

'Hark the CCB Herald'



'CCB playing live once again'

THE NEW HERALD

Newsletter of

CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND



Volume 3 Issue 11
31st July 2021

Welcome to your July 2021 issue of *The New Herald*. Well, what a finale to the strangest and most difficult of band seasons. Two years, one day after our last full band concert (*St Matthew's Parish Hall 20/07/2019*) we finally emerged from the pandemic's lingering shadow to perform to a live audience once again, outdoors at our 2020/21 base; FC United's Broadhurst Park Stadium on 21st July. Everyone involved in any way during our 20/21 journey and story can be rightly proud of all we have achieved and grateful thanks to you all. As well as reviewing the end of the season, this issue also includes a tribute to the ever-popular **Cyril Weinkove** who sadly passed away on 14th July, news of our pending move of HQ from the start of the new season in September, welcomes and farewells, a look at a potential new casual uniform option for less formal events, and much more. Our Heritage series will continue in the August newsletter. Many thanks & enjoy the read. **Yours in Banding, Rob**



In this issue:

A Message from our Conductor; Music Matters – the run in to the end of our 20/21 season; Tribute to Cyril Weinkove; Band News including – Welcomes & Farewells, Pending move of HQ, Fundraising & Finance, Calendar Dates and much more. Please Read On!

CONDUCTOR'S MESSAGE: "What a pleasure and what a good concert it was":



Hello everyone, well what a pleasure, after nearly 18 months, to be able to say WELL DONE - what a good concert it was to mark the end of the season. Through lockdown some of us have joined in online, before Christmas some of us played outside at FC United, since the last lockdown some of us have played again at FC United, (May to July 2021) alongside Zoom. Thank you everyone who has made all these opportunities possible. At FC United on 21st July, we were able to play outside and entertain our supporters and it was a lovely night, everyone rose to the occasion and did themselves proud. **Enjoy the summer break! Best wishes, Alan.**



Ed: See pic right: Who says, 'Blokes can't multitask?' – Alan conducting, Robbie playing, whilst both engaging in a game of peek-a boo!

MUSIC MATTERS: 2020/21 - the final rehearsals and a 'big band' finish:

Rehearsal Snap-Shot & Diary Record - 30th June – 14th July 2021:



^ **Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Rehearsal #7 2021:** A good turn out of 25 on another warm summer's evening at Broadhurst Park. Debut for **James Wilson** on Trombone (see Band News section page 5) with Alan turning our attention to the end of season concert.



< **Wednesday 7th July – Rehearsal #8 2021:** An early start / early finish rehearsal to accommodate England's Euro 2020 Semi Final against Denmark. Every credit that we still managed a turnout of 23 and with only one more rehearsal

before the concert it was important we were able to meet to keep momentum going. **The flutes** are pictured in the rustic setting by the FC Tractor with **Stuart** (Bass Clarinet) finding the trailer a good perch for his instrument case 😊. This was to be our last week with bell covers; clearly visible on **Joe's** trombone, nearest the camera above right. They have served us well even though never strictly required outdoors and the decision to dispense with them for outdoor use at least, was universally welcomed.

CCB set list for Summer Concert at FC United's Stadium Wed 21st July 2021

Queen on Stage
When the Stars ...
Highland Cathedral
Welsh Rhapsody
Disney at the Movies

--- Brief Interval ---

Folk Song Suite No1
Bring Him Home
Mamma Mia
Celtic Crest
Greatest Showman

Encore: Muppet Show

Wednesday 14th July – rehearsal #9 2021 (the 16th and final one of the 20/21 season): The set list (left) was handed out and a fantastic turnout of 32 (our highest for a rehearsal of the entire season) saw **Alan** work us through the playing



order until handing over to **Joe** to conduct the last two numbers of the first half set, whilst **Alan** joined the bass section on his trademark Tuba. Welcome back to **Carole** on Alto Sax for her first physical rehearsal since March 2020 although she has been pretty much ever present on Zoom for our FC United sessions. Really thorough workout this evening and we were now as ready as we could be. Final arrangements for the 'big night' were relayed and uniform ties and badges were handed out at the end to those who needed.

Blowing away the Lockdown Cobwebs - End of Season Summer Concert - 21st July 2021:



Just some of the 55 strong audience to whom we are extremely grateful for their support. Welcome back to live performances folks & hope you enjoyed your evening. See you all again soon, all being well!



