



The PHOENIX FLAME

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A Message from David Watson, Musical Director, Phoenix Brass



We are nearly at the end of our summer; time seems to go by so quickly. There is a saying "time goes quickly for busy people" but, unfortunately, I cannot say that as far as the Band goes. 2019 will go down as one of the quietest in the Bands history.

We have played at seven engagements this summer which is about 50% down on previous years. There has been a slow downward trend over the past four years which means, this year, we will be around £1,000 down on this year's balance sheet.

Recently, I have been looking to update the Bands library of music. At each concert or playing at a fête we play around 16 pieces of music. I have just ordered 8 sets of music costing just under £500 so, as you can see, we cannot afford to see a continued reduction on our engagements.

As for summer engagements we, as a Band, must start thinking of new ways of attracting engagements or arranging more of our own events.

This is where we need a strong Friends of Phoenix membership to help the Band. If you know of a friend who would like to become a member of the Friends of Phoenix, please put them in touch with Richard. If you are a previous 'Friends' member and just happen to read this copy of the Flame and would like to rejoin again, please contact Richard - we miss you and need you. Looking down an old list of Friends of Phoenix membership names I recognize several people who were previously members but have not renewed their membership, but I do not know why.

I would like to thank Betty and her Committee and members of Friends of Phoenix for their support and playing members of the Band for all their efforts. Marilyn's hard work on a Saturday morning has proved, once again, to be worthwhile with four members of the Training Band sitting in with the main Band on a Tuesday evening. Hopefully a few more of the Training Band members will soon be joining them, so thank you Marilyn.

We are very lucky just now to welcome back to the Band, after University, Chloe Richardson, Andrew and Oliver Gray. They have been joined by dad, Phil Gray, and Richard Mascall. All are very welcome and a big help to the Band.

Recently the Band played at Victoria park Bandstand in Newbury to a very good audience. The Band played very well, and it was a pleasure when several members of the audience came to me after the Concert to express thanks for a lovely afternoon. Thank you if you were in the audience that afternoon.

Training Band Report

A great deal of hard work has been done by Phoenix Brass Training Band in the past few months, culminating in our "Round the World Concert" (with a quiz) in early June. I must thank John Miles for his hard work in arranging the 'learner' parts for many of the pieces we played.



It was a 'massed' Training Band Saturday morning event with players from the 'Beginners' group joining the 'main Training Section' to entertain friends and family.

This was a first 'proper' concert for many of the beginners and their enthusiastic participation made all the hard work in the preceding weeks worthwhile.

Congratulations must go to all the players, but especially to our newest trombone player, Steve, who at his first concert stood up and played a solo "Yankee Doodle". The start of a great brass-playing hobby I am sure.

Saturday morning practices continue throughout the summer holidays and please remember we are open to all ages who want to come and learn to play. Even we may end up giving you an instrument to play that is almost as big as you!

Enjoy the summer and take care.

Marilyn Mason
Training Band Director





June is the month when Marilyn Mason, Training Band Director, presents The Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Award to the Training Band member who has shown the most commitment, progress and helpfulness throughout the year. This year the award went to Jamie Greenwood who has 'stuck with it' since first learning a few notes and has just started to attend Main Band practises. Jamie is always smiling and well deserved the Award.

Friends of Phoenix

Dear Friends

The Friends of Phoenix Committee have been busy planning future fundraising events and came up with the idea of a Car Boot and Tabletop Sale and a Quiz Evening.

The Car Boot and Tabletop Sale will be on Sunday, 6 October 2019 at Froxfield War Memorial Hall, between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Sellers arrive 9.00am. Light refreshments will be available so do come along to look around and stay for a coffee or tea afterwards. I look forward to seeing you there. [Please see poster at end of Flame].

The Quiz Evening will be arranged sometime in the New Year so watch this space for further details in due course.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Betty Walley
Chair, Friends of Phoenix

Lottery Winners

April 2019	-	Margaret Paterson
May 2019	-	Jenny Taylor
June 2019	-	Carol Silk
July 2019	-	Jenny Taylor



Thank you for your support.

