

Crystal Palace Progress Band MD's Report 2018

It has been a fantastic year during which the band has continued to grow. This has allowed us to take on more challenging repertoire including a fourth section piece, and to take part in the Bromley Music Festival. Individuals within the band have made great strides too so that we now have a full front row by promoting from within. We appreciate the help we get from the MB on gigs etc. and we are also lucky to have 2 assistant conductors, David Storey and David Gillman in the band who are very able to take over the baton when needed.

We've particularly enjoyed closer working with the MB. We had a successful and enjoyable joint gig with the MB at Beckenham Recreation ground. We've had great support from MB players to strengthen us for key gigs, and several of our members have played as guests in the MB.

We returned to the Copleston Centre for our Christmas concert, which was very well attended and much appreciated where we joined with new partners The Lewisham School Brass Band and Peckham Rye Sings, both of which we hope to work with again. We also had a very good event playing carols and Christmas music in Beckenham Recreation Ground. We capped it all with an 'Honours' and a cup in the Bromley Music Competition.

We also had our 'usual' summer gigs which went well.

Thanks go as usual to the PB and main committees for their help and especially to Mike Gray for his constant support in rehearsals and on gigs as well as more generally as a support to me.

Dave Howell

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