The last evening of a prolonged heatwave and Broadhurst Park basked in the high 20's as the band and audience arrived at the home of FC United for our first full band outing since the summer concert of 20th July 2019 – two years and one day ago – wow! So much has changed in all our lives and in and around our band since then. Welcomed by our CCB Event Officers, **Karen and Mary**, pictured left, resplendent in their CCB Hi-Vis vests, the band, all 33 of us, were informed of their West Stand seat positions on arrival and the audience, numbering 55, were shown to dedicated seating in the Main Stand. A fantastic evening was enjoyed by all and the feedback we have received has been magnificent. It was certainly a significant and emotional milestone to be back be playing to a live audience and I'll let the pictures do the talking. **Didn't we look the part!** A more complete montage will appear on our notice board in September.



A TRIBUTE TO – Cyril Weinkove; 17th April 1938 – 14th July 2021

On the evening of Wednesday 14th July, Cyril Weinkove passed away suddenly at his home. On behalf of Crumpsall Concert Band, sincerest condolences extend to his wife Liz, sons Robert, Ben and Andrew and the wider Weinkove family in the UK, South Africa, New Zealand, USA and Canada and to all his many friends & colleagues; may he rest in peace and all hearts be comforted in this wish.



Cyril, 83, had been an active, inspirational member of our band for over two decades and was a loveable character and friend to all. He served the band with that trademark grin, sense of humour and excellent musicianship on his beloved clarinet and bass clarinet whilst also serving 'his stint' on the Band Committee some ten years ago. Even through lockdown and illness, Cyril was until, relatively recently, still an active participant with the band; his remarkable grasp of technology (the first time I had ever seen an i-Pad used instead of physical sheet music) enabled him to participate on regular Zooms and our first 4 Lockdown recordings between April and September 2020. The montage below encapsulates Cyril's time in the band and I hope helps recall many happy memories.

^ Cyril pictured in the heart of the band warming his hands on a 'Norman's Brew' in a full band pic, taken at rehearsal 12th Feb 2020.

Just before Cyril passed, close friends and fellow band stalwarts, Derek Farnell and Alan Bernstein had met at Cyril's house to play as a trio and whilst the first attempt was a 'work-in-progress' they were due to meet again on Thursday 15th July for another go, this time all playing clarinet. Sadly this was not meant to be, however on Sunday 11th July, Alan and former band member Eva Kahan did meet up with Cyril and played as a clarinet trio. Speaking with Alan at Cyril's funeral last Thursday, "He, [Cyril], loved it" and this I am sure will provide some comfort to his wider musical family. Our tribute continues with some thoughts and memories from close friends in and around the band. Rest in peace Cyril and grateful thanks for the memories and time spent amongst us. Rob

Memories of Cyril - by Julie Thompson (Tenor Sax) & Hilary Hill (Oboe) and other band tributes:



I will miss Cyril a great deal, his infectious smile and cheerful disposition could always be relied upon at band practice. I spent many hours with him attending band committee meetings at Derek's house, where he would participate with an upbeat optimism which made many a meeting more enjoyable. My fondest memory of Cyril was when we were in Bremen (*Band trip to Germany, August 2011 Pic left*), which we visited the day after our joint concert with a German band in Bremerhaven. We were being taken on a guided tour of the beautiful historical Bremen town centre, which had very narrow maze-like walkways, imagine a German version of York. It quickly became apparent that we would have to take it in turns to be on 'Cyril watch' as he had a tendency to lag behind or wander off looking at something that had caught his eye. Not wanting to go home with less band members than we came with, we realised we needed to keep a close eye on him, gently reminding him that the guide had moved on and that we needed to keep up with the others. It was a real pleasure and honour to know Cyril, he will be missed at every rehearsal and concert, my thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time. Julie

Some of you already know that Cyril Weinkove suggested I take up a hobby or past interest to prevent the 'mischief' of idle hands (eating food) in 2005. Cyril was my hospital consultant. On finding out at a discharge meeting that I had a very old oboe which hadn't been touched since school he had me hand it to him for him to take it to be serviced. We met the following week at Crumpsall Concert Band and he became my front row friend at band; the rest is history. (*Pic: King Cyril and Queen Hilary – Ordsall Hall Gig Dec 2019>>*)

