

## Crystal Palace Band Membership Information

Crystal Palace Band is a friendly and welcoming band who rehearse weekly and take part in contests and concerts. The information here has been written to help members understand the expectations and ethos of the band.

Members are expected to:

- **Regularly attend Wednesday evening rehearsals.** We rehearse from 8pm until 10pm at Crystal Palace Museum, Anerley Hill, SE19 2BA.
- **Take part in concerts and competitions.** We normally play at about two or three contests each year. You should be prepared for additional rehearsals the three Friday evenings preceding a contest plus an extra sectional rehearsal. In 2014 we played ten concerts and several Christmas carol engagements. Our concerts are usually at weekends or occasionally in the evenings during the week. There is a gig list on the member's area of the band website. Members are expected to fill in their availability well in advance of jobs so that any gaps can be addressed.
- **Assist with setting up and packing up at rehearsals and concerts.** If everyone lends a hand, then it makes the work easier and means that it is not just left to the same few people

every time. If you're not sure what to do, just ask!

- **Look after the band equipment and uniform.** There are some band instruments available for members who do not have their own. If you are given one of these you are expected to look after it, clean it, and report any damage to the Property Master. If you leave the band or are not playing for a lengthy period of time you should return the instrument and band jacket to the Property Master.
- **Keep the band informed of your contact details.** Let us know if you change your address, email or telephone number.
- **Take time for individual practice.** We are an amateur group who play for pleasure, but if we each make time for some practice between rehearsals we will make a much better sound and have more enjoyment when we play together as a band. If you take music home, please ensure it is back for the next rehearsal or concert. Please bring a music stand and a pencil to rehearsals.
- **Be aware of the child protection policy.** Whilst we are mainly an adult band, there are young people who play with the Crystal Palace Progress Band and may at times play with the main band as well. Members are expected to be aware of the child protection

policy and to report any issues to the child protection officer.

- **Pay an annual membership subscription.** We welcome players to try the band without paying subscriptions. After a few months the Committee may invite you to become a member of the band at which point you will also be asked to pay the membership subscription, agree to the band constitution (available on the website) and provide your contact details if you have not done so already.

We understand that not every player can commit to concerts and competitions. Whilst players are welcome to come along "for a blow", they should not expect to hold a particular seat or position within the band.

It is primarily for the conductor to decide who will play each part.

### Membership subscriptions

(for 2014/2015)

Adult: £90

Concessions: £45

(Students, Retired, Unemployed)

There is a 'Family' discount of 20%.