

CRYSTAL PALACE PROGRESS BAND

COMMITTEE MEETING

8 pm Tuesday 2nd February 2016
183 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent. BR3 3NN

MINUTES

Present: Bob Barnes (Chairman), David Howell, Alison Charlesworth, David Charlesworth, Ruth Curran Crawley, Margaret Larkin

Apologies: Kani Hinshelwood, Dianne Barker

1. Minutes, actions, matters arising

Chairs. Following the collapse of a chair at the Museum an e-mail has been circulated asking everyone to check their chair before sitting on it as a health and safety measure.

Bob is updating the membership list in his role as Membership Secretary. He will ask Roger to give him edit rights for the PB list on the website Action: Bob

2. Forthcoming gigs

Croydon Road Rec

The Progress band is booked to play at Croydon Road Recreation Ground on Sunday 22nd May at 2.30pm.

We need two 40 minute sets, Dave thinks we can achieve this and will put a programme together. Perhaps we could include a tribute former resident David Bowie. Action: Dave H

There are some issues to sort out, but David C has them in hand, e.g. Chairs, insurance. Action: David C

We can collect for band funds.

Ruth will work on a banner. We like the wording "Crystal Palace Progress Brass". The banner needs to be reusable, perhaps with "playing here ..." and a changeable date. Action: Ruth

The friends will put up posters around the park. We could also do events listings etc. Action Ruth

This will be a traditional band-stand event, with people able to sit in deckchairs around us and therefore an exciting, high profile gig. Progress Band members will be urged to commit by filling in the gigsheet. Action Bob

June gigs

Sanderstead and Clapham are booked. David H will not be available unless the times can be changed. Mike Gray will be approached to cover. Action: Dave H

A spring gig

Now that we have the important rec gig to work towards, the spring gap doesn't seem such a significant issue. It would still be useful to have an extra gig though, it would be a good warm up for the Rec gig. West Norwood Feast might still be a possibility if we had a slot on Sunday 3rd April or Sunday 1st May. Ruth to pursue with her contact and pass it on to David C. Action: Ruth

Crystal Palace Overground Festival will not take place this year. Other gig possibilities.

Crystal Palace Car Rally. Alison has a contact Action: Alison

Elmwood School Action: Ruth

3. Publicity

Ruth will set up a Twitter account to help publicity. Bob can offer assistance. Action: Ruth

Leaflets. David H needs more of the PB leaflets for schools. Action: Ruth

The new website is working well. The PB band pages have some old material with photos that need to be removed. We have replacements. Ruth will review and ask Roger to make the specific changes. Action: Ruth

4. The Future

We had an open discussion about where the PB is, and where it is going.

We are very proud of how much the band has moved forward in recent times, but don't want rest on our laurels. We want to continue to be welcoming to players with a spread of abilities, and to those who are not able to commit to coming to every rehearsal or gig. We have a good core of players now, and have had several new members recently, but people's reluctance to commit to gigs is limiting what we can do.

We are keen to do an away-day/workshop event for members, if we can find a good venue at a reasonable price. David H to approach Arthur Lee.

Action: Dave H

Bob will take over more of a Membership Secretary role extending it (for example) to include getting members to fill in the giglist.

Action: Bob.

We need fresh blood on the committee and will approach people to encourage them. Action: Bob