

'Hark the CCB Herald'



'Community Matters'

THE NEW HERALD

Newsletter of

CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND



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Hello & Welcome to your July 2022 Bumper Summer Special *New Herald*, brought to you 29 years after the band's debut performance (see *Making Memories* below) as we look ahead to our milestone 30th season when our new Principal Conductor, **Maren Kuzmak**, takes the reins. Event wise, July closed out our 21/22 season in style with our **Spectacular Summer Showcase Concert** in front of our largest audience for years at Methodist Church Crumpsall. This, along with our appearance at **Herristone Park** are reviewed below as we also spotlight other happenings in and around Crumpsall in our **main feature 'Community Corner'**. For the first time, our season extends into August with informal rehearsals taking place during the summer and more details appear in the **Music Matters** article. **Band News** features stats, instrument donations, welcomes, farewells and much more. **Enjoy this bumper issue, thanks for reading and you and yours have a fantastic summer. Yours in Banding, Rob**



Included In This Bumper Summer Special:

New Principal Conductor Announcement; Calendar Dates; Music Matters incl. Summer rehearsals & Library Corner Community Corner (extended feature), Band News, Views & Banter incl. welcomes, farewells, Stats, a look back at our Summer Social and more; Making Memories – Julys past and the Last Bit. Thanks for Reading !

NEW PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR ANNOUNCEMENT - WELCOME TO MAREN KUZMAK



Of course, to those who have read Maren's 'acceptance press statement' elsewhere, this may not be news to you, but officially on behalf of your Committee and wider membership it gives me great pleasure in the pages of Your Newsletter, to formally welcome Maren to the band. On 29th July, your committee met with Maren at our HQ to provide an informal welcome and induction and discussions were



very positive ahead of Maren formally taking up the position at our first rehearsal of our 30th Season on Wednesday 7th September. **More information in the August newsletter and thanks to Maren for accepting the role and to Alan and latterly Joe who have conducted us so well during the 21/22 season just gone. Maren is pictured above conducting us during their audition for the role, back on 15th June.**

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Calendar Dates:

Every member counts, please save the dates; thank you

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DATE/TIMES	EVENT	NOTES
Wed 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th & 24 th Aug 2022 7.00 – 9.00pm	<u>Informal Summer Rehearsals</u> Coordinated by Stuart, Conducted by Joe <i>Methodist Church Crumpsall – usual registration applies</i>	These informal rehearsals have been arranged in response to member requests from those wishing to carry on rehearsing during our traditional summer break. Please note the earlier start time.
Wed 7 th Sept 2022 7.30 – 9.00pm	<u>1st Rehearsal of our 30th Season 2022/23</u> <i>Methodist Church Crumpsall</i>	We Welcome our new Principal Conductor, Maren Kuzmak, to her first rehearsal in the role.
<u>Community Dates</u> Sat 10 th Sept 2022 & Sat 12 th Nov 2022	<u>CLEANER CRUMPSALL GROUP – LITTER PICK</u> 10:00am, Labour Club, 98 Wilton Rd, Crumpsall, M8 6PX <i>Hi-Vis, grabby stick, bags, gloves and refreshments provided</i>	Any members / supporters who want to assist in this environmental endeavour, would be welcome. Four of the band made the last litter pick thanks.
Sun 18 th Sept 2022 Afternoon	<u>Cheetham Cultural Festival Summer Event</u> The Times and Venue will be Confirmed	Our first public engagement of the New Season just 11 days after starting back.
Fri 11 th , Sat 12 th & Sun 13 th Nov 2022	<u>Armistice Day, FC United and Remembrance Sunday</u> Blackley Forest, Broadhurst Park and Methodist Church respectively	Calling our buglers once again for Last Post and Rouse duty at these events including pre kick off at FC United (Men's) on 12 th & 13 th (Women's)
Sun 27 th Nov 2022 Times to be advised	<u>National Concert Band Festival, 1st Round,</u> Crompton House Academy, Oldham	Our debut in the festival and we have entered this year to add a different dynamic to this special season. More details to follow.

We also have a series of festive season engagements which will be fully detailed in forthcoming issues: For now however, please add the following **December 2022** dates to your calendars/diaries: **Thu 1st, Sat 3rd, Sun 4th, Thu 15th, Wed 21st.** Thank You.