"Caught in the act" (*St. Trinian's motto*) I have many memories of Cyril a kind, clever, fun-loving and very generous gentleman. I can still hear Cyril's Ealing comedy Margaret Rutherford Headteacher voice calling the mischievous band (St. Trinians) to order. This was just one of his many voices. Cyril was at the centre of much fun and laughter in Bremerhaven Germany (2011). On the ferry we heard the tannoy more than once calling for 'Mr Weinkove'. For starters, Cyril mistakenly selected the coach driver's suitcase to take on the ferry overnight and not surprisingly the coach driver wanted it back. On stage, during the concert, Cyril's mobile phone rang which fortunately most people didn't hear. He said it was his architect! One evening out Cyril placed a heart shaped ring on my finger with a number on it. It turned out that was how you paid the bar tab in Germany and all I had to do was wave it at the waitress during the evening for our table. Cyril was quick to own up in rehearsals even when on some occasions it wasn't him. These confessions often deflected the spotlight from other band members and nurtured a fun rehearsal environment. Our best tribute for Cyril would be to continue having fun and laughter with Crumpsall Concert Band. Hilary (Oboe)



Further memories and immediate reactions on hearing the sad news:

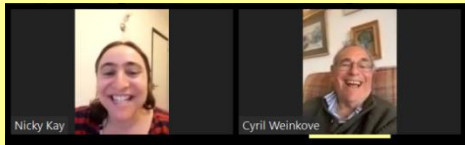


Packet of Custard Creams retrieved during a recent clearout of the band cupboard at St Matthew's. Cyril's favourite biscuit to accompany his brew during rehearsal breaks; purchased by Norman before lockdown and never opened. Sell by date: Aug 2020 😊. First reserve 'Brewer Uppa' - Les Payne (Trumpet) recalls: I remember, especially when on brew duty, Cyril always asking for his favourite biscuits, Custard Creams 😊 Les.

Cyril's affability and good humour (Jewish jokes!) endeared him to all of us. Oy vey! - as they say in Cheetham Hill and Prestwich. Fondest memories, Doug (Bassoon). I will always remember Cyril's beaming smile and his keen sense of humour. We will all miss him very much. Phil (Trumpet). RIP Cyril, you will be missed. Tricia (Flute). That is such sad news x (Jo, Flute). Sad news, he was a lovely gentleman. Jane (Trombone). That is very sad news, he was very friendly and welcoming in my first couple of weeks at band last year! Thoughts are with his family. Robbie (Clarinet). My thoughts are with his family & friends. He was such a lovely gentleman x. Caroline (Flute)

My sadness my deep sadness at the loss of a good friend and colleague. He did me the great favour of introducing me to the CCB more than 20 years ago. Over that period of time we made music with the band and in various small groups on a regular basis. He was a loyal friend, an amusing companion with a great sense of fun. Cyril will live long in my memory. **Alan Bernstein (Principal Clarinet)**

Sending condolences to Cyril's family. He certainly will be missed x **Victoria (Trumpet)**. So very sorry to hear this sad news x **Sarah (Principal Trumpet)**. Was so upset to hear this, I will miss Cyril very much xx **Carole (Alto Sax)**. So sorry to hear the news. He was a lovely person. **Andrew (Trombone)**. Such sad news, Cyril was one in a million, have so many happy memories, he'll be sorely missed, thoughts are with his family. **Julie (Tenor Sax)**.



"Cyril was a lovely friend and my buddy in the clarinet section. He was incredibly friendly and welcoming. He always had a glint in his eye and was ready with funny commentary in any situation. He had a dry, quick wit that would keep us all entertained. He used to give me a nudge if he got lost so that I could help him to find his place. He was very technically adept and had all his music uploaded to his iPad. Cyril loved playing music and was in numerous small ensembles on top of playing in the band. We spent many entertaining hours at Cyril's house playing trios and quartets. Liz was always very patient with us all invading the house (loudly)! Alan and Cyril always made a good comedy double act during our rehearsals and would bounce off each other. Whenever we had a gig to go to Cyril would always check that I was ok getting there and would offer a lift. A gentleman through and through. I will very much miss Cyril. He was a kind hearted, good humoured, intelligent and humble friend. One in a million." **Nicky Kay (Clarinet)** (Nicky and tech savvy Cyril pictured above at our virtual Zoom band AGM – April 2020)

Cyril's Banding Montage – serving under 4 Principal Conductors – just a few of many pictures:



<<< Pictured Left at a concert at the Methodist Church Crumpsall in 2004. Cyril, right hand end of front row, when the band was still known as the Crumpsall Comets Concert Band. Conductor: **Derek Farnell**



Cyril, 2nd in from the right on the front row in the band's appearance at Herristone Park Summer Fair circa 2015. Conductor: **Kathryn Burke** >>>



<<< Cyril, 3rd in from the right, looking very wise and wizardly at the first of our two December 2019 appearances at Salford's historic Ordsall Hall for the Tangled Dance Co's 'Frosted by Magic' show.



