



FRIENDS OF BURY MUSIC CENTRE

News-e-Letter Autumn 2011

Welcome New Starters

This year we have welcomed over 50 new starters to the Music Centre. Most of the new recruits have joined the Junior Strings (19) and Intermediate Concert Bands (25). We hope you are settling in; that you will be with us for many years to come and will make some friends for life.

Mr. Jarvis tells us that there has been something like a 40% increase in new learners to the Music Service which suggests that, as this is the main way we get new starters to the Music Centre, the future for our ensembles is looking even brighter!

The Friends Office

The Friends Office is the first room on the left after you come through the double doors. It is signed as "Friends Office" - but also as Teaching Room 1

There should always be a member of our Committee on duty in there on a Saturday morning to deal with any queries. Our committee members also wear badges to identify them so you can ask any of them for help.

Strings and Things

If you arrive at the Music Centre and find there is a broken violin string, or a new reed needed for the clarinet ... don't panic!!

Call into the Friends Office as we keep a small stock of key items; all part of the service and will maybe save you a trip into Bury or Bolton.

Join the Friends

Membership of the Friends Association is just £6.00 per annum per family. There are many benefits including a discount scheme for music purchases, reduced prices at many of the Music Centre concerts and access to the Instrument Loan Fund. See us in the Office on a Saturday morning to sign up

The Tuck Shop

This is open every Saturday of the term between 10:45am and 11:15am. It provides hot & cold drinks, crisps and sweets. Indeed all the goodies needed to help along the music!

Mums, Dads, carers, teachers & helpers are also very welcome.

Could you be
a Tuck Shop Reserve?

We have two teams of helpers who alternate each week. If any member of the Friends would like to help out - either to join one of the teams on a regular fortnightly basis or just be available on the odd occasion when we are short - then that would be wonderful. Simply speak to Lindsay in the tuck shop one Saturday; she will be very happy to hear from you.

The team work hard to provide a variety of snacks, sweets & drinks and try to ring the changes. They are always happy to hear any special requests and do their best to include them if possible.

Join us for a glass of wine at
the Friends AGM

Monday 14th November

Music Centre 8pm

Rimmers Music

Friends of Bury Music Centre



Autumn Concerts

In November, the Friends will be promoting a series of concerts at the Elizabethan Suite in Bury. If you could spare a little time to help - particularly with raffle tickets on the night - that would be really appreciated. Speak to Mary or Dave one Saturday morning or drop us a line at friends@burymusic.co.uk



Free Tickets!

Music Centre students can get in free to many of the concerts promoted by the Friends; we like to actively encourage members of the junior ensembles to come and see what they can achieve over their time at the Music Centre.



Purchases

Just as important as funding, is spending that money on things to benefit all our players in the various bands, orchestras and ensembles.

In the past half year, we have bought a new concert drum kit, the timpani have been refurbished and some new mutes have been purchased for the trombone sections.

Merchandise

The new book bags are now available from the office: extremely competitively priced at £3. We also have mugs and a selection of used music at bargain prices.

Thank-you

Zack, Elli and Tim wanted to say thank-you to the Friends as they were part of the Big Band trip to Gloucester (when the Friends helped with travel costs) as well as being the main beneficiaries of the new trombone mutes.

The Choir

This is a new venture this year from the Music Centre. It is aimed largely (although not necessarily exclusively) at Secondary School students and meets on a Tuesday evening in the Music Centre. We wish them well.

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 musical 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 requirements.

Be part of our 100 Club

Monthly Draws £12 per year

Form from the office or download from the website

Bands on the Rock

Yes, we are looking at repeating this event. More news to follow from the Music Service