MUSIC MATTERS: Summer Programme & Library Corner:

Informal Summer Rehearsals - including some musical challenges to freshen things up!

A few weeks before the formal end of our 21/22 season, and prompted by some member requests, we sought to understand the appetite for informal rehearsals during the summer. Traditionally, running in parallel to school holidays, the band has usually enjoyed a 5 or 6 week break at this time of year, and after an exceptionally busy summer term, a break for some was a most appealing prospect and opportunity to recharge batteries. However, not everyone wanted a break and **thanks to Joe who agreed to conduct and Stuart for coordinating on behalf of the Committee**, subject to demand, informal summer rehearsals are being facilitated each Wednesday from 27th July to 24th August inclusive. Thanks also to **Methodist Church Crumpsall** for allowing us the flexibility to carry on rehearsing into August.

Thanks to the 14 who attended and enjoyed the first summer rehearsal last Wednesday (27th July) as pictured below:



For those wishing to attend any of the remaining informal summer rehearsals, please register as normal and keep a look out for the registration link email that will go out each Monday evening (from Stuart) and note the earlier start time of 7pm. Full details will be included in the weekly email. Please return any original pieces you have (not personal copies). Thanks

Thanks to Librarian Sue, assisted by Joe and Stuart, the following pieces have been added to all pads for the summer period and, with a gig just 18 days into the new season, many of our summer term pieces are still in the pads too:

- ★ Appalachian Folk Song Suite
- ★ Fantasia For Band
- ★ Hymn to the Fallen
- ★ Light Cavalry Overture
- ★ MacArthur Park
- ★ March to the Scaffold
- ★ My Fair Lady
- ★ Pirates of the Caribbean
- ★ Rhapsody on the Minstrel Boy
- ★ Slavonic Rhapsody

Summer Rehearsals - Band in the Round 13th July – Final formal rehearsal of the season.



After our busy summer term of engagements culminating in our superb summer concert on 9th July (see next page) and with Joe, taking a well-earned holiday, it was hardly surprising that our final formal rehearsal of the season on 13th July was a low key, relaxed affair in the heatwave. With no conductor available we held the rehearsal in the round, took requests and to accompany 'Great Escape' in particular, incorporated a marching band format percussion section. Thanks to Barbara and a still recovering (from lip surgery) **Andrew Shaw** for joining me (Side Drum) on Bass Drum and Cymbals respectively.

It was great to see that **Andrew** was back playing his trombone for the first informal summer rehearsal but has subsequently encountered a setback. Hopefully he will be recovered for the new season. We also welcomed **Keven Hatchman** on Trombone to his first rehearsal and see his proper welcome to the band in the Band News section below. Thanks to the 60 different musicians that have attend our rehearsals / events this season ...onwards and upwards for 22/23. RF

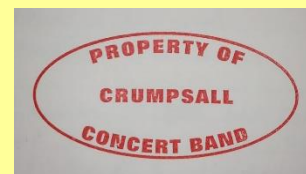


Library Corner – As if by magic pads are re-sorted & some random library contents unearthed:

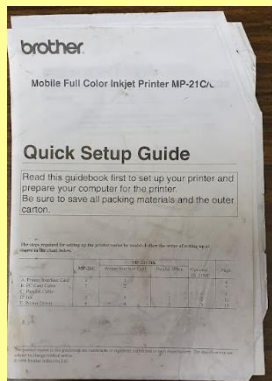
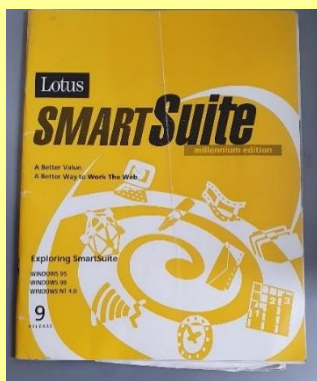


With circa 780 pieces now sorted by our Librarian Sue, (ably assisted by Stuart, Joe and Eva), Sue has initiated the traditional summer end of season pad sort out that was curtailed last year as all our energies were spent relocating the library from St Matthew's to our new HQ at MCC.