Herristone Park Summer Fair, July 2019. Cyril on the front row pictured immediately to Conductor **Rosie Kingham's** left with good friend Alan on the end of the row to Rosie's right. >>>



<<< Cyril, 12th February 2020, at what ended up being one of our final rehearsals at St Matthew's ahead of the first Lockdown in March 2020. After consulting with new conductor **Alan Cottrill** following a large influx of clarinet players, Cyril once again took up the bass clarinet for additional woodwind depth in the band.



^ Above: Tech Savvy Cyril determined to carry on: Lockdown recordings 1, 3 and 4: April – September 2020

CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND – BAND NEWS, VIEWS & BANTER...

Welcome to New Recruit – James Wilson – Trombone:



James, joining us on 30th June 2021 and pictured left at his first rehearsal at FC United and right at our Summer Concert, 21st July, heard about us following a recent conversation with Jane Cottrill who he has known from his time spent with Werneth Youth Concert Band. Having returned from Uni at Birmingham with a BMus (Hons), he was looking to get back into playing locally again.

Previous ensembles and bands include: Werneth Youth Concert Band, Werneth Concert Band, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Brass Band, Joe Broughton Conservatoire Folk Ensemble, Alderly Edge Symphony Orchestra (Dep), Manchester Beethoven Orchestra (Dep), PHAT! (Own small group/Function Band).



A warm CCB welcome James and we hope you enjoy your time with us. Any questions, please ask. RF

Season Stats at a glance – Green Shoots of Recovery continue to grow:

Rehearsal Periods Season 2020/21	Number of Rehearsals in Period	Physical Average (Rounded)	Zoom Average (Rounded)	Total Average (Rounded)	Highest Physical + Zoom Occurrence (Rounded)
30/09 – 16/12/2020	7	17	4	21	26 (18+8) 30 th Sept 2020
19/05 – 14/07/2021	9	25	1	26	33 (22+1) 14 th July 2021

Fond Farewells – Joe, Robbie & Jake off for a few bars rest with our grateful thanks & best wishes:

Off on different paths the lads were each presented with a card filled with thanks and best wishes at our recent concert. “We hope that your paths cross once again with the CCB in the future and in the meantime, we wish you every best wish in your future endeavours:”



Joe joined the band as a young lad and as he has grown, so he has developed as a musician to the point of achieving his Grade 8 (with distinction) on trombone back in 2019. In addition, following the departure of our conductor Rosie Kingham in October 2019, he undertook conducting duties along with former conductor Kathryn Burke to take us through a busy schedule of festive engagements ahead of Alan taking up the position in January last year. Then the pandemic came along, and Joe along with Robbie shared conducting responsibilities between September and December last year when we took our first steps into the world of rehearsing together; outdoors at FC United. Joe is off to Uni at St Andrew’s, Scotland in September.

Joe says: "Thank you all for the card and kind words. It has been a pleasure to play in the band and then later to have had the opportunity to conduct you all. Hopefully I will be able to come back and help out during the holidays."

Robbie joined us in December 2019 and has made such a positive impression that it seems he has been around the band so much longer. Arriving as a very accomplished clarinetist (and saxophonist) Robbie was also an established conductor and assistant musical director of the National Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade Concert Band and on moving back to York next month hopes to resurrect the local Brigade Band which has fallen victim to the pandemic. As mentioned above, Robbie shared conducting responsibilities with Joe at FC United last autumn / winter and has recently taken a rehearsal when Alan and Jane were away for a week in June. Both Robbie and Joe have also been stalwarts of our pandemic Zoom era both socially and at General Meetings / AGMs with Joe being quiz master at our highly successful virtual quiz night back in February.

Robbie Says: "Thanks very much for the card and the kind words. It’s been great playing with you all (off and on) over the last two years! Glad I have had some impact in that time. I’ll send Rob an update in the next term as we settle in York :) Good luck with everything in the future, you’re all fab musicians and you have a strong committee around you, it can only be a success :)"



Since his retirement in July 2019, we had struggled to replace the experience that Ian Farnell, our drummer for many years, had brought to the band. Then, along came **Jake** in early 2020 and added the kit dynamic, honed on the drum stool of the Werneth Youth Concert Band, to our sound once again.

Since we resumed rehearsals again on 19th May, Jake's presence has added that impressive layer of sound once again and his skill and dynamism behind the kit will undoubtedly be difficult to replicate. Jake is off to Uni in Hull in September.

