



A New Term

It's lovely to see the old faces returning and a whole new group of new starters too.

The Friends of Bury Music Centre want to see as many children as possible have the opportunity to blossom through playing in the fantastic ensembles at the Music Centre this year.

We will continue to give our time and raise funds to help students make the best of their time at the Music Centre – whether that's running the tuck shop; buying new instruments or subsidising travel for competitions and performance trips.



New Starters

Welcome to all our new starters. We hope you have settled in and are enjoying making new friends. If you haven't yet received your introductory music bag then call into the Friends Office. It is open every Saturday morning and is located in the Music Centre building (left coming up the drive.) We are first on the left after you come through the double doors in the foyer. This is also where you can arrange membership of the Friends and the 100 Club, buy concert tickets, ties, reeds, strings and instrument insurance. Please feel free to pop in.

We also act as a post box for Music Service letters. Whilst we can't answer specific questions about lessons and Music Service issues, we may be able to point you in the right direction. Our committee members wear badges so you can ask any of them for help.

New Instruments & Groups

Instruments: Miss Evans is pleased to announce that the Friends will be purchasing a new soprano saxophone, so her personal instrument will not now need to be used by any of the "wild ones" of the Saxophone Ensemble. Hurrah!

Oh, and Mr Jarvis has asked for some more music stands. We get through quite a few each year, often because students (and other helpers) don't really know how to use them properly. There is a nice 52 second tutorial on YouTube by a member called *streicherlebnisse*. Type in "open music stand" and a German gentleman with beautiful English will take you through the process.

<http://www.youtube.com>

The new group this term is the Wind Quintet led by Miss Shipton

New Tuck Shop?

With the downpours of our glorious summer and its impact on the roof in the kitchen, this area is now out of bounds. We have been unable to provide hot drinks or, for that matter, very cold ones, since the start of term. **Tuck shop on a trolley** has been operating on Friday nights and Saturday mornings but it's not ideal and we're sorry we haven't had the range of merchandise that our patrons have become used to.

We hope to return to normality soon after the half term break, although we do have to report that the school have asked us to stop selling cans as the empties can be a risk to small fingers.



Friends AGM

The Friends AGM is 8pm on Monday November 12th at the Music Centre.

Everyone is welcome and the committee does appreciate you coming to oversee what we get up to; so much so, we'll even ply you with a glass of wine. All the formal posts on the committee are up for election every year, but we won't foist one on you unless you're very willing ... promise!



Join the Friends

Just £6 per year for a family membership. This will give you reductions on tickets for concerts organised by the Friends. Come into the office on a Saturday morning to do this or, download a form from the website to complete at your leisure. Bring it in with cash or a cheque payable to FBMC. Our membership secretary, Lesley, should be able to issue you with a card right away.



Tuck Shop Help

When we re-launch the Tuck Shop after Half Term it would be great to see some new faces behind the counter. If you can help either on a Saturday morning or with the bulk shopping then Lindsay and Mary would love to hear from you.



100 Club

The 100 Club will be running again this year. Just £12 to enter the 12 monthly draws. Letters were sent home from a recent Saturday rehearsal; fill in the form (download one from the website if it's gone missing) or just call into the Friends Office on Saturday morning.



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Members of the Friends are entitled to discounts in the Rimmers group of music shops.

This includes RF&H in Bury and Harker & Howarth in Bolton. In future the discount cards will be issued with the Friends' membership cards but, if you want one in the meantime, pop into the office on a Saturday morning for it.

Rimmers Music



Coming Events

Bands on the Rock is on again, "by popular demand". This will involve the Senior and Training Concert Bands. The traders in Bury gave the Rock Management very positive feedback about last year and they want them back! The date just agreed is Saturday 1st December; time: 9:30am – 12:30pm, same as last year.



Insurance

OK, so you've signed the (usually) pink form to say you accept responsibility for the instrument the Music Service have lent your child. But what happens if they lose or damage it, or it gets stolen from your car? The Friends' Association is an agent for **Allianz Musical Insurance** and we can offer you specialist instrument insurance at very competitive prices, with terms which are much more "user friendly" for musical instruments than many household policies. Come into the Friends' office and talk to us about your insurance needs.



On the Drive

Please don't come up the drive unless you really have to. If your child has a very large or heavy instrument or you are staying until the rehearsals are well under way, that's OK. Otherwise, it does them no real harm to walk up and, importantly, makes the whole area safer for everyone on the site.