Phoenix Brass Summer Draw 2019

Prize	Ticket No	Winner
Bottle Hamper	3830	Alicia Harlow
Bottle Hamper	585	Suzie Richardson
Slow Cooker	3751	Sian Jones
Bayliss & Harding Set	2351	Chris Couch
Tea Light Holders	2982	Chris Peacock
Photo Frame	196	Alice Brooks
Relax & Pamper Treats	3683	Archie Withers
Drinks Fountain	2976	Chris Peacock
Pink Bunny	1642	Chris Cann
Bag	3188	Mrs M Rose
Whisky	2784	Ann Middleton
Box of Chocolates	272	Claudia Dewey
Jigsaw Puzzle	1653	Zara Taylor
My Favourite Ritual Spa Set	786	Stuart
Candle	2830	Lynne Miles
Scarf, Bracelet & Earrings	716	Steve Hutchins
Photo Frame	1383	Carl Roberts
Set of Mugs	747	June c/o Steve Hutchins
Make Up and Nail Varnish Set	3712	Michael Martin
Wine	838	Daniel Fradgley

Thank You.....to everyone who supported the Grand Summer Draw which was drawn at the Hadcaf Concert in at Froxfield War Memorial Hall on 30 June 2019.

The Draw raised £496.50 towards Band funds.



Sale Funds to support the Band

Please contact Marilyn Mason or Terri Fradgley for information



Picture frames – few minor marks
Gold coloured 20 x 8 inches
Wooden frame 20 x 8 inches
£2.00 each or all three for £5.00



Starburst Mirror, in good condition - £10.00



Nodular cushion with washable cover - £4.00



Child's Furry Horse Backpack in clean and good condition - £3.00



DVD's
50p each
or make
an offer!!

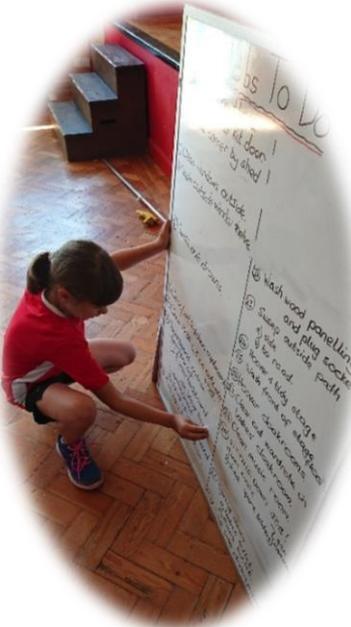


Froxfield War Memorial Hall Cleaning Day

Players, friends, supporters and villagers all turned out for the Hall Cleaning Day in July when the opportunity was taken to spruce up the hall and surrounding area. All the tasks were successfully completed on the day as this picture shows.



A selection of pictures follows showing people hard at work.





Phoenix Brass Training Band in Pictures



Froxfield Music and Beer Festival
June 2019



Round the World Concert and Quiz
July 2019

The Ramsbury Airfield Remembrance Project

It was with great honour that Phoenix Brass played at the Commemoration Service at Ramsbury Airfield in June 2019 to celebrate 75 years since the last-minute planning for D-Day was being undertaken at Littlecote House. Military guests, from near and far, visitors, and locals from the towns and villages around the old RAF Ramsbury airfield gathered to honour the fallen of two World Wars and for the final act of Remembrance and dedication of the memorials to remember all the servicemen and women who worked and served there during World War 2.

There were two Memorials to dedicate. The Woodland Memorial Service at Burnt Wood, where over 400 tree saplings (donated by the Woodland Trust) were planted at Remembrance in November 2018, took place at 11am. Anthony Palmer played The Last Post. This was followed an hour later at mid-day by a dedication of the remains of the main runway during which the Band played the accompaniment for the hymns. Towards the end of this service Anthony Palmer again performed The Last Post.

Afterwards, the Band entertained the guests as they enjoyed light refreshments.