Jake Says: "Hi Everyone, thank you for my lovely card and kind words. It’s been a pleasure getting to know you all and being part of the band. Look forward to drumming with you all again sometime soon!"



Fundraising & Finance – 100 Club re-launch reminder.

The 100 Club relaunch in September, will be open for members and supporters aged 18 and over and we encourage you to ask friends and family if they would like to participate in support of the band. For full details and how to register your interest please access the **100 Club** tab via our website: Crumpsall Concert Band and complete the **Joining Form**. No commitment at this stage just an opportunity to register interest for us to assess viability. Ta

Casual Uniform / Casual wear – CCB Polo shirt:



Our ‘Merch Meister’ Stuart can be seen modelling the CCB Polo shirt outside our soon to be new rehearsal base, Methodist Church Crumpsall, recently. He ordered this one as a quality sample and as a result we are pleased to offer this to bandmembers at a very reasonable price.

The polo shirt spec and style are high quality 50% Cotton/ 50% Polyester with a knitted collar, reactive dyed, 3 buttons and with our excellent embroidered badge incorporated too (although the image resolution from my camera on the insert left doesn’t do the badge justice).

Sizes range from XS to 4 x XL in men’s / unisex equating to 8 – 22 in ladies and prices range from £11.00 to £12.50. From a uniform perspective, the polo shirt could be worn for less formal occasions such as at a carnival for instance and the polo shirt will also double up as casual wear in everyday terms. Supporters may like to order one also?

Thanks to Stuart for taking the initiative with this and for an order form please message via the WhatsApp group, band email address or my email. Many thanks, Rob.

CCB HQ Move 2021 – From St Matthew’s Parish Hall via FC United to Methodist Church Crumpsall:



Update #1: As announced to those present at our summer concert, after 28 years use of St Matthew’s Parish Hall as our HQ and rehearsal space, your committee has used the enforced, prolonged absence from indoor rehearsals to assess our options for the future. This unique opportunity has allowed us to look strategically and in detail at what the band’s requirements might be as we move forward towards our 4th decade. We have certainly

not rushed into any decision or taken a knee jerk approach and indeed started to look at alternative options around 6 months ago. Only after much deliberation back and forwards, have we emerged with a solution that we believe will serve the band’s aspirations well for many years to come. This includes a strategic sustainable model for the band such as a training band option and for this and similar development opportunities we required exclusivity of tenancy on our chosen evening as well as unrestricted all year-round access to our stores. Both of these key measures will be satisfied by our move to MCC whilst becoming a diminishing option at the increasingly busy St Matthew’s Hall. Both ourselves and the Parochial Church Council of St Matthew with St Mary recognise and respect each other’s position and both parties will continue to interact and operate to the benefit of our respective communities and the wider community of Crumpsall and our surrounds. **Further details and practicalities of the move will be included in the next issue (Update #2) and if anyone has any queries or would be free to assist in the physical move, likely to take place towards the end of August please let us know. Thanks for offers already received. Thank you, Your Committee**

Calendar Dates;

Please Note: Prestwich Carnival, 15th August – now cancelled

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Wed 1 st or 8 th September 2021. (1 st Sept could be a General Meeting at MCC ahead of rehearsal on 8th)	Return to rehearsals for the start of our 29 th Season 2021/22. We are hoping these will be indoors at our new home, Methodist Church Crumpsall. Timings to be confirmed and will be held in accordance with prevailing guidance in operation at the time.	The health and wellbeing of our membership remains paramount and an updated rehearsal risk assessment will be published in advance. The weekly registration window protocols may well remain also. More details next issue.
23 rd – 26 th Sept 2021	Cheetham Cultural Festival (CCF) summer event weekend. Full details to follow	We hope to be involved in a live performance capacity during this cultural weekend.
Sat 16 th Oct 2021	Proposed CCB Autumn Concert – our first since our 25 th anniversary Concert, Autumn 2018	Venue and further details to emerge as we move forwards but please save the date.

THE LAST BIT:

Thanks for all contributions of words and pictures for this issue. Much appreciated.

The final Issue of Volume 3 due at the end of August will include the following:

Staycation Postcards – we’ve had some pics in already and keep ‘em coming please; Reducing our carbon footprint; HQ Move Update #2 and how we expect rehearsals may look from September; return of the band heritage series; end of season vote of thanks and much more. In the meantime, I hope you & yours keep safe and well. Enjoy the summer and thanks for reading, Rob