

DCB Weekly

Issue 1

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Welcome to the first edition of the DCB newsletter. This newsletter will land in your inboxes before 10am each Saturday morning. We hope that it will allow us to keep in touch, even though we can't meet to practise together. We also hope that you'll continue to dedicate Saturday mornings to individual practise. The pieces to focus on today are detailed in Robert's update below.

Welcome from the Chair

Good morning everyone and welcome to our first newsletter. I hope you will enjoy receiving this every Saturday. We are also hoping to be able to bring other ways to communicate as a virtual group but it may take a little bit more time to set this up. Watch this space! Our 'meet the band' section is a great way to get to know each other much better. Each week, we will feature a different section and individual players, so we hope you will be willing to take part in this. Remember we are all in this together, and we would love you to join in. Stay safe, stay well.

Musical Director's update

Good morning.

Diminished 7th please on A, 2 octaves! Only kidding.

I hope that in these interesting times you might have found time to enjoy playing some tunes or studies through this week. I have and I've found it somewhat therapeutic.

If you haven't then perhaps you can work on Glyn's new arrangement 'By George'. We read it through last week so if you need a scanned copy we can see what we can do for you.

Valencia aside, take a look at The Witcher from fig F to G.

Play things slowly and enjoy your sound....let your ears lead you.

Ps. I hope I don't look like the picture at the bottom at our next rehearsal!

Kessington update

If you missed the update from David and Robert on the progress with Kessington Hall, the slides can be found on the members page of our website:

<https://dunbartonshireconcertband.co.uk>

(Click on the 'More' heading, then 'Members page'. Password required to access the member area - email us using the address below if you're unsure of the password).

Now time for something more light hearted...

Meet the band

Each week, we'll focus on different people or sections within the band, to allow you to get to know your fellow band members. If you'd like to take part, why not send us some interesting facts about yourself, or even better, some photos? Maybe a photo of your new home working set up, or even a photo of your music practise set up?

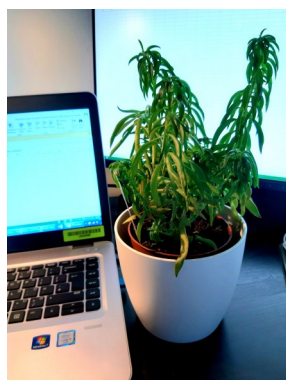
Get in touch via the usual email address - dunbartonshireconcertband@gmail.com

Just for starters...

Did you know that **Harriet** has been a member of DCB since 1992, and has a pet tortoise? Meet Georgie!



Susan is enjoying looking after her work colleague's plant that she rescued before the office shutdown.



Keeping in touch

Have you thought about starting a WhatsApp group with the other members of your section, so that you can all keep in touch? Or why not phone another band member for a chat? If you don't know their number, let us know and we can check if they are happy for us to give it to you.

We've also set up an online message board where you can post comments. Have a look at the link below and maybe post a message for your fellow band members.

<https://xoyondo.com/mb/6myg33qLg1QpWlb>

Saturday quiz

One last thing to do before you start your practise. Each week we'll put together a quiz, which must be completed by 12pm on the same Saturday as the newsletter is issued.

This week's questions are below. If you'd like to take part, submit your answers via the poll link below. Answers and results (yes, there will be a league table) will be announced later today.

Link to poll:

xoyondo.com/dp/FWHhgQvUn3IT1er

One rule – no Googling or website browsing allowed!

Questions

1. Where was the first rehearsal of the band held?
 - A. Milngavie Town Hall
 - B. Bearsden Primary
 - C. Douglas Academy
 - D. Cairns Church

2. The composer Berlioz was commonly known by what name?
 - A. Harold
 - B. Hector
 - C. Horace
 - D. Henry

3. Which clarinetist lived from 1909 – 1986 and had his story told in a 1955 film?
 - A. Benny Goodman
 - B. Jimmy Giuffre
 - C. Pete Fountain
 - D. Jack Brymer

4. The Irvin Berlin Song 'There's No Business Like Show Business' was written for which musical?
 - A. Carousel
 - B. Oklahoma
 - C. Annie Get Your Gun
 - D. Porgy and Bess

5. How many pedals can be found on a grand piano?
 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4

6. The theremin belongs to which class of musical instruments?
 - A. Woodwind
 - B. Percussion
 - C. Brass
 - D. Electronic

7. The double contrabass flute, the largest metal flute, has over how many feet of tubing?
 - A. 10 feet
 - B. 15 feet
 - C. 18 feet
 - D. 21 feet

We're looking for volunteers to set next week's quiz. If you'd like to submit any multiple choice questions, we'd be delighted to receive them.



And finally...

Please feel free to contact us via the usual email address at any time:

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Keep practising!

