordsall Hall	Timings next issue (3 slots)
Wed 18/12/19	Band Festive Social (last rehearsal Wed 11/12/19)	Details to be confirmed
Thu 19/12/19	Community Carol Service – Methodist Church	Full Band More details to follow

REMEMBER: NO REHEARSAL NEXT WEEK 30/10/2019 & AUTUMN CONCERT CANCELLED 16/11/2019

