



The Phoenix Flame



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Take time to look back at your past, appreciate the present, and plan for the future.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Message from David Watson, Musical Director, Phoenix Brass

Dear all

Welcome to the Phoenix Flame.

2021 has, once again, been a year that Phoenix Brass will remember for many reasons.

The band started 2021 wondering what the Covid-19 pandemic would bring and how it might impact what we all love doing, meeting up with each other to make and play music. It very soon became clear that the pandemic was going to have a huge impact on the band getting together. As we all moved into lockdown, it was with a heavy heart that we cancelled all rehearsals.

From the moment in March 2020 when Boris Johnson urged us all to stay indoors, musical groups across the divide faced a blanket ban on rehearsing and performing. The specific methods of brass playing made any return of brass banding a big challenge. While socially distanced outdoor rehearsals were possible, these were not always practical and required much thought and the completion of Risk Assessments. The practicality and reality of the usual band rehearsal, with a full Band totalling 25 players, in close proximity in the band room at Froxfield War Memorial Hall made social distancing virtually impossible. Even a search for other locations to rehearse was met with strict hire conditions and an imposition on numbers that could attend any rehearsal activity.

But when the advice was updated in April 2021, under Step 2 of the Government roadmap, the players were delighted that they were allowed to start small section rehearsals, albeit outdoors in the car park of Froxfield War Memorial Hall. Wrapped up against the chilly weather, small groups of six players from different sections of the Main Band recommenced rehearsal activity led by David Watson, Musical Director, during the week and weekends. Players from the Beginners Group and the Training Band recommenced rehearsal activity on Saturday mornings outside the Hall. Evading the showers and inclement weather became the norm, but the players persevered where they could.

In July 2021, the performing arts guidance was update which allowed the resumption of rehearsal activity inside Froxfield War Memorial Hall. However, to satisfy the social distancing capacity limits and adherence to strict Covid restrictions, only a maximum of sixteen players were allowed to meet for indoor rehearsals, the first for more than fourteen months. This necessitated putting in place all possible measures to mitigate risks, including the completion of a rehearsal activity risk assessment, social distancing at 2m, wearing of face masks when not playing, the use of bell end covers for all instruments and the ventilation of the Hall.

Nevertheless, despite rehearsals taking on a lightly different appearance with more distancing between players and wearing of masks in between playing, all the players worked extremely hard to pick up from where they left off prior to the pandemic. As life began to return to some normality, the players busily rehearsed in anticipation of the Marlborough Remembrance Sunday Parade and Church Service and the few Christmas engagements that remain booked by the organisers eager to have the band play outside in most instances.

So, 2021 was once again impacted by the pandemic. What a year it has been, but hopefully Phoenix Brass will come out of it stronger and better for the future.

If you are reading this and are interested in joining Phoenix Brass, then the Band usually rehearses every Tuesday and Thursday at Froxfield War Memorial Hall from 7:30pm to 9.30pm. We also have a Training Band for completely new players, or previous players who wish to resume their musical skills, that normally meets at the Froxfield War Memorial Hall on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please visit our Website (www.phoenixbrassband.co.uk) or contact myself on 01672 841315.

Finally, if you are interested in booking Phoenix Brass during 2021, please do get in touch using the details on our Contact Page on the Band Website or via our Facebook Page, or myself again on the telephone number above.

But for now, on behalf of all the players from Phoenix Brass, a huge thank you for your continuing support. We hope you had a happy and safe Christmas and wish you a healthy New Year. We hope we can look forward to seeing you all face-to-face in 2022.

David Watson

Bonus Ball Winners

January 2020	Mrs M Miles
February 2020	Miss B Silk
March 2020	Mr D Watson
April 2020	Mr and Mrs R Dewey
May 2020	Mrs J Gray
June 2020	Ms J Bastin
July 2020	Mrs J Gray
August 2020	Mrs A Marchant
September 2020	Mrs C Silk
October 2020	No winning ball
November 2020	Mrs L Squibb
December 2020	Mr and Mrs D Watson

There are still a few unsold numbers available should anyone like to purchase a new or additional bonus ball. It costs £12 a year and if your number is the bonus ball in the National Lottery on the last Saturday of the month, you win £25!

