



# PALATIANS

## THE NEWSLETTER OF CRYSTAL PALACE BAND

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*A Charity  
Gala Concert*  
*Featuring Kelvin Grove Primary  
School Choir*

*Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
7pm*

*St Bartholomew's Church,  
Westwood Hill, Sydenham*  
*Adults: £7 Concessions: £5*

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It is now less than a month until Christmas and the band has launched headlong into rehearsing the music for upcoming concerts. On Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December the band will be hosting their annual Gala concert which, given the date will doubtless enter into the Christmas spirit as well as featuring a number of other exciting pieces and musical collaborations. The concert will start at 7pm at St Bartholomew's Church, Westwood hill in Sydenham. Tickets can be bought in advance or will be sold on the door at a price of £7 for adults and £5 for concessions and all proceeds will go to Saint Christopher's Hospice. There will be raffles and refreshments in the interval and everyone is welcome. The support we have received in the last few years has been fantastic and we are aiming to pack the church out again this year, have a really fun evening and raise a lot of money for a good cause in the process! Another annual event in the band's Christmas calendar are the carols in Horniman Gardens. Weather permitting the band hopes to draw a large crowd and once again test the limits of how many layers can be worn before it is no longer possible to play our instruments.

### Band News

**W**elcome to the last Palatians edition of 2008. Looking back the band has had another busy and eventful year. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of October the band competed at the SCABA contest at Folkestone. We were drawn first and, after playing the national anthem to open the day's performances we played the hymn tune "My song is like a love unknown" followed by the test piece "Variations on Maccabeus" a technically challenging piece, which as a band we thought we played quite well. However the adjudicator obviously thought otherwise and we were eventually placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the hymn tune and 9<sup>th</sup> in the test piece. Undeterred by this result the band will take stock and move on, this isn't the first we have been placed this low and we know that contesting is only a very small part of what Crystal Palace band is all about.

## Upcoming Dates

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Gala Concert at Saint Bartholomew's Church, Sydenham 7pm
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carols in Horniman Gardens 5pm Start
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	B Band Carols in Alexandra Recreation Ground, Penge 3pm - 4pm

We look forward to seeing many of you at our engagements in the run up to the festive season, but to those of you who are unable to make it may we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.