Thanks to Sue for her continued diligence and efforts in cataloguing our extensive library. Pictured are parts being sorted by the 'family Atkinson' ahead of informal summer rehearsals and the new season; those pieces belonging to the band marked accordingly with our new stamp.



As boxes of unsorted music move along the metaphorical conveyor belt for cataloguing, random documents are unearthed, some included below as follows L-R: Lotus Smart Suite, not a music suite but software programme notes first released in 1992. 'brother' (former Manchester City FC shirt sponsors from 1987-1997) printer Quick Setup Guide. Going back to the 1970's two plastic aprons, still in their original packaging which also reveals that they were purchased from long closed Cheetham Hill Wholesale Business 'Orbro' as then located between Cardinal Street and Alms Hill Road; the aprons are now in our Brew / Hospitality Cupboard as opposed to a box of music but perhaps a museum of social history is more appropriate? Last but by no means least, I was pleasantly surprised to find the artwork depicting Cymbals, Bugle, Bass Drum, Bell Lyre (and Sticks), Mouth Organ and Drum Sticks signed by none other than daughter Victoria Louise Fullen, aged 5½, drawn at a table whilst in the audience at St Matthew's Parish Hall whilst her daddy played in our 5th Anniversary Summer Concert on Saturday 18th July 1998. Priceless, this now proudly hangs, framed on my 'home' office wall 😊



CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND – July 2022 Gig Reviews:

Sunday 3rd July 2022: Herristone Park 'Picnic in the Park' Summer Fair:



Our band are just part of a wider, rich tapestry of community organisations that we are privileged to support. One such are the tireless 'Friends of Herristone Park' and on Sunday 3rd July we played to open their Summer Fair at 2pm and again, later on in the afternoon. The weather was reasonably kind to the event and you can see other shots from the afternoon in our **Community Corner** feature later in this issue. With **Andrew Shaw** just out of hospital following lip surgery our thanks to **Sarah Moran** from **Radcliffe Band** who asked one of her trombonists, **Piers Barton**, to step in on Trombone at very short notice; grateful thanks Piers. **Charlotte Ferguson** kindly covered on Euphonium too and great that **Jake Dillon** was once again available on the kit. Occasional strong gusts of breeze caused us some hearing and timing issues but on the whole we played okay and thanks to all who were able to make the penultimate event of our busy 21/22 season. RF



Saturday 9th July 2022: Our Showcase Summer Concert – Methodist Church Crumpsall:



After rehearsing in the Church itself on the Wednesday prior, just to get a feel for the layout and sound, it was time for our Summer Spectacular Showcase Concert; the climax of our first full season of banding since 2018/19 and in front of our largest local audience for many years. I mentioned earlier that as a band we are just part of a wider, rich tapestry of community organisations and it was great to welcome and see so many other organisations amongst our audience. These included, Crumpsall & Cheetham Allotments, Friends of Herristone Park, the 434th Scout Group, local churches, Cleaner Crumpsall, Close Neighbours Residents Association as well as friends and family of bandmembers and some former and current members (not playing at present) too. Thank you everyone for your support and we hope you enjoyed a lovely evening. Thanks to Joe for selecting an enjoyable set list and providing insight into each piece; really appreciated by the audience. Special mention to trombonists Sam Olsen and Piers Barton for stepping in as our regular, Andrew Shaw, unusually in the audience, continued his post op recovery. Thanks to all those who helped behind the scenes in prep for our big night and on the night itself including Karen, Sue (cakes), Barbara and Brenda on refreshments and not least to all fellow band members for all your efforts on the night; setting up and particularly clearing

down afterwards and reorganising the church seating ready for its 'parade' service the following morning. A great team effort 😊



CRUMPSALL COMMUNITY CORNER – 'COMMUNITY MATTERS - THE BIGGER PICTURE'

Post pandemic, although Covid has not gone away, society has certainly opened up again and along with the band it's great to see our local communities emerging stronger than ever. Again, like the band, the summer term has been busy for all such groups and the following main feature this issue provides just a snapshot of what has been going on during the past few weeks, much of which we, as a band have been privileged to support and collaborate alongside.

