Crediton Town Band Newsletter 1 November 2026

Hello Crediton Town Band Supporters

Well we have certainly had a wonderful summer, not only fantastic weather which enabled the Band to play in the dry but also the creation of the Training Band.

Following a successful advertising campaign on social media (as well as putting lots of posters up around Crediton) the Training Band launched in July. From those early beginnings we now have 10 regular players who meet each week before the main band rehearsal. Alongside some of the regular band players who kindly give up their time in support, the players participate in lessons and spend time learning how to play together as a group. Everyone is making great progress, and we're now at the point where we have invited the Training Band players to join us for carols in December. It's been tremendous to see how well this initiative has been supported and how dedicated our new players are.

We have had a few personnel changes recently:

Iorwerth (Conductor) is currently taking a planned period of absence and Chris Richards has kindly agreed to cover this position until Iorwerth returns. Phil Makin is covering Chris's Rep part.

Beth Dimond has joined us on the back row cornets after initially attending the Training Band. Beth had previously played Trumpet at school so was well qualified to join the main Band.

Hannah Preece, who has been playing on the back row cornets for a while, has now moved to the front row cornets.

Clive Hetherington (2nd Horn) is on a leave of absence until Christmas 2026 and whilst Clive is away, Eric Parkes has very kindly agreed to cover the 2nd Horn part.

Richard Dew (2nd Baritone) and Simon Priest (Soprano) have both been absent recently and we wish both of them a speedy recovery.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our summer engagements and hope that you will be able to join us in the lead up to Christmas (sorry to mention the 'C' word but it's only 8 weeks away).

Forthcoming Events:

Sunday, 8 November 10am - Remembrance Sunday - Crediton Parish Church followed by the War Memorial.

Saturday, 14 November - Film Night - Join us in the Boniface Centre for a 30th anniversary showing of "Brassed Off". Doors open from 6:30pm and the film begins at 7:00pm. There will be popcorn and drinks for sale, so please bring cash! There is no charge to attend, but donations are welcome to cover the cost of the room rental. If you are planning to come, please email info@creditontownband.org.uk to let Katie know how many people to expect by Saturday, 7 November.

Saturday, 28 November - Crediton Christmas Lights Switch On - The band will be playing from 1pm to 1.40pm (short but sweet)

TBC - Saturday, 5 December - Joint evening concert with Holy Cross Church Choir

Saturday, 12 December - Carols at Homeleigh Garden Centre, Crediton - The band will be playing carols from 10.30am to 12.30pm

Sunday, 13 December - Christingle at the Holy Cross Church, Crediton - The event starts at 3pm

Thursday, 17 December - Christmas Concert with Handbell Ringers as our guests - This event will take place in Crediton Congregational Church and starts at 7.30pm

Saturday, 19 December - Carols around Crediton 1030-1230

Wednesday, 23 December - Carols in the Square at 7pm

Thursday, 24 December - Carols around Crediton 1030-1230

We look forward to seeing you and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

Regards
Vanessa