Please contact Marilyn Mason, 01672 512634, for further details.

Friends of Phoenix Bonus Ball 2022 Renewal Fees

A gentle reminder for those of you with a bonus ball (s) number.

The 2022 renewal fees fall due on 1 January 2022.

Given Covid19, could I kind ask you to complete the Bonus Ball Application Form (on the last page of this Phoenix Life) and send to me in the post or email me please (marilynmason1@yahoo.co.uk) with your details and confirmation of your intended renewal.

You can either:

- post a cheque to me payable to "Friends of Phoenix" for £12 per bonus ball at Beech Lodge, Roebuck Meadow, London Road, Marlborough, Wilts SN8 2AL; or
- you can transfer the ticket money direct to the Friends of Phoenix account, account number 68576860, sort code 309293. Please ensure that you put your name on the accompanying transfer details so we can identify your bonus ball fee(s). Please return the completed for to me.

There are still some unsold numbers available should anyone like to purchase a new or additional bonus ball. Again, please drop me a letter or email me.

Thank you for your help.

Marilyn Mason

2022 Membership Fees

A reminder.....the Friends of Phoenix membership fees fall due for renewal this month. Your membership and support are invaluable to the band. As many of you will be aware by now, Phoenix Brass is an autonomous organisation and is completely self-financing since it receives no sponsorship or other funding. Your membership fee enables the Band to purchase new music, uniforms and contribute towards new instruments when required. The annual fee is £5.00 per person.



The opportunity has been taken to include a Membership Form for your completion and return if you would like to renew for another year. Completion of the remittance form is particularly important since it will allow us to ensure that our records are up to date, so please insert full details including address and post code. There is also the opportunity to provide an email address and/or update an email address should you prefer to receive communications such as this letter and electronic copies of the Flame via this method. We also offer the ability to pay the annual subscription by Standing Order and a form is included.

Thank you.

Friends of Phoenix Grand Christmas Draw 2021

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends of Phoenix Christmas Draw either by selling tickets, buying their own tickets and/or supplying prizes for the Draw itself. The draw raised more than £500 after deduction of the ticket costs. On top of this we received extremely kind donations of £140 from a number of Friends. Thank you so much.

A list of prize winners can be found below. Congratulations to all the winners.

The Christmas Draw will help keep the Band running in the absence of any engagement income this year.

Despite it being a different year for us all, and in particular the Band, I send you all my best wishes for a healthy, safe, and better New Year.

Betty Walley, Friends of Phoenix

No	Prize	Ticket	Winning name on ticket
1	Ladies Avon Hamper	000652	Lexie Withers
2	Dinosaur Bag and Chocolates	000702	Rita c/o Jamie Greenwood
3	Bottle of White Wine	000413	Ross Couch
4	Tin of Cadbury's Heroes	000497	Jane Jarvis
5	Jacob's Savoury Crackers	000672	Anne Thorne
6	Croft Sherry	000538	Chris Peacock
7	Champneys Gift Box	000350	Mrs B Bell
8	Men's Avon Hamper	000765	Terri Fradgley
9	Box of Shortbread	000289	Irene Watson
10	Milk Tray	000307	Brian Williams
11	Hamper	000132	Marilyn Mason
12	Prosecco	0001810	Bill Prendergast
13	Bottle of Rosé	000514	Mrs J King c/o Anne Middleton
14	Pinot Grigio	000481	Pat (The College)
15	Hamper	000761	Edward Fradgley
16	Squirrels	000388	Lynne Busby
17	Cadbury Roses	000300	Steve Whatley
18	Champagne	000439	Denise Dolton
19	Bayliss Harding Gift Set	000442	Pamela Eaton
20	Italian Blush Rosé	000690	Alan Scragg c/o Jamie Greenwood
21	Child's Avon Hamper	000470	Patricia Hillier
22	William Morris Gift Set	000140	Marilyn Mason
23	Bayliss Harding Tin Gift Set	000037	Shirley, Larkhill Disp c/I Iain Smith
24	Hamper	000662	Betty Walley
25	Fizzy Duck Hamper	000752	Terri Fradgley
26	Bottle Sauvignon Blanc	000571	Malcom Rolfe

