

'Hark the CCB Herald'



'50 NOT OUT'



# THE NEW HERALD

Newsletter of



## CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND

**WELCOME TO SEASON 3**

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP!**

It's the coronation celebration for 'The Coronation'

**KEARSLEY ROAD KINGS CORONATION BIG LUNCH**

SUNDAY 7TH MAY 1.00PM - 4.00PM ON KEARSLEY ROAD

**Hello & Welcome** to the **April 2023** and **50<sup>th</sup>** edition of Your **New Herald** which includes a review of our successful **Spring Showcase Concert**; our first performance in this, our **30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year** and in front of a 3 figure audience too. In breaking news we also preview a unique piece of music specially composed for our band's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday by former Principal Conductor (2012-2018) and current Trombonist **Kathryn 'Kat' Burke** titled '**Crumpsall Triumphal**'. We look ahead to upcoming engagements scheduled for this term starting locally in May with a Coronation 'Big Lunch' Street Party, **Kearsley Road** on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May** as the Nation celebrates the Coronation of **King Charles III** in just a few days' time. We follow this up by playing at the **Spring Fair/Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** to be held at **Methodist Church Crumpsall**; full details included in **Calendar Dates**, below.

**FREE ENTRY**

**JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 SPRING FAIR**

SATURDAY 13TH MAY 2023 10.30AM TO 1.00PM

METHODIST CHURCH CRUMPSALL, LANSDOWNE ROAD

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  
GAMES • TONGOLA • REFRESHMENTS  
CAKES • GIFT STALLS • FACE PAINTING & LIVE MUSIC - CRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND

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The very first edition of Your **New Herald** appeared on 23rd Jan 2019 and looked back to the start of our 2018 /19 campaign featuring our **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert** on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and here we are today as edition 50 '**rolls off the press**', celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> year. **Pictured left**, as featured in that debut issue, are Principal Conductors Past, Present & Future: **Derek Farnell** (1993-2012), **Kathryn Burke** (2012-2018) and Conductor in waiting, **Rosie Kingham** (2019) cutting the cake at our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert.



It's been a real privilege, not only charting the highs and lows of all things CCB over the past 5 seasons (including through a pandemic), but also looking back on our heritage (stretching back to 1948) providing our readers with a real insight into our evolution and history whilst illuminating a pathway to the future. It was from counsel from her first **Prime Minister, Winston Churchill**, that our late **Queen, Elizabeth II**, derived insight and wisdom that helped define her admired, lengthy, successful and unprecedented reign:

**'The Farther back you can look, the Farther forward you are likely to see'**

Strange counsel you may feel, however, in revitalising the newsletter back in 2018/19, I fully understand where it is coming from as learning from the past can often inform the desire and planning for a brighter future. From Volume 1 Issue 1 (January 2019) to this current edition, all issues can be found in the downloads section on our website [Downloads \(crumpsallconcertband.co.uk\)](http://Downloads(crumpsallconcertband.co.uk)) Please dip in and out as you wish and feel free to put **Mr Churchill's** counsel to the test or, just enjoy the stories and memories.

Thanks to all this month's contributors and we hope you enjoy **Edition 50** of Your **New Herald**. On behalf of the CCB Executive Committee, thanks, as always, for reading and we truly hope you have and continue to enjoy the journey. Yours in Banding, Rob

### Included In This Landmark Issue:

Calendar Dates 2023; Music Matters incl. Spring Concert Review, Breaking News on a New Composition, Ticket News for our Big Anniversary Concert; Band News, Views & Banter incl. Stats Attack, New Recruit Welcome, AGM Review, Training Band Update & more; Thanks for Reading!

