

Crediton Town Band Newsletter 1 November 2025

Hello to all our loyal supporters

I hope you enjoyed the wonderful summer we had and, now the clocks have gone back, it is time to get ready for the festive season.

Reflecting back over the summer months, the band has been very busy raising money not only for our running costs but also generous donations to various charities. Below is a quick synopsis of the various events undertaken:

Spring Concert - 18 May - This was a joint concert with Crediton Youth Orchestra and the proceeds were split between the two organisations.

Crediton Churches Together - 1 June - Unfortunately, this event was not well supported by the local community but the band played well (well we thought so).

Haywards School Assembly - 11 June - Emma Hutchinson (one of our front line cornet players) led this event which was enjoyed by the children and we hope it can be repeated in the future.

Town Square - 18 June - The audience enjoyed the challenging programme (not so much the front row cornets)

Town Square - 26 June - Another very successful and enjoyable event.

Winkleigh Fair - 13 July - Despite the very hot weather this event was enjoyed by all.

Old Inn, Widecombe - 10 August - A day out for the band at a venue we've never played at before. The pub garden was packed and I'm sure the twin girls celebrating their birthday will remember the band playing and everyone singing just for them.

VJ Day Commemorations - 15 August - A special shout out to Kate Brown (Flugel Horn) who played the last post for this event.

Downes Picnic - 17 August - Once again we were blessed with good weather and a lot of people enjoyed a relaxing afternoon picnic. Thank you to all our supporters as we were delighted to donate £1050 to Prostate Cancer Charity.

Town Square - 5 September - It was lovely to see quite a few new faces in the audience along with our regular supporters.

Chris Taylor's Memorial Concert - 11 October - What a wonderful way to remember Chris and catch up with the wider brass band community in Devon. We were delighted to raise £700 for Royal Devon Hospitals Charity (a charity which meant a lot to Chris).

Not sure if you noticed but the band now has new Shell Jackets to replace the fleeces we had for over 20 years. These jackets are far more practical for playing outside and, if you missed them at their inaugural outing for Chris Taylor's Memorial Concert, they will be worn whilst playing carols at Christmas. Our thanks go to a 'Friend of the Band' for their generous donation towards the cost of the jackets. The 'Friend' wishes to remain anonymous.

The band welcomes our new E Flat Bass player - David Hallen - who joined us in the summer. Unfortunately, we have had to say farewell to Mats Persson (B Flat Bass) who has moved to pastures new.

Another welcome goes out to our three new Vice Presidents - Henry Parker, Derrick Hamlin and Mike Palmer. We thank you for all your support over the years and are delighted you have accepted your new role.

As mentioned at the start of this newsletter we are busy getting ready for the festive season. We have Remembrance Sunday on 9 November and then we have the following events lined up:

6 December - Christmas Tree Festival Concert with Church Choir - Crediton Holy Cross Church - 7pm

13 December - Carol Playing - Homeleigh Garden Centre - 10.30-12.30pm

14 December - Christingle Service, Crediton Holy Cross Church - 3pm

16 December - Carol Service - Farming Community Network - Matford Cattle Market

18 December - Christmas Concert for Friends and Supporters, Haywards School Hall - 7.45pm

20 December - Carol Playing - High Street and Morrisons - 10.30-12.30pm

23 December - Carols in the Square - 7pm. Crediton Youth Orchestra will play before the event starts

24 December - Carol Playing - High Street and Tesco - 10.30-12.30pm

We look forward to seeing you during the festive season and would like to remind you about the Band Coffee meeting every 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Red Deer at 11am - all are welcome.

"Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas"

Regards

Vanessa