



## Musical Directors Report 2021/2022

### **1. August / September / October / November / December 2021**

The Covid-19 situation was starting to ease up a little although we still had to take many precautions to try to protect band members. Our only actual performing job of 2021 was in August at Swindon Town Gardens Bowl, where we tried out a few new numbers Soul Bossa Nova, Minnie The Moocher and Blue Skies.

During Sept to December we started to play "NEW" Christmas numbers, just in case we were asked to play at an event. Unfortunately, because of Covid people were still being very cautious and we were not asked to perform at any event. Also, during this period some band members did not like concentrating on Christmas music, therefore the last rehearsal before the Christmas break members of the band were asked what pieces they would like to play. This for me was the worst rehearsal I have taken since taking over, all I did was count the band in and then sit down.

### **2. January to August 2022**

The band returned after the Christmas and New Year's break and for several weeks all appeared to be good with the band, new energy and enthusiastic, we even started to get ready for several events with new music.

Karen managed to get five events for the band up to Aug 2022

1<sup>st</sup> May - Town Gardens

10<sup>th</sup> May - Celebrating Age Royal Wotton Bassett

14<sup>th</sup> May - Celebrating Age Calne (under the leadership of Karen)

27<sup>th</sup> June – Cirencester Court

10<sup>th</sup> July – TCOSS at Meca (under the leadership of Karen)

Unfortunately, during May things were not good, band members were not practising at home, arrived at rehearsal not having the correct music, talking during the rehearsal, arriving late at events, sometimes without all the music, some also did not like some of the new & better arrangements and were heard to say "Why Can't We Play the Old Ones"!

For me, it was starting to become very hard to get positive feedback from the band. I started to realise the band needed a change of M.D.

I was not enjoy rehearsing the band and although I do not normally play, I still need to enjoy myself while leading the band.

### **3. M.D. Resignation May 2022**

As you are all aware I resigned from the band on 27<sup>th</sup> May. I gave 3 months' notice to allow the committee to hopefully find a replacement for me. I stated in my resignation letter that I would honour all event commitments until the end of August. 28<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to all committee members over the years for your support and I wish the band all the success in the future.

David Baker  
Musical Director