**2023**

### Band Calendar Dates: Please save the dates;

**2023**

DATE/TIMES	EVENT	NOTES
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 1pm – 4pm	 <b>King's Coronation 'Big Lunch Street Party'</b> <b>Kearsley Road, Crumpsall,</b>	We will be meeting on Kearsley Road ( <b>M8 4GF</b> ) at 12.30pm and uniform protocol is relaxed, so please dress for your comfort and a red, white and blue theme with adornments is encouraged 😊 We will play several slots throughout the afternoon giving you plenty of time to sample the delights of the many stalls up and down Kearsley Road during the afternoon.
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 Playing from 11am	 <b>Spring Fair &amp; Coffee Morning</b> <b>Methodist Church Crumpsall</b>	Meeting at our home base at MCC from 10.30am ready to play by 11am. Between sets there will be time to browse the many stalls and enjoy refreshments.



Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 From 6pm (and each Wednesday thereafter)		<b>CREATING A LASTING LEGACY - THE LAUNCH OF OUR TRAINING BAND - COMING SOON; RECRUITING NOW !!</b>	This is the proposed launch date of our Training Band and check out progress updates in Your New Herald. Interest is growing and we have several relative beginners and returners to playing going through the registration process already.
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 Meeting 10.30am Playing 11am – 1pm	<b>Bury Bandemonium</b> Bury Town Centre, the Rock, Near M&S		Nearest Parking will be Wilkinsons, Bury. Chairs and shelter provided so less for each of us to carry than usual; instrument, music & stand for most. Thanks.
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2023 Normal Rehearsal Times	 <b>National 'Make Music' Day Open Rehearsal at MCC</b>		Sponsored by Making Music, to whom we are affiliated, this is an ideal opportunity for friends and supporters to come and see us in rehearsal mode.
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 Playing 11:30am – 1pm	Prestwich Carnival Bury New Road Prestwich 		After helping the carnival celebrate it's centenary in 2022 we have been asked to play again in a static position as we did last year. More details coming soon.
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 9am – 10am (Small Group)	King David High School, Seymour Road, Crumpsall, M8 (School Assembly)		Anyone available to play for this event, which is aimed at introducing young people to the possibilities of music. please let Nicky or Rob know asap. Thanks
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 Meet 1.30pm	Herristone Park Summer Fair Herristone Park, Crumpsall		We will meet 1.30pm ready to play at 2pm and will play a second set around 3pm. The Fair finishes at 4pm
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 Concert Starts 7pm One not to be missed by players and supporters alike. <b>Tickets on Sale Very Soon</b>	 <b>Our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert Ukrainian Cultural Centre, Smedley Lane, M/cr, M8 8XB</b>		Ahead of the band turning 30 on 24 <sup>th</sup> July, this is our big birthday showcase event at a local venue (approx. a mile from our HQ). Some of you may remember us playing there on stage for our first major post pandemic gig as part of the Cheetham Cultural Festival in September 2021. Full details nearer the time.

**Advanced Notice of known Festive Engagements for 2023 to add to your calendars:** **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10am Coffee Morning & Christmas Fair, MCC. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 12.30pm Herristone Park Christmas Fair. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm Crumpsall Christmas Tree Light Switch On, MCC. Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1pm – Farm Centre Christmas Market, Heaton Park. Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1pm Heaton Park Garden Centre. Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6.15pm, Community Carol Service, MCC. Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 5.45pm, Carols By Candlelight, St Matthew with St Mary's Church. Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, 6.30pm Carols at the Woodthorpe Hotel.**

**MUSIC MATTERS: Spring Concert Review; NEW COMPOSITION NEWS; Big Concert Ticket News:**

**Spring Concert Review - A Free event held at Methodist Church Crumpsall; Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023:**



**Reflections by our Conductor, Maren:** Our Spring Concert was a great success. I am very pleased with the progress we've made to be able to perform a very challenging programme; you should all be proud of yourselves.

Every tricky moment in a piece we spent hours going over and over (I promise sometimes I really do mean "one more time") went well which is all you can ask for in a performance. I received many positive reviews from audience members saying this is the most confident they've heard us play in recent years.



