



FRIENDS OF BURY MUSIC CENTRE

News-e-Letter Autumn 2010

Welcome New Starters

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new Music Centre Year. And the first that has been designed to be sent out electronically! If you have a paper copy and want to get this electronically next term, email us on friends@burymusic.co.uk and we will add you to the mailing list for a timely delivery.

Of course, we also want to extend a very special welcome to our new starters. We hope you are settling into your various bands and ensembles; that you will be with us for many years to come and will make some friends for life.

Tuck Shop

What would Saturday mornings be without the Tuck Shop?

New starters will quickly learn that this is open every Saturday of the term between 10:45am and 11:15am. It provides hot & cold drinks, crisps and sweets. Indeed all the goodies needed to help along the music!

And it's not just for the players. Mums, Dads, carers, teachers & helpers could all do with some refreshment, so come and sample all that the Tuck Shop provides.

The team work hard to provide a variety of sweets & drinks and try to ring the changes. They are, however, always happy to hear any special requests and will attempt to include them if possible.

We have two teams of helpers who alternate each week. If any member of the Friends would like to help out - either to join one of the teams on a regular fortnightly basis or just to be a reserve - then that would be wonderful. Simply speak to Lindsay in the tuck shop one Saturday; she will be very happy to hear from you.

Join the Friends

Membership of the Friends Association is just £6.00 per annum per family. There are many benefits including a discount scheme for music purchases, reduced prices at many of the Music Centre concerts and access to the Instrument Loan Fund.

See us in the Friends Office on a Saturday morning to sign up.

Strings and Things

If you arrive at the Music Centre and find there is a broken violin string, or a new reed needed for the clarinet ... don't panic!!

Call into the Friends Office and we will try to provide what you require from the stock we keep in the office. It's all part of the service and will maybe save you an unnecessary trip into Bury or Bolton.

The Friends Office

The Friends Office is the first room on the left after you come through the double doors. It is signed as "Friends Office" - but also as "Teaching Room 1"

There should always be a member of our Committee on duty in there on a Saturday morning to deal with any queries. Our committee members also wear badges to identify them so you can ask any of them for help.

Join us for a glass of wine at
the Friends AGM

Monday 15th November

Music Centre 8pm

Friends of Bury Music Centre

Used Music

If you have any music or music books that you no longer require then de-clutter your home and bring them along to the Friends Office.

We are testing out the level of interest in second-hand music and will offer them for sale, at a fraction of the new price, to Music Centre students.

Merchandise

We also have some Music Centre Mugs going at the ridiculous price of £1. What a wonderful memento to take away to college. It's also a great way to advertise the Music Centre around the office kettle (and certainly much nicer than a plastic cup!)

Insurance

Have you ever considered the cost of replacing a musical instrument which has been damaged, lost or stolen?

We are agents for Allianz Musical Insurance and we can offer you specialist musical instrument insurance at very competitive prices, with terms which are much more "user friendly" for musical instruments than many household policies.

Come in and talk to us about your insurance requirements.

Purchases

We do bang on a lot about raising funds and this is important, of course.

However, just as important, is spending it on the right things to enhance the experience of all players in the various bands, orchestras and ensembles.

Funds have recently been earmarked for the following:

- New Music Stands
- 50 Music Stand Banners: we expect that these will get their first outing in Bury's new retail & leisure development on the Rock in December.
- Jointly with the Music Service, a new website, designed to be more interactive and dynamic.

Join the 100 Club

Monthly Draws

£12 per year

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