



# The PHOENIX FLAME



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



We are again looking towards the year end, with Christmas and the New Year.



Our summer season this year got off to a slow start, then we got going and the Summer has quickly run into Autumn with no real break in band engagements. Autumn will quickly run into Winter with the same result. So, the band is now looking at its busiest part of the year and we look forward to seeing you at one of our Christmas engagements.

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. 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. Thank you.

# Training Band Report



The Christmas music is out of the filing cabinets which means 2018 is drawing to a close with the coming of the Festive season.

The Training Band has had a really good year with new players joining and progress being made in every section. Our new 'two group' (Beginners and More Experienced) system for Saturday morning practice has proved to be beneficial to both groups although it is planned that eventually we will all combine again when the Beginners are a little more confident and advanced. It will be 'all in together' again to make wonderful music.

Many thanks to all the helpers, Brian, Terri, Richard, and Steve, who turn out on each Saturday morning to encourage and help the players.

Thank you for all your support in 2018 and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

***Finally, we will be holding a Christmas 'Coffee and Cake Morning', on Saturday, 1 December 2018 at Froxfield Memorial Hall, between 10.30am and 12 noon. There will be a Christmas 'Goodies' Stall and the usual refreshments and raffle draw. Please do come and support us.***

Marilyn Mason  
Training Band Director



Training Band members, Isla and Gen, looking impressive in their new band uniform

# Friends of Phoenix

The Friends arranged a Coffee Morning at Burbage Village Hall on Saturday, 29 September 2018 with the customary raffle, cakes, bric-a-brac, tombola and several different craft stalls. We had a lovely coffee morning and thank you to everyone who came, contributed or played. It was good to see some new faces and of course our old Friends too.

Each year, we arrange a Grand Christmas Raffle draw to help raise funds to meet the day-to-day costs associated with running the Band. As you may be aware, Phoenix Brass is completely self-financing and does not have any direct sponsorship or any regular financial input from any local authority or organisation and the draw provides valuable income to the Band.

In this context, the success of the Christmas draw is vital, and we rely heavily on the goodwill of players and members to sell tickets. I hope you can help us sell the Christmas Draw tickets again this year. Your support is invaluable.

I look forward to seeing you all at our future events and my BIG thank you for your continued support.

Betty Walley  
Chair, Friends of Phoenix

PS – many thanks to everyone for all their best wishes following my recent knee operation. I am convalescing well and hope to see you all soon.



# WANTED!

## Your Favourite Recipe

Please contribute to enable us to compile a cook book in aid of Friends of Phoenix funds. Your recipe could be a soup, starter, main course or dessert; or a bread, biscuit, cake or jam. It needs to be "tried & trusted" - one that you or your family have used successfully. Please include info on why you like it, & a photo / illustration if possible - feel free to donate more than one recipe if you wish.

To have a uniform layout for each recipe, please complete the form on the last page of this Phoenix Flame and email it to [jane.jarvis@rocketmail.com](mailto:jane.jarvis@rocketmail.com) or hand to Steve Hutchins at band practice.

A provisional deadline passed at the end of September, but it is still not too late. **Deadline extended until 23 November 2018.**

Thank you.

***It is extremely disappointing that we have received just one recipe! We still need many more recipes if the Friends of Phoenix are to publish their Recipe Book. This is to help raise funds for the Band and it will be sad if this proves to be impossible. Any recipe contributions will be gratefully received. Thank you.***

### Lottery Winners

August 2018 - John Nash

September 2018 - Carol Silk



There are still some unsold numbers available should anyone like to purchase a new or additional bonus balls. Please contact Marilyn Mason, 01672 512634 for further details.

# 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, Hampshire and even the Cotswolds 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>

Duchess of Somerset College, Froxfield



## Andrew Pye – Eeb Bass



In recent months a strange character has slipped onto the back row, joining the Basses. Who is he?

Let me introduce myself. By name I am Andrew (full name Andrew Alexander MacGregor Pye), by which you can correctly induce that I am a Scot! (Not boasting, but I am proud to be “Laird of Kincavel”). I was born into a one-roomed abode at Port Glasgow, just a few months before the commencement of World War 2, to a Highland Father, by profession a Baker, and an Irish Mother, who organised the finances of a local restaurant.