Moving forward, I'm excited to continue the hard work we've done to push our abilities and play more challenging pieces. Thank you all for a wonderful spring season and I look forward to what we will achieve together this term and beyond. *Maren*

**Spring Concert In Pictures: 34 in the band and more than three times that number in a packed audience at MCC:**





## Spring Concert – To all parts of Team CCB (playing and non-playing) – Your ‘Chair’s’ Vote of Thanks:

Away from the performance itself, the success of any event like our **Spring Concert** relies on the support of a team of people, often working behind the scenes, to help ensure things go smoothly. Our Vice Chair and occasional percussionist, **Barbara Shaw**, aided by **Kath Wilson** took charge of front of house, welcoming our audience, handing out programmes and selling raffle tickets. **Karen Fullen** supported by **Jean Maffia**, **Mary Nickson**, **Naomi Peach** and **Sue ‘the cakes’ Herbert** ensured audience and band alike were suitably refreshed during the intermission.

**Enid ‘the cards’ Smith** was looking after the fundraising stall, **Ben Creer** continued his Wednesday role ensuring the car park was well managed and helped with setting up tables and chairs in the hall too. During the day **Andrew** and **Barbara Shaw**, **Karen**, **Victoria** and **Les Payne** helped make sure the ‘stage was set’ ready for the evening itself. To all those who donated raffle prizes to **Ian Dumville** for arranging the printing of the programme and to Deps **Louise Gorton** and **Peter Dawson** (you’ll both be welcome on a more regular basis any time) and apologies to anyone I may have missed - **grateful thanks to one and all for all your efforts.**

Of course a big thank you to all those who came along to support the event from right across the communities of Crumpsall, to my long suffering **Committee Colleagues** for support with the planning and last but by no means least to **Maren** and all in the band on the night itself for putting on such a well-received show. Thanks once again everyone for helping get our 30th Birthday year off to the best possible start. **Rob – Chair, Crumpsall Concert Band.**



## Breaking News - A Special 30<sup>th</sup> Year Composition ‘Crumpsall Triumphal’ by Kathryn Burke:

Trumpet in B♭ 1

# Crumpsall Triumphal

Celebrating 30 years of Crumpsall Concert Band

Kathryn Burke

Crumpsall Triumphal is an original piece composed by myself to commemorate 30 years of Crumpsall Concert Band. I have been involved with the band almost from the beginning, and in a few different positions - from solo clarinet to conductor, via bell lyre, side drum and flute, and now trombone! With a nod to our Marching Band Era the piece also features a part written for Bugles; in fact it opens with a bugle flourish. Being with this amazing group of musicians has given me new opportunities and, most importantly, life-long friendships. I'm hoping that the band will premiere the piece at our 30th Anniversary concert in July - watch this space! **Kat x**

Kate will be taking a break from playing for a while in the hope her condition stabilises sufficiently to allow her to more fully participate again. For the time being, Kate is ostensibly our *composer in residence* and is looking forward to hearing how the above piece comes across once we begin rehearsals on it in the coming weeks. Grateful thanks to Kate and here's hoping for a return to playing again in the not too distant future. *Best wishes from all your many friends in and around CCB*

## TICKET NEWS - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023:

GRUMPSALL CONCERT BAND'S  
**30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATORY CONCERT**

16 SUNDAY  
JULY  
2023

Celebrate 30 Years of Crumpsall Concert Band

Doors Open 6:30pm  
Guest Entry at 7pm  
Members & Day-Price Band Members on the door

Children free when accompanied  
Complimentary Programme on entry  
Refreshments available

Call Us And Referrals

Tickets priced £7.00 Adults (Children Free if accompanied by an Adult) are with the printers as this issue goes to press.