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

The Phoenix Flame
Photos from Recent Engagements



Remembrance Sunday, Marlborough 2021



Woodborough



Burbage Christmas Tree Sale



Dobbies Garden Centre, Hungerford





Friends of Phoenix

Phoenix Brass are pleased that they can provide pleasure through their music to so many people and hope that it can continue for many years. A brass band however is expensive to run and, though the players themselves contribute a great deal, Phoenix Brass could not continue to operate in its success without the support of others.

A supporters' organisation, **Friends of Phoenix**, was formed in 1994. With a membership that includes parents, relatives, friends, and enthusiastic listeners they have supported the band in every possible way. This highly enthusiastic support group has provided fund raising, refreshments for concerts, transport for players and running social events for band members.

For an annual fee of just £5.00 each **'Friend'** receives newsletters and concession tickets for admission to certain events.

If you wish to become a member of **Friends of Phoenix**, or wish to renew an existing membership, and support the band please complete the form below and hand it or post it to either:

Mr R Fradgley, The Dairy, 5 Green Farm Rise, Froxfield, Nr Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 3YD; or
Mr D Watson, Wheatsheaf Cottage, Main Road, Ogbourne St Andrew, Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 1RZ

Alternatively, you can pass the form to any band member or officer in an envelope clearly marked with your name stating it is for membership to **Friends of Phoenix**.



Surname:.....

Forename:.....

Address:.....

.....Post Code

Telephone Number.....

Email address.....

Please indicate by inserting a cross if you prefer all communications to be sent to the email address

Amount Enclosed.....

Cheque/Cash £

Option to pay by standing order and completion of attached form.....

Please indicate by inserting a cross if you are completing the Standing Order Form

Signature.....Date.....

Friends of Phoenix Brass Band - Bankers Order

ToBank / Building Society

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(FULL address of your Bank / Building Society)

Please pay to Lloyds Bank, East Ham Branch, sort code – **30-92-93**

for the credit of the account of **Friends of Phoenix**

Account Number - **68576860**

the sum of £..... with effect from the day
of (Figures) (Words)

.....20.....and the same amount each year until further notice.

Name of your account to be debited.....

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Account Number

Sort Code

Signed.....Date

Address

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.....Post Code.....

Telephone Number.....Email address.....

**Please do NOT return the form to your Bank.
Please return the completed and signed form to Mr D Watson or Mr R Fradgley**



Friends of Phoenix Bonus Ball Application

Phoenix Brass is funded mainly by player subscriptions, fundraising which includes concerts, other fee-paying engagements, coffee mornings, public donations, membership subscriptions from the Friends of Phoenix and the Bonus Ball. As with any organisation, Phoenix Brass must meet various costs to keep the band running and functioning as effectively as possible.

Costs include instruments (including the purchase and maintenance), uniforms, music, materials, and administrative costs, hire of the band-room and insurance.

The Bonus Ball has proven to be a valuable source of income for the band over several years.

It costs £12 a year and if your number is the bonus ball in the National Lottery on the last Saturday of the month, you win £25!

This is a good way to support Phoenix Brass.

Thank you for your support.

For further details, please contact:

Marilyn Mason, Beech Lodge, Roebuck Meadow, London Road, Marlborough, Wilts SN8 2AL

Telephone: 01672 512634

Email: marilynmason1@yahoo.co.uk

Alternatively, you can pass the form to any band member or officer in an envelope clearly marked with your name stating it is for membership to **Friends of Phoenix Bonus Ball**.



Surname:.....

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Telephone Number.....

Email address.....

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Amount Enclosed.....

Cheque/Cash £

Please pay to Lloyds Bank, East Ham Branch, sort code – 30-92-93
for the credit of the account of **Friends of Phoenix**
Account Number - 68576860

Amount Remitted £

Signature.....Date.....