Subsequent research – I can go back to 1580 - has shown that the Family came originally from Europe, with a William Le Pie, a Baker, settling in Eastern parts of Scotland, thus bringing the family over to the UK in the 1600's. Although my Father was a professional baker, and I also love baking, later years have developed me as an Engineering Draughtsman,(5 years); Salvation Army Officer (for 34 years); Financial Trouble shooter for the authorities, (15 years); and now, for the last 4 years, I can be seen happily driving a Mini-Bus for Savernake Hospital!

Life has taken this Franco-Scot to England, where I married Audrey (a Lass from Surrey) 19 years ago, and we delight in having between us four children, and four Grandchildren. Life is good!

Where does music come into my life? Both my paternal families were musical, and the sounds of singing, concertina, Jewish harp, ukulele and Piano accordion were not unknown to my youthful ears! I fell in love with Brass banding at 7 years of age, after being introduced to it through a very battered Tenor Horn (more solder than metal it seemed to me – but then, it was War Years!) in the local Salvation Army Corps, and for the last 72 years I have been continually active in banding (desperation has seen me behind the mouthpiece of all instruments, with the exception of the Timps, including some years with a baton in my hand). I do love singing, playing the Church Organ and Piano, and listening to the orchestra, but there is nothing like a Brass Band!!

Thank you Friends for letting me play with Phoenix brass! I am enjoying the association – I only hope you are too!

**[Thank you, Andrew, for this bio. If any other players would like to submit a short bio or similar for future editions of the Flame, then please do send me details].**

Many thanks indeed to Nikki Stansby, Marilyn Mason and Richard Fradgley for supplying photographs used in this edition of the Flame.

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



## Remembrance 2018



The Band will be performing outside the Tesco Store in Tidworth on Saturday, 3 November 2018 from 10.00am with a selection of musical pieces to commemorate all those who have lost their lives in conflicts.

On Remembrance Sunday, 11 November 2018, the Band will be leading the traditional Remembrance Day Parade in Marlborough with representatives from many organisations laying their red poppy wreaths on the roundabout memorial after the two minutes silence and the sounding of the Last Post. The band will also be taking part in the Remembrance Day Church Service.

The Band will be playing at the WW1 Centenary Celebrations at the Milton Lilbourne Village Hall between 6pm and 7pm on Sunday, 11 November 2018.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Christmas 2018 Engagements

Please note the following 'public' Festive engagements:

Saturday, 3 November 2018

Tesco Store, Tidworth, 10am until circa 4pm

Sunday, 18 November 2018

Swindon Outlet Centre, 11.00am until 1.00pm

Saturday, 1 December 2018

Training Band Coffee Morning at Froxfield War Memorial Hall, 10.30am until 12 noon

Sunday, 2 December 2018

Christmas Concert at The Walwyn Hall (previously The Catholic Hall), Lambourn, 4.00pm (**Please note strict ticket admission only**)

Saturday, 8 December 2018

Burbage Christmas Tree Sale, All Saints Church, Eastcourt, Burbage, 12 noon until 1.30pm

Wednesday, 12 December 2018

Carols and Festive Tunes at Newbury Racecourse, 6.30pm

Thursday, 13 December 2018

"Brass & Carols" at The Tipple Inn, Collingbourne Ducis, 7.30pm

Saturday, 15 December 2018

Carols & Seasonal Tunes in Marlborough High Street, 10.00am until 4.00pm

Sunday, 16 December 2018

Carols & Seasonal Tunes at Tesco Store, Marlborough, 10.00am

Tuesday, 18 December 2018

Carols around the Christmas Tree at Froxfield War Memorial Hall at 7.15pm, followed by the Grand Christmas Draw

Saturday, 22 December 2018

Carols & Seasonal Tunes at Tesco Store, Tidworth, 10.00am

### **And looking to 2019.....**

Sunday, 31 March 2019

Concert with The Cromwell Singers at St Lawrence Church, Hungerford, 2.30pm

Saturday, 11 May 2019

Band Dinner & Awards Evening, Royal British Legion, Hungerford, 7.00 for 7.30pm



RECIPE:

CONTRIBUTED BY:

BRIEF NOTES ON WHY YOU LIKE IT :

SERVES (QTY):

OVEN TEMP:

PREP TIME:

COOK TIME:

INGREDIENTS (IN ORDER OF USE):

METHOD:

NOTES: