

Phoenix Brass Band

Froxfield War Memorial Hall
Froxfield
Wiltshire

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Dear Friend

I know the impact of Covid-19 is being felt right across the nation and I hope you, your family and your friends remain safe and well at this time

I don't know if you saw that Dame Vera Lynn urged fans to "keep smiling and keep singing" in the coming months as Coronavirus continues to spread. The Forces Sweetheart shared her uplifting message as she celebrated her 103rd birthday recently. As a nod to the "difficult times" the nation is currently facing due to coronavirus, she posted a short burst of the new video for her signature wartime tune, "We'll Meet Again". Originally recorded in 1939, the song is credited with boosting British morale through World War II.

As the nation embraces social distancing measures, and with many in self-isolation in a bid to avoid COVID-19, the song's theme of "meeting again" can be seen to take on a new relevance. Dame Vera has said she hopes the nation will also take hope from the song's positive message: "Keep smiling through; Just like you always do; 'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away."

Band rehearsals are cancelled now and many engagements in the next few months have been cancelled. If you do have access to the Band Website (www.phoenixbrassband.co.uk) then you will be able to see such changes much more quickly. Additionally, if you do have an email address that you are willing for us to use in such circumstances then I would kindly ask that you advise Richard Fradgley via email on r.fradgley@btinternet.com.

In the meantime, please stay well, keep safe and keep smiling and we will all get through this.

Best wishes

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Help to raise additional funds for Phoenix Brass Band via easyfundraising:
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