



'Hark the CCB Herald'
Start of half term No2 2020

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WELCOME to the latest issue of **Your New Herald** as we embark on our second half term of 2020 that will hopefully culminate in a Spring Concert on Saturday 4th April (see calendar dates over page). This issue is packed with prose and pictures to keep you fully up to speed with where and what we are up to as a band.

Thanks for reading. Enjoy. **Yours, Rob**

A BRIEF REVIEW OF HALF TERM 08TH JANUARY – 12TH FEBRUARY 2020:



Band Pictured at our final rehearsal of the half term on 12th February. Pic: Eva Jacobs

Wow! Our first 6 rehearsals of 2020 have just flown by and here are a few facts and figures to profile where we are at as a band at the beginning of our latest chapter:

- Expansion of our membership as we welcomed our new Conductor Alan and his Wife Jane along with 11 new recruits from Werneth and 4 others besides. Collectively we have gelled superbly.
- Five other musicians have given us a 'try out' but for various valid reasons haven't been able to commit at this stage. As always, our door remains open and all are welcome.
- Rehearsals averaging 40 each week with a high of 43 on 5th February and a potential max turnout at the end of the half term being an incredible 47 when we are all there.
- For many of us, the introduction of a whole raft of new music totalling 21 pieces courtesy of Alan and Jane with only 3 pieces from our 2019 pad featuring so far; Disney, Queen and Mamma Mia.
- With many younger musicians now in the ranks, our age range spans 80 years (15 to 95).
- Some things have remained constant and our half time brew is still only 20p as it was back in 1993.



MUSICAL MATTERS: With 21 pieces introduced by Alan and Jane over the past 6 weeks it is true to say that a few have been rehearsed quite consistently and this maybe a clue as to Alan's thinking as he prepares a programme ahead of our planned spring concert on 4th April? Watch this space as no doubt our pads will begin to take shape this half term. **Clarinetist Robbie O'Brien** has passed on a helpful tip (via our **Fb** Group) by collating some of the new arrangements we have been playing to YouTube (Youtube.com/CCB-2020) as an aid to 'private practice'. Victoria and I recently practiced a couple of pieces accompanied by YouTube performances and found this helped. Cheers Robbie. **During the past 6 weeks** the number of clarinetists has increased sufficiently to allow **Cyril**



(pictured left) following a discussion with Alan, to reintroduce the **bass clarinet** to our dynamic and add another level of woodwind depth. Thanks Cyril. In a bid to support his musical development and with the support of **Jane**, **Bernard** has agreed to an interim move onto **Timpani** adding another impressive percussive dynamic to our music. We welcome and thank **Jake** for his support on the **drum kit** and thank **Bernard** for embracing this exciting development opportunity and wish him well.



GRATEFUL THANKS: Following Rosie's departure as our conductor last October, we faced the uncertainty of several rehearsals and important festive engagements, without a conductor. Your committee began the search for our next conductor and **Alan Cottrill's** name was mentioned and an approach made; Alan accepted the challenge but was unavailable until January. What to do in the interim? Thankfully, **Kathryn (Kate) Burke** our conductor of six years up to December 2018, stepped into the breach along with trombonist **Joseph Atkinson** who is continuing his conducting development under Alan. **Kate** and **Joe** liaised and alternated seamlessly to front the band during a busy last half term of 2019 and to mark our lasting gratitude for their crucial interim support, we were delighted to present them with a token of our thanks and appreciation at rehearsal on 12th February.



On the same evening we also invited **Eva Jacobs** our former bassoonist and Committee Chair, down to rehearsal following her retirement from the band at Christmas. A tribute to **Eva** was included in the last issue of the New Herald and her contribution to the band over several years has been invaluable. Eva will continue to be an avid supporter of the band and her photography skills were once again in evidence during the rehearsal as can be seen with the group picture on page 1 of this issue. A hamper containing a bassoon mug and some of Eva's favourite teas and biscuits was presented as a small token of her extensive contribution to our band's development. Thank you Eva, Kate and Joe and all the best from all in the CCB.

COMMITTEE UPDATE – FEB 2020: The first meeting of Your Committee in 2020 was held on 27th January and faced with a packed agenda we are pleased to provide the following brief summary of just some of the many areas covered:

- **Firstly**, following Eva's retirement, we welcomed Carole Blackston onto the committee to see how she likes the role ahead of our next AGM. Carole will be helping us with sourcing engagements and venues and is also looking to undertake training to support Caroline Hall as another First Aider for the band.
- **Alan's** first Conductor's report was well received and very positive.
- **Review** of admin and governance arrangements around Data Protection, safeguarding and welcome packs.
- **Setting** the date for our AGM – 22nd April 2020.
- **Treasury matters;** financial reports & fundraising (see **100 Club** article below) along with logistical analysis of our uniform & equipment requirements to support the band's expansion: Ties, badges, chairs, stands, banners etc.
- **The** recommended appointments of inaugural **Honorary Presidential & Vice Presidential** ambassadorial positions for the band – watch this space and more details in the next issue!

Any questions at any time or if you feel you want to help behind the scenes in any way, please let one of your committee (Rob, Stuart, Sue, Nicky or Carole) know as there is lots we'd like and need to do. Many thanks for any considerations of support.

CCB FUND RAISING - 100 CLUB: We are looking to start a **100 Club** to support fundraising for the band as well as provide opportunities for entrants to be in with a chance of winning a monthly cash prize. **The launch and first draw will take place in April (at our AGM on 22nd all being well)** to tie in with the start of our financial year. **The 100 Club will be open for members and supporters aged 18 and over with a maximum of two numbers being available to purchase per entrant** and we encourage you to ask friends and family if they would like to participate in support of the band. **Full rules, details of how to join and pay are available at <https://crumpsallconcertband.co.uk/support-us>** and the window to sign up for the first 12 months, April 2020 to March 2021, will **open on 1st March 2020** with last entries for the 2020/21 draws being accepted up to and including **11pm on Saturday 18th April 2020**; just days before the first draw 😊. If all 100 numbers are not allocated by the time the window closes, unallocated numbers will be removed from the draws for 2020/21. Any questions please let us know and **speak to Stuart, our Treasurer and draw coordinator**, at any rehearsal.



2020 CALENDAR DATES – (THOSE KNOWN AT THIS STAGE) – PLEASE MAKE A NOTE

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Sat 04/04/20	Spring Concert – St Matthew's Parish Hall (Band room) More details as we approach the date & in your next issue.	Set up from 6pm, doors 6.45, start 7pm (TBC)
Wed 08/04/20	No rehearsal – Easter Break	End of term 1 2020
Wed 22/04/20	Annual General Meeting 2020 – Held as part of our usual rehearsal and with a social element involved also 😊	Please make every effort to attend this meeting / rehearsal. Thank you
Sat 06/06/20	Radcliffe Carnival – Red Bank fields, Radcliffe – FULL BAND (Playing on the carnival field prior to the parade setting off)	Mid-day. – 2pm We will not be required in the parade...phew!
Sat 20/06/20	Bandemonium – Kay Gardens, Bury – FULL BAND	1pm – 3pm
Sat 05/07/20	Potential Summer Concert – FULL BAND	Full details to follow
Wed 02/12/20	Crumpsall Christmas Tree Light switch on (Methodist Church Crumpsall). Usual rehearsal for those not playing.	7pm – 8pm – small band for the tree light switch on / rest at rehearsal

FEATURING IN ISSUE 7 DUE 25TH MARCH: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE HISTORY OF CRUMPSALL???