434th Manchester (Crumpsall Methodist) Scout Group:

Now boasting circa 40 young people across 3 age range sections, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, the Group is stronger than it was pre-pandemic and have also grown their leadership team to support the growth in young people. As a band, we have a close affinity to the Group as it is from the former Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band that we came into existence in July 1993. Any enquiries regarding the Group and in particular if you or anyone you know wishes to help out, please let me know at r.fullen23@gmail.com. Although based at MCC the group is multi faith / cultural and welcomes all and they have had a particularly busy time recently as can be seen below:





Archery Range and colouring stalls organised by the Scout Group at the Herristone Park Summer Fair on 3rd July, with Nicky's eldest daughter Alyssa colouring at



the stall after having her face painted at the 7th Crumpsall Brownies, face 'Painting Stall' (pictured left).

As with the Scout Group, our Rainbows and Brownies based at MCC are very much active in the local community too and again, if anyone is able to help and indeed has experience of running a Guide Company, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the relevant leader.

Many of you, particularly our trumpet section from recent Remembrance Sunday outings, will be familiar with veteran bugler Eddie Humphreys (Eddie, pictured 3rd bugler from the left in 2018), who, on Monday 4th July, up at our 20/21 rehearsal venue, FC United's Broadhurst Park, was awarded a well deserved Commissioner's Commendation for his lifetime of service to Scouting (and banding), at the North Manchester District AGM. Neil Gorton, formerly a Scout, Venture Scout, and Scout Leader at our own 434th Group and now District Commissioner, presented Eddie with his Commendation and as a Group we also presented him with a montage of photographs spanning his service which he really enjoyed reminiscing over with his wife Margaret, son Ian and daughter Gillian. The family are also pictured on the main stand balcony at Broadhurst Park with the background familiar to many of you who rehearsed there during the pandemic, I'm sure. On the same balcony, they are flanked by many representatives of the 434th and our District Commissioner.



10th July: The morning after our Summer Spectacular Showcase Concert, was the traditional monthly Family / Parade service at MCC and we also had the pleasure of formally investing one of our leaders, Laura, into the Group after the service. Thanks again to those who stayed behind after the concert to help set the church back up for the morning service and generally tidy the place up after our event too.



Victoria and I on the Sunday morning, same place, different layout, different uniform 😊

Crumpsall & Cheetham Allotments thank you message:



To All the Band Members who came to play at the Allotment Celebrations - a very big Thank-you for giving up your time to come and entertain our visitors. We really appreciate it.
Many thanks - from all the Allotment Committees xx

As featured last issue, on Saturday 25th June a representative group from the band played a couple of spots at the allotments in support of their 50th Anniversary celebrations and on the night of our Summer Concert, representatives from their Committee supported our event and presented us with the card left (now on the notice board in our band room). The note reads: To all bandmembers who came to play at the Allotment Celebrations, a very big thank you for giving up your time to come and entertain our visitors. We really appreciate it. Many thanks from all the Allotment Committee xx 'It was our pleasure.' RF

Close Neighbours Residents Association: Bowker Vale Woods:



Right on our doorstep and a valuable resource to the local community (as was certainly the case during lockdowns when we were restricted to an hour's outdoor exercise per day), **Bowker Vale Woods** have been maintained for many years by the *Close Neighbours Residents Association* based in Mariman Drive and Dinorwic Close. The woods have won many awards down the years and on 15th July were once again being judged in the **'Love Your Neighbourhood'** Category of the RHS North West in Bloom. In the week just prior to judging a call went out across the Crumpsall



community for help tidying the woods and was answered not just by the Resident Association, but Friends of Herrsitone Park, Cleaner Crumpsall and general members of the community. **The judging went well and results should be known in the Autumn.** Moving forward there is potential for the Scouts and others to use the woods (that used to encompass war time allotments) as a learning resource and to actively involve them in helping clear pathways etc and this applies to any members of the band who, like the local litter picks, can request to get involved too. **Interested? Let me know.**



FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER – WOMEN'S TEAM – Football's Come Home; to North Manchester too:

