

Bedale Band News

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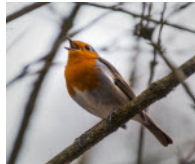


LOCKDOWN

What is lockdown?

Something that happens in prison after a riot! I haven't done anything wrong. No, but there's a virus about and if you stay at home you won't catch it.

So my life stops because of a little bug. Walk the dog and feed the birds!!



How do we eat?

The freezers are full, walk the dog and feed the birds! Don't touch the post yet, wash your hands!! I opened the gate, wash your hands!!

And so it went on, watching the birds and walking the dog. The birds nested, hatched chicks and they fledged. The daffodils came and went. The year has almost gone.



Where has it gone?

No gigs, no holidays, no trips out. The clocks have gone back and the leaves are leaving the trees. So far we haven't caught the bug. Our daughter has, but has recovered and is back at work. We are so lucky having a garden, and walking



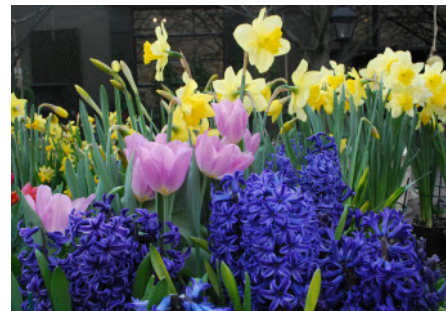
the dog up the lane, avoiding the visiting caravanners.

Eventually.....

life will return to a new normal

We will all find a new way to socialise. Nature has kept us sane. It goes on, chicks hatch and move on, vegetables grow and are enjoyed and the borders were filled with flowers.

I have planted lots of bulbs so we have something to look forward to. We can only continue with our shrunk-en lives for now and continue to plan and hope for better days.



Some day we shall be able to have parties and concerts to celebrate when we have won the battle.

STAY SAFE, KEEP WELL. Margaret

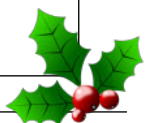
KEEP IN TOUCH!

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AND ARTICLES

FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairman: Ken Hughes; Secretary: Carol Kirk; Treasurer: John Bell
Librarian: Tony Dalton; Instruments: Shaun Donaghy; Engagements: Dawn Mainprize
Social secretary: Geoff Davis; Member: Ken Moorhouse **CONDUCTOR:** Michael Searle M. Mus, M. Ed



A new student **alto saxophone** has been added to our collection of wind instruments. It was purchased from Gear4music at a good discount!

Coronavirus Update

A Covid risk assessment has been put in place for the band and Leeming Village Hall is a 'Covid Secure' environment so we are legally allowed to rehearse as long as we follow government guidelines and rules of the time. When the present total lockdown comes to an end we will be able to return to our previous limited rehearsals.

Opportunity for improvement!

Before the present total lockdown, numbers at Wednesday's rehearsal were, understandably, reduced to about 10 players.

We have taken this opportunity to develop our small group playing.

We have some new music with fewer parts and we are learning to listen to each other rather than relying on the conductor to hold it all together.



Check our
NEW BAND WEBSITE

bedaleband.co.uk

Please send your ideas for updated website to ken@birchcottage.me.uk

SUNDAY REHEARSALS

The small ensemble rehearsals in Bedale Bandstand have now come to an end due to the time of year. Members of the public commented on how much they had enjoyed hearing live music again.



Committee Meetings

For the duration of 'Covid', when a full committee meeting (quorum of 6) is not possible, a sub-group of any 3 committee members will meet to enable the day-to-day running of the band. Any decisions will be circulated to remaining committee members for their approval.

BANDITS

Due to social distancing measures all proficient players have been moved to main band rehearsal to make room for beginners



WELCOME to our new learners playing clarinets, cornet and Eb horn
Watch this space!



CHRISTMAS CAROL PLAYING

Dates and times coming soon!