Selling and buying arrangements will be finalised very soon with each bandmember being given an allocation to sell and entry will be by ticket only unless capacity (circa 220) is not sold. (Countdown at 20:15 04/05)

**We could do with a volunteer from the band (or a supporter) please to take charge of the ticket allocations, recording numbers sold, redistributing any returns and liaising with our Treasurer, Stuart to ensure monies are recorded and paid over. Sounds a lot but full support will be given from the Executive Committee and any help will be much appreciated. Please let us know if you can help ASAP. Thank you.**

COUNTDOWN TO OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

For tickets please send us a message or speak with a band member

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

## STAT ATTACK – April 2023 Rehearsals & Events - Facts & Figures:

Date >>>	01/04	19/04	26/04				Average	Season High
Attended >	34	33	33				33.3	35 29/03/2023
Individual musicians who have attended at least one rehearsal / event in Apr:							39	Season to date: 51



### Welcome – To Flautist, Niamh Kelly - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023:

**Welcome:** A hearty CCB welcome to Niamh who attended her first rehearsal with us on 19<sup>th</sup> April (as pictured left) and will hopefully be making her performing debut at the Spring Fair at MCC on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**Experience:** Niamh is an experienced Flautist with 18 years, on her preferred instrument achieving Grade 8 proficiency. Previously, Niamh has played in the following ensembles: various school bands and orchestras, Manchester Beethoven Orchestra – Play Days. Once again, welcome to CCB Niamh and we hope you enjoy your time with us. *All the best from all the Band.*

## Thinking of you – best wishes to Carole and any who need our thoughts at this time.

Saxophonist Carole Blackston had quite a bad fall during the recent holiday period and has subsequently had to miss the first couple of rehearsals of the new term. Knowing how much Carole enjoys playing, I hope by the time you read this that she is recovered sufficiently to join in once again and on behalf of all in and around CCB, wish her all the best for a complete and speedy recovery. This applies to anyone else, awaiting surgery or struggling with illness or injury at this time. *Best wishes, from, All in CCB*

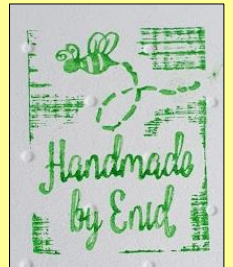


## Fundraising Update - Greetings Cards & Community Quiz Night:



Enid has been busy replenishing stocks of handmade cards from generous donations by Band and MCC Church members and will be holding a stall at the upcoming Spring Fair that we are playing at on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Proceeds will be split on this day between the Band and MCC to help support the upkeep of the premises. You'll have time to browse the many stalls at the Fair and be sure to pay Enid a visit please who is once again appealing for any greetings cards from any type of celebration / occasion and will happily receive contributions on that day or you can bring them along to any rehearsal. *Many thanks for your support*



On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, the usual 'last Thursday of the Month' Community Quiz Night was held at Crumpsall Labour Club and our Team, *The Banned*, traditionally comprising a core of Stuart & Sue Atkinson along with Karen and I, was this month supplemented by our secret weapon, Debbie – a near neighbour of Stuart and Sue. Deb's joined us in March too when *'The Banned'* won the Quiz for the first time....coincidence? I was taking a turn at being Quiz Master this month and it was a close run race all the way to the finish. With a score of 79.5 out of a possible 87 *'The Banned'* just edged out Barbara and Andrew Shaw's famous Team *'Crumpsall Crackers'* by 3 points. The *'Bottom Enders'* finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on 74 points with *'Jammy Dodgers'* just missing out on a podium finish on 72. *'Hilda's Heroes'* were only marginally off the pace of the leading pack, finishing in 5<sup>th</sup>.



The Quiz was held in aid of the Band and it was a pleasure to hand over a fabulous £72.00, that was raised on the night, to the Band Treasurer from *Team Banned*, Stuart. Thanks to everyone who took part on the evening and to The Labour Club for all their support of this monthly event which is an evening filled with fun, laughter, banter & a fundraising raffle. *Fancy joining in next time?* The, next Quiz will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at the more sociable earlier start time of 8.30pm (arrive from 8pm). 😊

## Growing a Legacy - Queen Elizabeth's Green Canopy:



When you next arrive at MCC for a rehearsal or event, have a glance back up the pathway to the main entrance and on the right you will see a small tree *Malus 'Royal Beauty'*, still in blossom, just, as I write, recently planted in memory of Queen Elizabeth II as part of her Green Canopy initiative that stretches across the UK and Commonwealth