FC United of Manchester, a Community Football Club, formed in 2005 (Women's team in 2012) and owned as a not for profit organisation, by its members has developed an affinity with our band. Not least as we used their ground (Broadhurst Park) as our rehearsal HQ throughout the 2020/21 season when lockdowns allowed and



culminating in an outdoor summer concert last July. **On Wednesday evenings**, as we rehearsed **Mamma Mia, Queen on Stage etc**, the Women were training on the adjacent 3G pitch and often commented on how the music was great and helped them 'dance' through each session. **Our affinity with the club also extends to Remembrance season each November** with band buglers playing Last Post on the pitch prior to Men's and Women's home games the last two seasons. Pictured above, **Ruthanna, Victoria and me** play Last Post as **Women's Team Captain and loyal servant, Kirsty Chambers**, lays the wreath prior to kick off in an FA Cup tie on 'Remembrance Sunday' 2021. The week before, **Sarah** joined us to play ahead of the men's fixture too. **Pictured below, FC United's Women celebrate lifting the Manchester FA Cup in 2019** and would round off that pre pandemic season with a **Treble** winning the League and League Cup too. **The Women's Team compete in the Premier Division of the North West Womens Regional Football League and now Football Has Come home, courtesy of the Fantastic England Lionesses**, if you feel inspired to take in one or more of FC's Women's games in the 22/23 season (they play on Sunday afternoons) their opening fixture is at home on 21st August at 2pm v Wigan Athletic. Go to <https://fc-utd.co.uk> for all things FC United (Women's and Men's Teams). Support would be most appreciated and further strengthening of community ties with the club may well present opportunities for concerts and joint events going forward. RF



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

From CCB – Thoughts and Very Best Wishes:

Good news on the recovery front is that **Derek** is now out of hospital and continuing his recuperation at home. Thoughts are with him and **Amy** and maybe **Derek** will be able to resume rehearsals with us in the new season, all being well? **Andrew** too continues his recovery from lip surgery that kept him out of our July end of season events and hopefully he will be ready to play again in September as we hope **Phil** and **Abbie** will too, recovering from surgeries on hand and wrist respectively. In addition it was great to see flautist **Rachel** in our summer concert audience and hopefully, having missed an entire season, she is not too far off being able to play again all being well along with fellow flautist **Samantha** too perhaps? Get well soon and speedy, complete recoveries to one and all and anyone else requiring our collective best wishes not mentioned above. **From all your friends in and around CCB.**

STAT ATTACK – July 2022 Formal Rehearsals/Events & Instagram - Facts & Figures:

Date >>>	03/07	06/07	09/07	13/07			Average	Season High
Attended >	24	21	29	17			23	29 (24 th Nov'21 & 19 th Mar & 9 th Jul '22)
Individual musicians who have attended at least one rehearsal/event in July: 33								Season to date: 60



Instagram Stats (from launch on 20th April) as at end of July 2022:

Number of followers: 126

Number of Views/ Accounts: 6,086

Most Popular Video: *Lord of the Dance* from our Spring Concert; 19th March 2022.

A Warm CCB Welcome to – Kevan Hatchman – Trombone:



Welcome to Kevan Hatchman, who first made contact with us some months ago but, due to personal circumstances, could only come along for the first time to our final formal rehearsal of the season on 13th July and was keen to meet us ahead of the new season. We look forward to welcoming Kevan once again when our new season commences in September or sooner if he wishes / is able to attend an informal summer rehearsal?

Best Wishes & Farewell to – Flautist Felicity (Fliss) 19/01/2022 – 09/07/2022:

Hi Fliss, although all too brief, thanks for your time with the band and all the best for your mid August move to Chester to start your new job. We'll keep you on the mailing list if that's okay? and anytime you are in the area you will be more than welcome to drop in at rehearsal. Thanks again and all the best on behalf of all the band 🎵😊👍🎉

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Thank you so much to everyone for welcoming me into the band. I have really enjoyed playing with you all 😊
Yes, thanks Rob, if you could keep me on the mailing list that would be great! 😊 Best wishes to you all!

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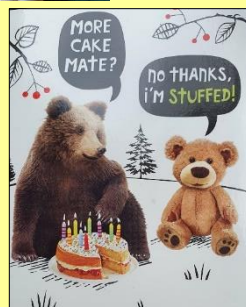
Instrument Donations – A big CCB Thank You:

Thanks to Mary Nickson and her family for donating three clarinets to the band recently. The Clarinets have gone into storage at this stage but I am sure will be put to good use once we develop our **Training Band** for former players making a return or beginners starting out on their musical adventure. Watch this space for more news on this as our 30th Season unfolds and thanks once again Mary and family.