Ramsbury Airfield Remembrance Project
June 2019

Claire Costello, of the RAF Ramsbury Remembrance Project commented: *“RAF Ramsbury Airfield, a block of stone and the Information Board finally came together nearly 75 years since the D Day Landings. Butler Signs fixed the mounted artwork to the block and, finally, the role RAF Ramsbury played in WW2 was commemorated”. She added: “we will gather to dedicate two memorials – one to those who gave their lives in the Great War, and to remember all those who worked and served at RAF Ramsbury during the Second. At the going down of the sun we will remember them.”*

Please the Youtube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldfHXHO3mp8>

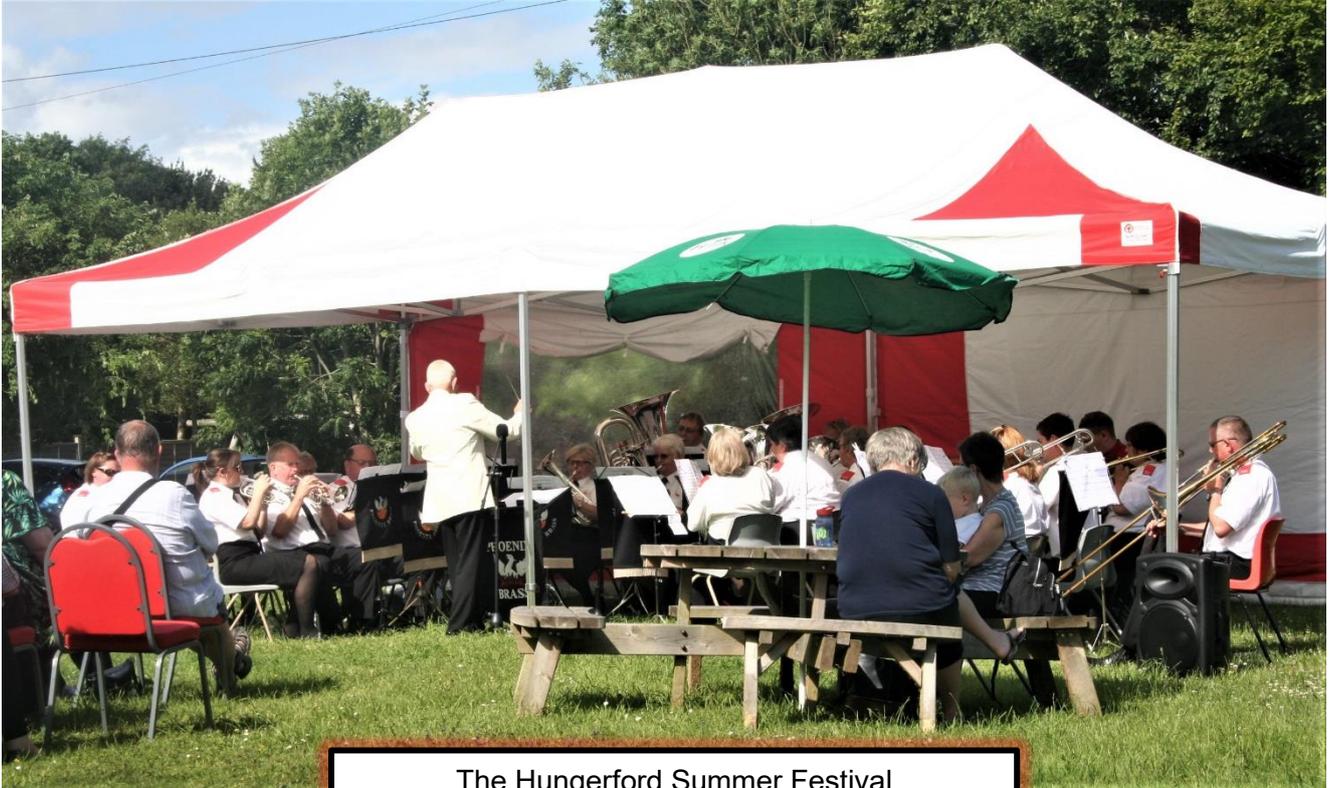


Ramsbury Airfield Remembrance Project
June 2019



Phoenix Brass in Pictures

Players have been busy during the summer months performing at a variety of events which has seen them travel across West Berkshire, Wiltshire and Hampshire to individual engagements. A selection of photographs appear below, with more pictures available on via the News and Gallery pages on the website: <https://www.phoenixbrassband.co.uk>

