

Minutes of the Crystal Palace Progress Band Committee meeting held at 183 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Present: David Howell, Bob Barnes, Alison Charlesworth, David Charlesworth and Margaret Larkin.

Apologies: Brigid Mahoney, Dianne Barker.

Actions from the previous meeting.

Coolings Nursery enquiry for a gig. Cannot do this year but there is a possibility of a Christmas gig and a second gig next year.

There is also the possibility of playing Community Carols at the Croydon Road Rec. David C will remind the venues and work towards arranging these. Action David C

Alison had researched the possibility of a competition but hadn't found anything locally. David H to speak to a contact. Action David H

Overground Festival-There will be an open rehearsal on 24<sup>th</sup> June. We plan to hold an open practice and invite people e.g. young brass groups. We will need to choose suitable pieces to play, but will need to be flexible according to who shows up.

Re- playing at the Crystal Palace Vaults. David C is arranging for a gig on the first Sunday of the month when 30 to 50 people attend at 11.00am. This will probably be in May or June.

David C has opened a second Facebook group. It needs members to post on it and 'like'. Action All.

Members list. Ben and Neil need to be taken off the members list. The lists need to be reconciled. Action Bob

Ivan's mother, Ruth is to be asked to coordinate publicity for the Progress Band. Kani could be asked to contribute to our new recruitment leaflet.. Action: Bob

Library-all of the filing and sorting has been done, originals have been stamped, there are 40/50 pieces that we will play through (say 2 per week) and decide whether to buy originals or throw out.

Summer barbeque-This will take place at Alison's and David Charlesworth's house on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015, the same day as the Clapham gig.

27<sup>th</sup> June is the Sanderstead gig.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July a school fair gig is planned. It will be from 12-3.00 at St. Winifred's school, Lee and it will be a joint venture with the school band.

David H reported that he felt that the band was running more smoothly since we have tried to share the load.

Since Sue Redsull's withdrawal a new Properties person needs to be found to replace Sue.  
Action: David H.  
[Post-meeting note, Dianne has volunteered]

Main AGM. David Charlesworth is to propose Bob as Chairman of the Progress Band.

Forthcoming jobs.

No news from Paul re. the possibility of a Croydon bandstand gig.

There may be an opportunity to play the second weekend in July at a summer fete at St Pauls, Beckenham.

There is a new venue that may be of use to the Progress Band. It is called The Venue and is at Beckenham and is a very nice facility. The charge is 15.00 per hour. It was suggested that we do a rehearsal there at some point. David C to tell Rachel of The Venue.

Action David C

Clapham –Carols in December, a small group approx. 8 required.

Coppleston- David H to speak to Paul about a concert at Christmas and whether we can fulfil his request for brass players at least for the mid October Harvest Family Service

Action David H.

There was some discussion about the possibility of a joint main band gig and a gig that included Lewisham schools brass bands. Action-all to think about this and once we have a firm proposal take it to the main band committee.

Action –all.

Child Protection- Tom Whitaker is presenting the document to the Main AGM and it will be sent to all members of both bands. Bob will push for it to be adopted as-is, and then be reviewed once in use. Parents are to be asked to explain the document to their children.

Action: Margaret

The main band is to also have a member with responsibility for Child Protection.

The main band committee intends that the document will end up on the website with photos of the relevant people. We should make sure this is followed up.

Action- Bob.

Two weeks after the main AGM, the Progress band will have a brief AGM at which the members will be asked to ratify our committee members. Action: Bob

Front row cornets. There is still a need for more people. One pad is missing. A third pad needs to be made up. Action Alison.

It is difficult for David H to plan when he is not sure who will be present at the rehearsal. Kani is to be asked to take the role of cornet coordinator. We didn't determine a solid action for this, we'll return to it in our next meeting. Action: Bob

Members will be reminded that Dianne should be advised of any absent members in advance so she can brief David H. Getting an indicative answer at the end of each rehearsal could help. Action: Bob

Bob is to keep an eye on back row cornets. There are too many 2<sup>nd</sup> cornets so Brigid is to be asked to help out on 3<sup>rd</sup> cornet. Action Bob.

Mark, the baritone player in the main band would like an opportunity to try conducting the Progress band . It was agreed that he would be asked to take the first 45 minutes of a couple of rehearsals on dates to be mutually agreed, as a trial . Action David H

Sue Redsull has sent Bob her spreadsheets. Sue has now left the band. Bob has thanked her for her contribution.