

FRIENDS OF BURY MUSIC CENTRE

News-e-Letter Spring 2011

Bands on the Rock

A Big Big **THANK-YOU** to everyone involved in this event. In addition to entertaining the shoppers in Bury, the bands were featured on Becky Want's BBC Radio Manchester programme that morning. We also raised **£300**, so extra thanks to those who braved the cold to hold a donation tin.



Stand Banners

Also on show for Bands on the Rock were our new music stand banners. You can see larger, close-up pictures of them on our website.

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.

We can point you in the right direction for Music Service queries but we cannot, unfortunately, answer specific questions about lessons, fees & invoices, etc. Please phone the Music Service about these during the week.

Website

Our new website is up and running. Go to www.burymusic.co.uk and the **FRIENDS** section can be selected from the navigation panel on the left hand side. Also on there are more pictures from the Rock.

Trip Funding

Funds have been approved to help the Big Band go to Gloucester this year. This will be 2nd week of April. More details can be found on the **EVENTS** section of the website.

RNCM Bands Concert

Sunday 13th March 2011

Tickets now on sale from the
Friends Office

The 100 Club

Monthly Draws

£12 per year

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Joining a new group

Holly, Georgia and Orla are three young violinists who joined the **String Orchestra** in September. We spoke to them about being part of the Music Centre. "It is fun here; it's even worth getting up early on a Saturday morning," they all agreed. "And the tuck shop, that's really good too." All three said they've made new friends since coming to rehearsals.

Had they been worried about anything before they started? "Yes, I was worried I would get the notes wrong and would get teased for not being able to play the pieces." Did that happen? "Oh no, it wasn't like that at all."

You have a concert coming up soon, how do you feel? "A bit scared," "Nervous, but excited too" were typical responses as for Holly & Georgia it will be their first concert. Good Luck, girls - not that we think you will need it!



To catch up on how they felt after the concert check back in the **EVENTS** section of the website after February 13th

www.burymusic.co.uk/

Insurance



Don't forget about insurance for your musical instrument. Where would you be if it was damaged, lost or stolen? We act as agents for specialist musical insurers, Allianz. Speak to Tom Girvan in the Friends' office for more details.

An 'old hand' speaks up

The news-e-letter caught up with the leader of the **Youth Concert Band** before rehearsals one Saturday.

James has been with the Music Centre "for donkey's years, well ... 8 or more". He plays the clarinet, Alto and Baritone saxophones, the 'Bari' being his favourite. He has a responsible role as leader: helping set up rehearsals, organising the music & anything else Mr Sandiford can get him to do; he also



takes a lead role in the fun! Well, we can see that, James - that's a crocodile costume you're wearing is it?

"I will be leaving at the end of this year to go to Uni (to do a Maths degree) but I will keep up my music. I hope to get some pit gigs too." He went on to explain, "playing in the orchestra pit in a theatre, for musicals and the like ... I get paid for that!"

"Friends are the best thing, though. "At primary school my friends came to the Music Centre, at secondary school too and now at college." So, it will be a sad good-bye when we get to July?

"Yes, but I look forward to coming back in the holidays and playing some concerts with this band, the Youth Orchestra & the Sax Ensemble." That's great, James, I'm sure everyone will be delighted to see you.

Child Safety

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. Thanks.