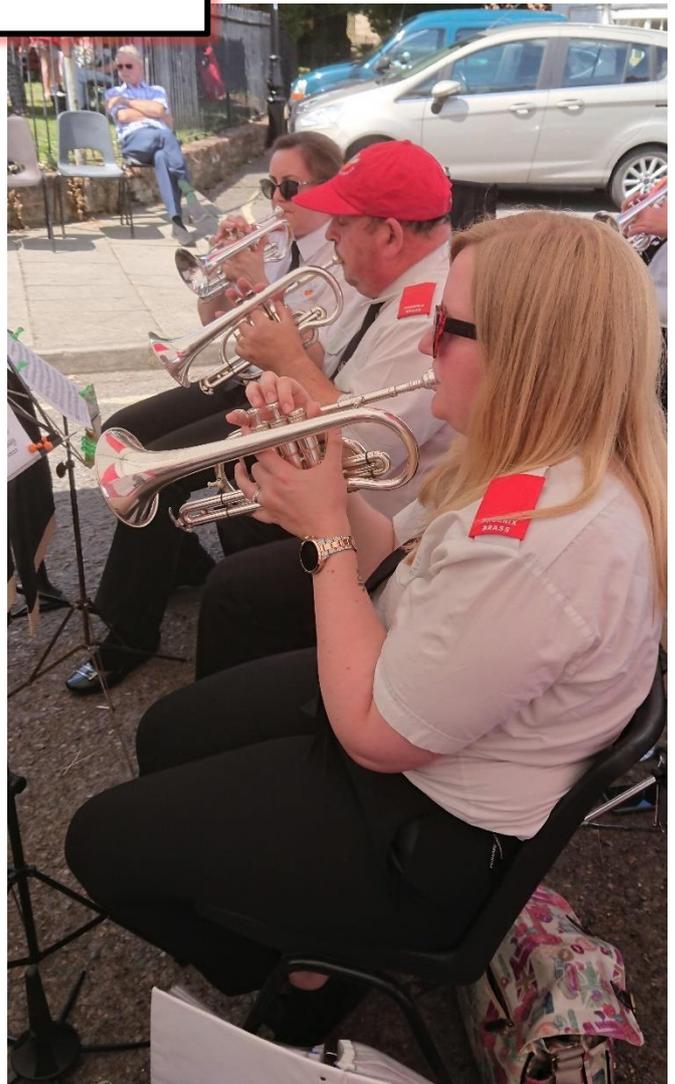


The Hungerford Summer Festival
(formerly HADCAF) Concert – June 2019





Lambourn Church Fete
July 2019





Market Lavington Vintage Meet
Family Fun Weekend
July 2019





Some members of Phoenix Brass helped out Calne Silver Band at Bowood House, Garden Party in Wiltshire July 2018





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Victoria Park Bandstand,
Newbury in August 2019



The Lighter Side to the Band

Playing in a brass band is not all serious and hard work. We enjoy a laugh and a good joke as much as anyone else, especially during a break between playing when we can. Some photos follow that show the lighter side of things.....