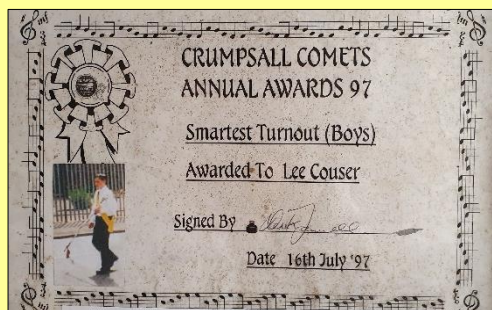
in support of a greener, healthier planet. The Tree was recently dedicated during the finale of the church's St George's Day service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

April conducted by Rev'd Sharon Read with the dedication ceremony and positioning of the plaque undertaken by Rev'd John Forester surrounded by the congregation including, as pictured, members of the Scout & Guide Groups who, like us, also meet weekly at MCC.





## Then and Now - Lee Couser - From Crumpsall to the Coronation:



Lee joined our band at the start of our 2<sup>nd</sup> season on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1994 and after being an understudy to the band's original Drum Major, Louise Freeman, Lee made the role his own in 1995 until the Marching element of our band ceased in September 1999. Lee, always looked up to and became inspired by David Hartley who was Crumpsall Scout & Guide Band's National Champion Drum Major three years running at the Royal Albert Hall (1990 - 92) and always wanted to follow in David's footsteps from a time when the mace was taller than he



was. Lee is pictured above right, with his Mum Janet at our Spring Concert and I took the opportunity to show him the certificate he was presented with at our Awards Evening in July 1997 (signed by Bandmaster Derek Farnell) that we'd found and preserved when sorting out the band room at our former HQ ahead of the move here and which now adorns our 30 Year Wall in the current band room (cert pictured top left). He was chuffed that his old mace is up

on the wall above the doors in the band room too. Below the certificate, Lee fronts the band as we were about to start our display for the 1997 Awards Evening. Many of the Marching Band also played in the Concert Band during the second half of the evening.

If you zoom in on the picture above there are some familiar faces in the line up still playing today, including Julie Thompson and Kate Burke on Bell Lyre to the left and right of Drum Major Lee Couser and a certain trumpeter (*yours truly*) on the back row to the back right of the bass drummer, Dave Lynch. Right at the back, stood by the Ladies WC watching events unfold before her, is a 4, nearly 5 year old future Junior Comet and now Trumpet player, Victoria Fullen.



Pics above L-R: 10 year old Drummajor Lee along side 60 year old Band Master Derek Farnell as they are about to lead the band onto the contest arena for the Nuneaton Band Championships, 14<sup>th</sup> July 1995 and three years later, Lee leads the band on Ancoats Carnival. Lee was at our Spring Concert because he was on an impromptu visit home to see his younger sister Rebecca (Becky) who had just had a baby son.

Congratulations to Becky (pictured above right on side drum to the right of the bass drummer at the '97 awards evening) Lee, Janet & all the family. After leaving school / college, Lee joined the RAF Regiment and the day following our Concert he was off back down to London to coordinate and drill 200 service personnel taking part in the King's Coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> May. A far cry from parading around the streets of Crumpsall but such experience clearly stood him in good stead to go on and forge the career serving Queen and now King & Country the way he has. Great to see you Lee; pop in any time you are back home and all the best for 6<sup>th</sup> May. Cheers, Rob

## Our Rehearsal Support Team Expands - Welcome to Team CCB and thanks for your support:



As the Band continues to grow both musically and physically, so the valued work of those behind the scenes who, by their contributions are as much a part of Team CCB as any us playing an instrument, is expanding also. Karen now receives regular support in 'Norman's Café' on a Wednesday evening from Mary Nickson.

