

FRIENDS OF BURY MUSIC CENTRE

News-e-Letter Spring 2012

Bands on the Rock

Thanks to everyone involved who turned up to this event at the end of last term. It was a horrible, cold, wet day and we weren't permitted to do a collection either. Despite that restriction a number of shoppers stopped to put a few coins in a tray (that quickly became a water feature) and so we did make a small sum (just less than £100), which shows how the people of Bury appreciate these bands and their music.

Junior Concerts a Big Hit

February saw our traditional Junior Concerts, where many of our students get their first opportunity to show off what they've been up to on Saturday mornings. Tuesday night was particularly busy; it was standing room only ... literally!



The Junior Strings (above) and our newly enlarged Junior Brass groups were supported by the Training Flutes and some inspiring Piano soloists.

Wednesday also saw first appearances from many in the Junior Flute Choir. We hope it will be the first of many for you all.

The Friends Office

The Friends Office is open every Saturday morning. It is the first room on the left after you come through the double doors.

You can drop off letters for the Music Service; you can buy Music Centre ties and mugs as well as strings, reeds and other emergency supplies for the rehearsals.

Unfortunately we cannot answer any questions about lessons and fees. Although we may be able to point you in the right direction with such queries you will need to phone the Music Service during normal office hours.

Join the Friends

£6 Family Membership

Benefits include discount on concert tickets and in local music shops





Can you help?

We could really do with someone who is interested in photography and/or publications. After putting together editions of this newsletter for 2½ years the current editors knows it would benefit from a fresh pair of eyes.

If nothing else, some good quality photographs from our events would be really appreciated as there enough to do during concerts that this often gets forgotten.

Pop in and see Kate on a Saturday morning or email: friends@burymusic.co.uk

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Purchases

We reported last year that we would be buying some mutes for the trombone sections and since then we have also purchased a new glockenspiel for the many percussionists we now have at the Music Centre.



Insurance



Don't forget about insurance for your musical instrument. Where would you be if it was damaged, lost or stolen? Most household policies don't cover instruments in school or in transit. We act as agents for specialist musical insurers, Allianz.

Speak to Tom in the Friends' office for more details.

The 100 Club

You can still join for the remaining 6 monthly draws.

Forms available from the Office

Website

Don't forget the website www.burymusic.co.uk which we share with the Music Service. The DIARY OF EVENTS can be particularly useful giving Music Centre term dates as well as details of upcoming concerts and respective rehearsal times.

Bursaries

Through small bursaries, the Friends support a number of students who take up a second instrument that we look to be short of in the various ensembles.

All of our current bursaries have been allocated this year but decisions are reviewed each term, so keep a check on the information on the website and students should speak to their current teacher if they are interested.

In the past year we have also been able to support students who demonstrate excellence in their instrument with bursaries to facilitate their involvement with top local orchestras like the Halle Youth Orchestra.



Child Safety - recommendations

Yet again, one of our pupils had a close shave last term with a car turning at the top of the drive. Please consider not coming up on a Saturday unless you are staying (until ~15mins or so after rehearsal starts) and always do any turning on the car park at the back. And please don't leave your vehicle unattended at the front of the building; this space is essential for other drivers to pull into to avoid reversing up and down the drive. Many thanks.