



# The Phoenix Flame



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

Dear all,

I do hope that you are all well.

Welcome to another shortened edition of the Phoenix Flame.

Our summer season this year got off to a slow start. We then got going and now we find that we are running into Winter!

So, the band is now looking at its busiest time with engagements leading up to the Festive period.

We really do look forward to seeing you at one of our Christmas engagements and details can be found on page 4 of this edition of The Phoenix Flame.

We are staging two Christmas Concerts this year, the first at The Walwyn Catholic Hall in Lambourn on Sunday, 3 December 2023 commencing at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and include refreshments and can be purchased from Anne on 01488 71580 or 07880 742781.

The second is the Band Christmas Concert at Marlborough Town Hall on Sunday, 10 December 2023 again commencing at 2.30pm. The band will be joined by the Lyneham Military Wives Choir. Entry is by ticket which is free and available from me on 01672 841315. Tickets are going fast, and we are limited to the numbers of the Town Hall. There will be a retiring collection.

In addition to the listed public engagements, we have a number of private events where we will be busily playing carols and seasonal tunes.

At some of our Christmas engagements we require supporters to hold collection boxes so if you think you could help out for an hour or two please do let me know. Thank you.

Also with Christmas comes the Christmas Draw and, again, may I seek your help in purchasing or selling tickets? The Band relies heavily on the income from both the Christmas and Summer Draws towards covering expenses such as uniform items, musical pieces, and band insurance for the various instruments.

The New Year sees the renewal of your membership of Friends of Phoenix which supports the band in so many ways. Do watch out for renewal details in the next edition of the Phoenix Flame.

Meanwhile, may I send you and all your loved ones every best wish for Christmas and the New Year.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

David Watson

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) and also the Band Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/PhoenixBrassBandFroxfield](https://www.facebook.com/PhoenixBrassBandFroxfield)

## Lottery Winners

August 2023 - John and Lynne Miles  
September 2023 - David and Cynthia Treweek  
October 2023 - Lynne Miles

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.

This is a good way to support Phoenix Brass. Thank you for your support.

## Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, 12 November 2023, Marlborough remembered the fallen. Phoenix Brass Band led the traditional Remembrance Sunday parade with 4 Military Intelligence Battalion, representatives from many organisations and veterans marching from the High Street to the War Memorial to take part in the 11:00 commemorations and laying of red poppy wreaths.

After the wreath laying, Phoenix Brass led the parade to the Remembrance Sunday Service at St Mary's church.







Phoenix Brass Band



and



Lynneham Military

Wives Choir



**WELCOME  
CHRISTMAS**

**AT**

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN HALL**

**Sunday 10th December**

**at 2.30pm**

**FREE ENTRY**

but tickets advisable

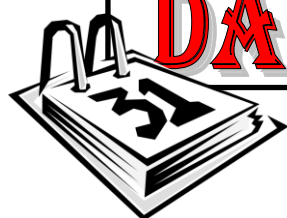
obtainable from Band members

or order by phone on 01672 841315

**RETIRING COLLECTION**

**REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLE**





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Christmas Engagements

Saturday, 25 November 2023	The Parade Cinema, Marlborough	11.30am onwards
Saturday, 2 December 2023	Annual Burbage Christmas Tree Sale	1.00pm until 2.30pm
Sunday, 3 December 2023	Christmas Concert at The Walwyn Hall, Lambourn <b>(Please note, entry by ticket only)</b>	2.30pm start
Saturday, 9 December 2023	Carols and Seasonal Tunes, Marlborough High Street	10.00am until c 2.00pm
Sunday, 10 December 2023	Christmas Concert at Marlborough Town Hall Accompanied by the Lyneham Military Wives Choir <b>(Please note, entry by ticket only)</b>	2.30pm
Tuesday, 19 December 2023	Carols around the Christmas Tree, Froxfield War Memorial Hall followed by Grand Christmas Draw	7.15pm
Tuesday, 21 December 2023	“Brass and Carols” The Tipple Inn, High Street, Collingbourne Ducis	7.30pm

### Do you know anyone who would be interested in joining Phoenix Brass Training Section or a New Beginners Group?

Our aim is to provide a friendly, fun, and inclusive environment in which to enjoy playing music and in so doing lay the foundations for the next generation of brass bandsmen and women. Many of our players have progressed to our own Main Band.

We take all comers, beginners, improvers, and returners and are a diverse group of youngsters and adults of varying abilities.

If you know of any friends or family members who might be interested in joining the Training Section or a new Beginners Group starting in January 2024, please contact Marilyn Mason on 01672 512634.

There is always something for everyone to get their teeth into and to suit most tastes.

Why did the Band have to cancel their Christmas Concert?

The players all caught tinsellitis!