Ben, doing sterling work on our car park is being increasingly supported by a fellow leader from the 434<sup>th</sup> Scout Group, Paul Robinson managing the Wednesday night traffic. Grateful thanks to all for

such fantastic support at our rehearsals and often, events too. More than you perhaps realise, this really helps with the smooth running of the band and is very much appreciated. CCB Exec Committee

## From Your Executive Committee – AGM Review & Thanks – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023:



Thank you to everyone able to stay for our AGM after rehearsal on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

We truly hope you found the presentation of interest and thanks for your continued support of everything CCB related.

Grateful thanks to committee colleagues for agreeing to stand again for the 2023/24 constitutional year and for wider clarification roles and portfolios for 23/24 are as follows:

### Chair – Rob Fullen

- **Portfolio:** Committee Chair and convenor, general band management, rehearsal & event logistics, band spokesperson, newsletter editor / production, landlord liaison and lease management, band historian, library support, Sub-Committee Support – Music sub-committee, Training Band sub-committee

### Vice Chair – Barbara Shaw

- **Portfolio:** Chairing meetings in the absence of the Chair, fundraising, community contact coordinator, event support and coordination, photography support

### Secretary – Sue Atkinson

- **Portfolio:** Committee Secretary, Band Librarian, Social media publicity & Facebook Group & Page Owner, email inbox admin, Sub-Committee Support – Music sub-committee

### Treasurer – Stuart Atkinson

- **Portfolio:** Treasury management, liaison with our Auditor, secretarial and library support, license renewals, technical event recording /production, general logistics, merchandise, H & S, social media support, website maintenance & development, Sub-Committee Support – Music sub-committee

### Committee Member – Nicky Kay

- **Portfolio:** HR – new member enquiries, band bookings (initial POC), Facebook page admin support, email inbox support, Sub-Committee Support – Music sub- committee

### Committee Member – Ruthanna Stamp

- **Portfolio:** Social media publicity (Instagram) and band profile development, general publicity, Sub-Committee Support – Training Band sub-committee

2023/24 Current Non Executive roles undertaken across the band in support of our growth and development:

**Financial Auditor – Sarah Ferguson**

**Safeguarding Officer - Joanna Baynham**

**Registered First Aider – Caroline Hall (also producer of event posters)**

**Joe Greenway – Quartermaster & Training Band Sub Committee**

**Stuart Fieldhouse – Quartermaster support & Training Band Sub Committee**

**Victoria Fullen – Training Band Sub Committee**

Stuart provided a Treasurers report showing that in general our finances are in good health. A resolution was also passed to allow our constitution to be updated by the Exec, subject to an EGM being held, between AGMs. If anyone would like a copy of the slides from the AGM, please let me know and likewise please do the same if you can offer any health and support. Many thanks

## **Growing a Legacy - Training Band Sub-Committee Update #3:**

**As at 30/04/23: Countdown to launch: Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023: 38 days or if you prefer 912 hours**



**On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Training Band Sub Committee Meeting at MCC.**

**Attendees:** Stuart Fieldhouse, Rob Fullen, Victoria Fullen, Joe Greenway and Ruthanna Stamp

### Key headlines / activities:

The registration form is almost ready to go.

So far we have 8 adults relative beginners and returners interested in joining and possibly 2 under 18s.

Publicity is far reaching and more efforts are being applied

There are circa 62 instruments potentially available for loan but some will need a degree of TLC or perhaps euthanasia. Joe and Stuart are working hard to ensure all initial joiners have an Instrument available. Lots of work going on between meetings in respect of music (working with Sue) as well as governance arrangements and we will have a pre-launch preview in the May issue of Your newsletter following the sub-committee's next

meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Meanwhile, any questions or further offers of help and support, particularly at those early rehearsals, please let us know. Continue to spread the word to please. Many thanks CCB-TBSC

## **THE LAST BIT:**

**Thank You –** to this month's contributors, Niamh, Maren and Kate

**Next Issue –** Due end of May, and will include a review the Street Party and of our Spring Fair plus much more.

**And Finally –** Enjoy the Coronation Celebrations and Thank you for reading. We hope you've enjoyed 50<sup>th</sup> issue of Your New Herald.

Yours in Banding, Rob