



PALATIANS

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2008. There wasn't a lot of news in January and not many fixtures in place so I have left writing a newsletter until now and as you can see by the list overleaf we have a number of concerts organised and we are busy rehearsing the music for them.

Our Gala Concert in December was successful once again. Although the audience numbers were a little down on last year we still managed to raise enough money to give a donation of £1,000 to St Christopher's Hospice. This year this concert is not until 13th December so hopefully people will be feeling a little more festive and audience numbers will go up again. It is always a fun concert with a great atmosphere and we raise money for a good cause, please put the date in your diaries.

Contest News

Crystal Palace didn't enter the National contest in Stevenage this year we decided to concentrate on the Southern Counties contest instead. However the B band did make the effort. This was only the second time they have competed and they showed consistency by achieving the same result as last year.

I am pleased to say that at the SCABA contest at Hove on Sunday 6th April Crystal Palace Played Castell Caerdydd by T.J Powell in the march contest and won 1st prize. We made what was perhaps an ambitious choice and played The Land of the Long White Cloud by Phillip Sparke as our test piece. The band can play all of it quite well but unfortunately we have never managed to play all of it well in one performance, it is after all a very challenging piece. We came 7th. The adjudicator's remarks were encouraging. Overall he seems to have enjoyed our performance and praised some of our playing but as he put it "there were too many slips". You can't afford too many slips in 1st section.

So life in the band room goes on and we are now preparing for what looks to be a busy summer. We are starting early this year with an April bandstand appearance. So far the weather hasn't been encouraging but we are ever optimistic and look forward to the summer season.

Adieu to Steve (soprano cornet) who is taking a break this summer. We wish him well with his new job and impending marriage. He should be back with us in the autumn all being well. In the meantime Tom Whittaker is preparing to take up the challenge of Soprano cornet for the summer season, not an easy task so we thank him in advance for his efforts.

Congratulations to Toby (Trombone) who has become a father for the second time only this time it's twins. He now has three lovely daughters but still finds time to get to band rehearsals.

It just remains to say that we hope to see you at as many of our concerts as possible this summer your support will be much appreciated.

MAY

- Sunday 11 BROADSTAIRS BANDSTAND, Victoria Gardens,
2.30 - 4.00 pm
- JUNE**
- Sunday 1 GREENWICH PARK BANDSTAND, Times TBA
- Saturday 7 CONCERT, ST JOHN'S SCH, LEATHERHEAD (in aid
of Ameca) Time 7.30 pm
- Sat 28 * B Band Job - Sanderstead Show
- JULY**
- Saturday 5 OLD COULSDON VILLAGE FAIR, GRANGE PARK,
COULSDON, Start 1.45 pm
- Sunday 13 LEAS CLIFF BANDSTAND, FOLKESTONE, 2.30 -
4.30 pm
- Sunday 20 LAMBETH COUNTRY SHOW, BROCKWELL PARK,
Time 5 pm, Main Bandstand
- AUGUST**
- Sunday 31 CLAPHAM COMMON BANDSTAND, 3.00 - 5.00 pm
- OCTOBER**
- Sunday 19 SCABA AUTUMN CONTEST, LEAS CLIFF HALL,
FOLKESTONE
- NOVEMBER**
- Sunday 9 REMEMBRANCE PARADE BELMONT, 10 am
- Saturday 22 JOINT CONCERT WITH BECKENHAM JUNIOR
CHOIR, Christ Church, Beckenham, Time TBA
- DECEMBER**
- Wednesday PARKINSON DISEASE SOCIETY CAROLS,
10 WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL, Time TBA
- Saturday 13 GALA CONCERT, ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,
SYDENHAM, 7 pm
- Sunday 14 HORNIMAN GARDENS CAROLS, 5.00 pm Start
- Sunday 21 BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB CAROLS, 7.45
pm Start

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