Silent Disco during the break at
Chaddleworth Fete
June 2019



Steve taking forty winks at
Lambourn church Fete
July 2019



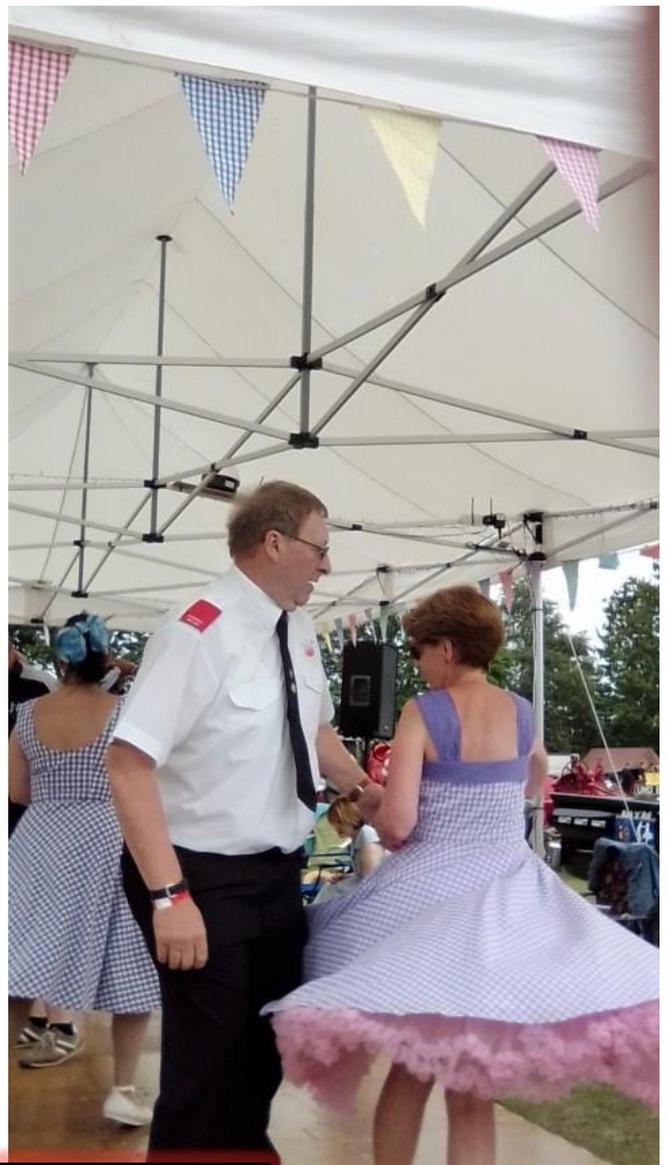
Getting wet after playing at the Ramsbury Airfield Remembrance Project June 2019



Caroline and Bruce 'chillin' at market Lavington Vintage Meet Family Weekend July 2019



It's picnic time at Market Lavington Vintage Meet Family Weekend July 2019



Steve 'struttin his stuff' at the
Market Lavington Vintage Meet
Family Weekend
July 20189

Remember to look at the Band website for the up to date diary, news items and gallery of photographs:
www.phoenixbrassband.co.uk.

Many thanks indeed to everyone who has kindly supplied photographs used in this edition of the Flame.
Thank you in particular to Samuel Parkin for some of the photo's in this edition of the Phoenix Flame.

THE PRACTICE FORMULA

USE THIS SUPER EASY FORMULA TO FIGURE OUT
HOW MANY MINUTES YOU SHOULD PRACTICE TODAY!

