

# PALATIANS



## THE NEWSLETTER OF CRYSTAL PALACE BAND

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Welcome to another issue of Palatians! It's going to be a busy summer for both bands, as we travel out and about throughout the South East performing and bandstands and fetes – see overleaf for where you can hear us – hope to see you at one of our concerts!

### ***Band news***

- The band is continuing to rehearse at Crystal Palace Museum and this year we are really keen to try and perform more concerts locally. We are therefore delighted to be playing at the Westow Park fun day in May (see overleaf for details), and are also hoping to play at the 'Grape and Grain' pub as part of the Crystal Palace Festival too. Our ultimate goal is to perform an afternoon concert in Crystal Palace Park (not necessarily on the Bowl concert platform!) and we continue to discuss with Bromley Council ways in which this might be possible.
- Love is definitely in the air this year as no less than three band members are finding time to tie the knot in between a busy summer of band gigs. Congratulations to Phil Parsonage (flugel horn) and his fiancée, Anna, on their forthcoming marriage in June, and to Simon Suter (cornet) and Clare Lipscombe (euphonium) on their marriage in July.
- Despite a great performance by everyone in the band, we have not been very successful in our contest results this year. However, we are not disheartened and are already thinking about and preparing for next season's contests. Finding another percussionist to play alongside our superstar Adam Payn in the kitchen department is proving difficult, so if anyone knows a percussionist who'd be willing to help out, tell them to get in touch!
- Plans are going well for the band's trip to Switzerland over the August bank holiday. We are delighted to be visiting the charming medieval town of Lenzburg in the central, German-speaking part of Switzerland. Markus Killer, who played with the band a few years ago, lives in the town and has kindly invited us to perform a couple of concerts. We will be playing with Zetzwil Village Band and also Lengnau Brass Band – and potentially a concert in Lenzburg town square too – it'll be a busy weekend! But we are sure that we will find time for a bit of socialising as well...
- The B Band continues to go from strength to strength and now has a new conductor, Chris Mackay, and a new name – the Crystal Palace Progress Band. Ian Whitaker recently retired to Cornwall and we wish him and his wife all the best.



The Progress Band celebrates their new name.

## Come and hear us play

Sunday 9 May	Fun Day, Westow Park, Crystal Palace, 2-3.30pm
Saturday 15 May	Penge Festival, Malcolm Primary School, 11am ( <i>Progress Band</i> )
Sunday 30 May	Hotham Park Bandstand, Bognor Regis, 3-4.30pm
Sunday 6 June	Alexander Recreation Ground, Penge 2pm ( <i>Both bands</i> )
Sunday 13 June	Victoria Gardens Bandstand, Broadstairs
Saturday 19 June	Holy Trinity Church Clapham 3pm ( <i>Progress Band</i> )
Saturday 26 June	Sanderstead Horticultural Society Show, 2pm ( <i>Progress Band</i> )
Sunday 27 June	British Skin Foundation Fete, Fitzroy Square, London
Saturday 3 July	Old Coulsdon Village Fair, Grange Park
Sunday 4 July	Bromley Library Amphitheatre, 3pm ( <i>Progress Band</i> )
Sunday 18 July	Bromley Library Amphitheatre, 3pm ( <i>Progress Band</i> )
Saturday 24 July	Friends of Cator Park, 3pm ( <i>Progress Band</i> )
Sunday 1 August	Clapham Common Bandstand, 3-5pm
Sunday 8 August	Golders Hill Bandstand, Hampstead
26-30 August	Band trip to Lenzburg, Switzerland
Sunday 12 September	Pavilion Gardens, Brighton, 2-4pm
Saturday 18 September	Croydon Road Recreation Ground Bandstand, Beckenham ( <i>Progress Band</i> )
Saturday 4 December	Gala Concert, St Bartholomew's Church, 7pm ( <i>Both bands</i> )
Sunday 12 December	Horniman Garden Carols, 4.30-6pm
Sunday 12 December	Friends of Alexander Park Christmas Carols, 3pm ( <i>Progress Band</i> )

We are still finalising the details of some of our summer concerts, so for up-to-date information on our performances please visit [www.crystalpalaceband.co.uk](http://www.crystalpalaceband.co.uk)

After a one year break our Gala Concert has returned and this year will be bigger and better than ever. We are delighted that the B Band will be joining us, as well as the Lewisham Schools Brass Band. Please put it in your diaries now and join us on the day to help us raise money for St Christopher's Hospice.

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