



# The Phoenix Flame



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## April 2023

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**You are invited to a Concert  
Celebrating 30 years of**



featuring special guest

**Mike Kilroy**

(their president & current  
Chairman of Brass Bands England)  
on Euphonium

To be held at

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN HALL**

**SUNDAY 14th MAY at 2.30pm**

**FREE ENTRY (by ticket)**

**Retiring collection, proceeds to**

**DEC Ukraine Humanitarian  
Appeal Fund**

**DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake  
Appeal Fund.**

**Refreshments and Raffle  
Tickets from Band Members  
or Phone 01672 841315**

## A Message from David Watson, Musical Director, Phoenix Brass

I do hope that you are all keeping well and remaining safe.

First and foremost, I apologise for the absence of a Phoenix Flame earlier in the year. A number of reasons impacted the production of the Flame, but I am pleased to be able to send you one now.

I am pleased to report that the number of engagements booked for the band to perform at events during 2023 has increased in number. We are virtually back at a similar number of events pre the Covid pandemic.

In May this year, Phoenix Brass celebrates its 30th Birthday, and the weekend of 13 and 14 May 2023 has been 'dubbed' the 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Weekend.

On Saturday, 13 May 2023, the band is holding its Annual Dinner and Awards Evening, the first time since 2019 due to the Covid pandemic. Our President, Mike Kilroy, will be joining us as Guest of Honour. The event this year is being held in Marlborough Town Hall at 7.30pm. If you would like to join us then please do contact me (01672 841315) just to let me know because of numbers. I have also included a dinner menu on page 3 of this Phoenix Flame for you to complete and return to me as soon as possible please.

On the following day, Sunday, 14 May 2023, we are staging a 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert featuring Mike Kilroy as a special guest. Mike will be entertaining us again on his euphonium. The Concert starts at 2.30pm at Marlborough Town Hall.

The Concert will be ticket only. Tickets are free and available on a first come, first serve basis from band players or contacting myself on 01672 841315. Tickets can be set aside to collect at the door on the day of the Concert.

Light refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle. Doors will open at 2pm.

The retiring collection and all funds from the Concert, raffle draw, and refreshments will be divided between the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and the Turkey-Syrian Earthquake Appeal.

Please do come and support both the Band and the two Appeals.

Then, on Saturday, 6 May 2023, the Band will be playing on The Green at Froxfield to help celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King.

The following day will see the band performing at the Lambourn Vintage Machinery Spring Working. Other engagements follow during June, July, and August. Public engagements can be found on page 4 of this Flame.

Thank you to those Friends of Phoenix members who have kindly renewed their membership for 2023. A big thank you to those members who have been extremely generous and added a donation to their membership fee. I understand that there are still quite a few members that have not renewed their Friends of Phoenix membership this year. Just in case this may have slipped your mind, I am taking the liberty of attaching forms at the end of this Phoenix Flame.

I hope to see many of you at the Concert on 14 May 2023 and perhaps during the events throughout the summer.

Best wishes to you all.

David

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

## Lottery Winners

September 2022	-	Doreen and Martin Hall
October 2022	-	Amanda Marchant
November 2022	-	Darren Scragg
December 2022	-	Jane Bastin (kindly donated winnings to the band)
January 2023	-	Simon Squibb
February 2023	-	Marilyn Mason
March 2023	-	Ross and Chris Couch

There are still a few unsold numbers available should anyone like to purchase a new or additional bonus ball. Just £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.

## Reminder....2023 Membership Fees

**A final reminder**.....the Friends of Phoenix membership fees became due for renewal on 1 January 2023.

There are still a few former members who have not renewed. 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.

## Phoenix Brass Band and easyfundraising

Please do consider joining up and helping the Band via easyfundraising. We currently only have 33 supporters, many of whom are not players. It is FREE, so please help raise money for Phoenix Brass when you shop online. Use the unique link to sign up:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/phoenixbrass/>



## Message from Betty Walley, Friends of Phoenix

Hello to all the members and supporters of the Friends of Phoenix.

I hope you have managed to stay safe and well during the past few months.

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Draw at the end of last year. This raised more than £560 for Friends of Phoenix which will ultimately be used to support the band.