$$v + t + s = p^*$$

yesterday's minutes spent playing video games

yesterday's minutes spent watching television

yesterday's minutes spent on social media

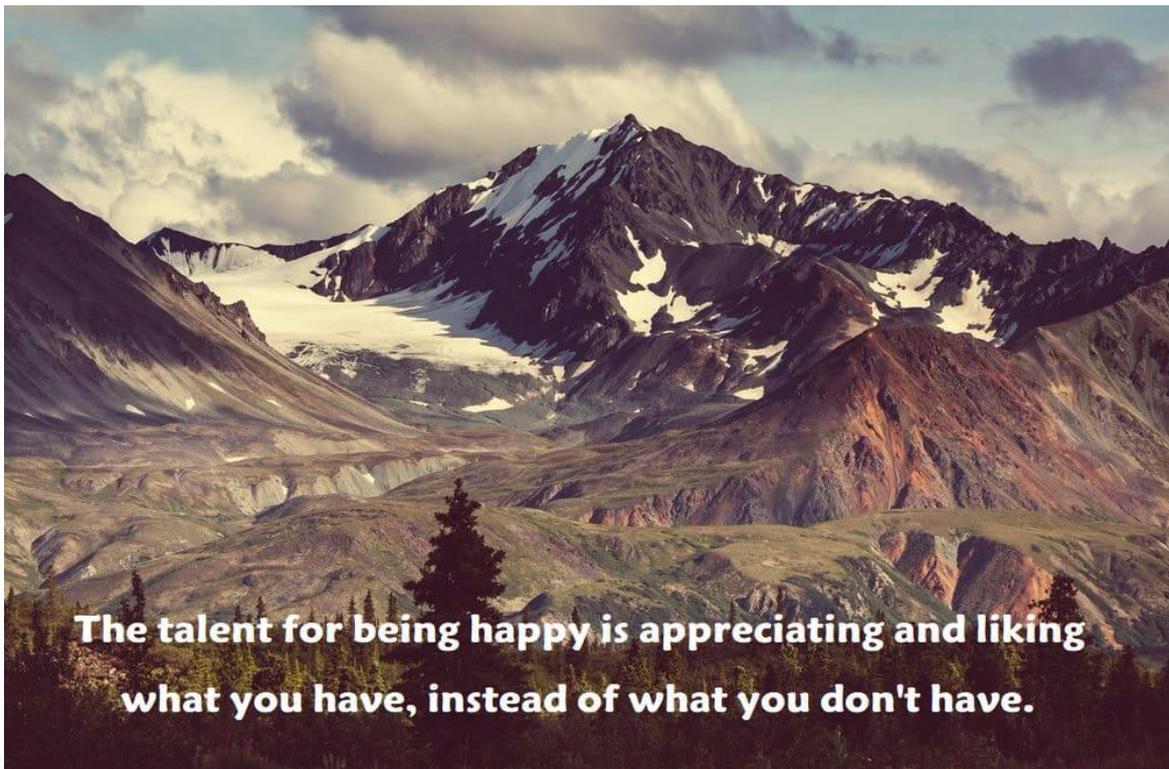
minutes you practice today!

* (if that practice total is too much then perhaps cut back on video games, television, and social media which, ironically, will allow you more time to practice!)

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Finally, thought for the day from Marilyn Mason.....





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019 Engagements

Please note the following 'public' events / engagements:

Sunday, 18 August 2019

Stockfest, Stockcross, Newbury, 1.00pm until 4.00pm

Saturday, 31 August 2019

Prospect Hospice Garden Fete, Wroughton, 12.30pm

Sunday, 8 September 2019

Pewsey Carnival Opening Service, Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, 6.30pm

Sunday, 22 September 2019

Pewsey Carnival Closing Service, Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, 6.30pm

Sunday, 6 October 2019

Friends of Phoenix Car Boot and Tabletop Sale

Froxfield War Memorial Hall, 10.00am

Sunday, 2 November 2019

Playing for Remembrance at Tesco, Tidworth, 10.00am

Sunday, 9 November 2019

Remembrance Sunday Parade, Marlborough High Street, 10.30am

Sunday, 24 November 2019

National Animal Welfare Trust, Trindledown Farm, Great Shefford, 11.00am

Sunday, 1 December 2019

Christmas Concert, Catholic Hall, Lambourn, 4.00pm

(Strict ticket admission only)

Saturday, 7 December 2019

25th Annual Burbage Christmas Tree Sale, 12 noon

Thursday, 12 December 2019

"Brass and Carols" at the Tipple Inn, Collingbourne Ducis, 7.30pm

Saturday, 14 December 2019

Carols and Seasonal Tunes at Tesco, Tidworth

Saturday, 21 December 2019

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and



Sunday, 6 October 2019
Froxfield War Memorial Hall
10am until 2pm

**Outdoor places
for cars available**

Froxfield War Memorial Hall
The Green
Froxfield
Wilts SN8 3LD

Sellers arrive 9am
Buyers arrive 10am

To Hire a Table or Car Space for £8
Please contact Marilyn Mason on 01672 512634
or Betty Walley on 07760 158984

Pre-booked tables only and on a first come, first serve basis