CCB End of Season Social – Social Bar and Croma Restaurant, Prestwich:



On Wednesday 20th July, sandwiched between our last formal and first informal summer rehearsals, we plotted up in Prestwich for pre drinks at the *Social Bar* before moving a couple of doors up to the popular *Croma Restaurant* for an end of season social get together. It's been a while since we have been able to enjoy such an occasion and thanks to Committee colleague **Nicky** for organising the event and for those able to take part in the week our band turned 29 😊



Making Memories as time 'marches' on – What were we up to as a band in Julys past?:

July 1993: As it was in the beginning.....

Thursday 15th July 1993, first mini rehearsal held at St Matthew's Parish Hall in the name of our band (9 days before our official launch day on 24th July and 16 before our 31st July public debut playing the rehearsed 15 second fanfare) with the following rehearsing an open note harmonic brass fanfare: **Ian Burke, Julie Carter (now Lynch), Derek Farnell, Mandy Fullen (now Burke), Rob Fullen, Andrew and Jonathan Shaw.** Following this, we headed to the first Executive Committee Meeting of **Crumpsall Marching Band (our name in the beginning)** held at Crumpsall Labour Club and chaired by **Barbara Shaw.** Pictured right, our debut public appearance; Fanfare to open the St Matthew's Project Summer Fair, 12:30pm **Saturday 31st July 1993:** LR: **Derek, Mandy, Rob, Julie, Jonathan, Andrew, Ian.** The lads sporting Green Bow Ties hastily fashioned by **Amy Farnell.**



July 2019: This was to be our last Showcase for a while. Wonder why ?

Saturday 20th July 2019 our Principal Conductor **Rosie Kingham,** led the band in our Summer Showcase Concert held in St Matthew's with St Mary's Parish Hall where it all began for the band as detailed above. **On the 24th July, the band's 26th Birthday,** our end of season social was held at Croma Restaurant in Prestwich.



July 2020: Defined by Zoom.....

Just emerging from the toughest of lockdown restrictions was but a temporary reprieve as Greater Manchester was soon recshackled in the new **Tier 3** which was basically the same as lockdown once again. On 1st July we met for a social on Zoom and **Nicky** organised an on-line version of the Generation Game conveyor belt to test our memories. A week later we met for a General Meeting, once again via Zoom of course and premiered our 3rd lockdown recording, **Clare Grundman's A Welsh Rhapsody (pictured).** **Zoom on the 15th Doug** regaled us with a song reminiscing his spanish teaching days about a **passionate Isabella,** with the chorus refrain warning her to 'calm her feelings'.....I'm sure Doug will enlighten anyone who wants to hear the tale once again 😊 On 22nd July, **Victoria** organised an on-line 3 round quiz won by **Stuart** with **Andrew** runner up and **Sue** and **Sarah** sharing 3rd place.



July 2021: And our Showcase was back, albeit outdoors but nevertheless, great to be back:



Wednesday 21st July 2021: Two years and one day after our last showcase concert we were back performing again. Our Summer Showcase Concert was held outdoors under the West Stand at our 2020/21 season rehearsal base, FC United's Broadhurst Park stadium in front of a small but appreciative audience of 55 sat, socially distanced, in the main (south) stand. This was to be our final gathering at the football ground as from September 2021 we made the move back indoors at our new HQ, Methodist Church Crumpsall. The week after this concert we began the summer move from St Matthew's to MCC and sadly earlier in July, we mourned the passing of dear friend and banding stalwart **Cyril Weinkove.** Like **Nornan** and **Harry,** who passed away earlier in the same year, **Cyril** will always be fondly remembered by those that knew and in particular made music with him.



THE LAST BIT:

Vote of thanks – to everyone, to numerous to mention, for helping us negotiate our first full season since 2018/19.

Next Issue – Due late August, will review any summer happenings and preview the start of our 30th Season.

And Finally – You and Yours keep safe and well, enjoy the summer and many thanks for reading, **Rob**