The small Committee is looking at the possibility of running a social event later in the year. I will let you know as soon as details have been finalised.

If you know of any people that might wish to join as a member of Friends of Phoenix, do give them a copy of the two forms at the end of this Flame, or ask them to contact me.

Thank you as always for your support.

Best wishes to you all.

Betty x



# Phoenix Brass Band Dinner and Awards Evening 2023

**SATURDAY**  
13th May 2023

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Marlborough Town Hall

**STARTER**

Vegetable Soup

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Prawn Cocktail

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Garlic Mushrooms

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Fruit Juice

**£25.00 per head**  
Under 12's £12.00

**MAIN COURSE**

Roast Leg of Lamb with Mint Sauce

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Roast Turkey with Cranberry Sauce  
Bacon Roll and Stuffing

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Vegetable Lasagne

**DESSERT**

Apple Pie

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Profiteroles

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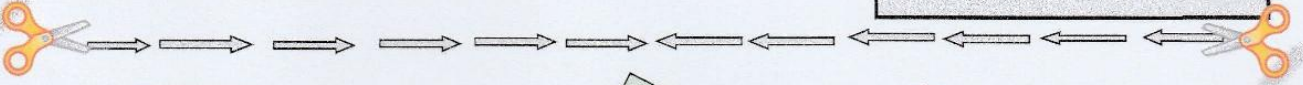
Fresh Fruit Salad

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Cheese and Biscuits

Any queries contact Richard  
07899 840085

Return Completed Forms to:-  
Richard Dolton (Band Dinner)  
9 York Road, Hungerford, Berkshire.  
RG17 0DF

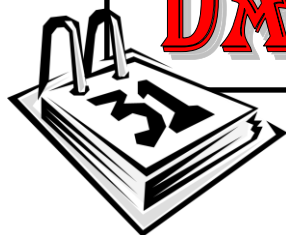


Cheques payable to  
PHOENIX BRASS

- SOUP
- PRAWN COCTAIL
- GARLIC MUSHROOMS
- FRUIT JUICE
- ROAST LAMB
- ROAST TURKEY
- VEGETABLE LASAGNE
- APPLE PIE
- PROFITEROLES
- FRUIT SALAD
- CHEESE & BISCIUTS

NAME	SOUP	PRAWN COCTAIL	GARLIC MUSHROOMS	FRUIT JUICE	ROAST LAMB	ROAST TURKEY	VEGETABLE LASAGNE	APPLE PIE	PROFITEROLES	FRUIT SALAD	CHEESE & BISCIUTS

EMAIL ----- TEL NO -----



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 6 May 2023	Coronation of His Majesty the King	The Green, Froxfield	3.00pm
Sunday, 7 May 2023	Lambourn Vintage Machinery Society Show	Lambourn Woodlands	From 11.00am
Saturday, 13 May 2023	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Band Dinner and Awards Evening	Marlborough Town Hall	7.30pm
Sunday, 14 May 2023	30 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert	Marlborough Town Hall	2.00pm for 2.30pm
Saturday, 10 June 2023	Froxfield Beer & Music Festival	The Green, Froxfield	1.00pm
Saturday, 17 June 2023	Concert	Priory Gardens, Marlborough	3.00pm
Saturday, 1 July 2023	Chaddleworth Fete	The Village Hall, Upper End, Chaddleworth	From 1.00pm
Saturday, 15 July 2023	Market Lavington Vintage Meet	The Elisha Field, Drove Lane, Market Lavington	To be confirmed
Sunday, 16 July 2023	Market Lavington Vintage Meet	The Elisha Field, Drove Lane, Market Lavington	To be confirmed
Sunday, 6 August 2023	Victoria Park Bandstand	Newbury	3.00pm
Saturday, 2 September 2023	Collingbourne Ducis Church Fete	Village Hall and Recreation Ground, Chicks Lane, Collingbourne Ducis	3.00pm
Sunday, 12 November 2023	Marlborough Remembrance Sunday Parade and Church Service	Marlborough High Street	10.30am
Saturday, 25 November 2023	The Parade Cinema, Marlborough	The Parade, Marlborough	From 11.30am





## 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 £
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**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

To .....Bank / Building  
Society

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(FULL address of your Bank / Building Society)  
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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**