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The Newsletter of the Friary Guildford Band

Whit Friary!



Home from Home – Friary find a familiar name on their tour around the Whit Friday marches in Thameside (Photo – Giraffe Racing)

Summer season is upon us and Friary have been performing all over the region from RHS Wisley Gardens to St. James's Park. As well as their intensive concert schedule, the Band has managed to squeeze in another few contests – from a first appearance at the All England Masters to the Whit Friday Marches, which they are attending for the first time since 2006. Read on to see how they got on!

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Final Beat for Percussionist

The Bugle is sad to report that long serving percussionist Matt Tallamy has decided to leave the band. Matt, who has been in the band for over 11 years, has taken up a timpanist position at the Horsham Symphony Orchestra. As well as being one of the most committed players in the band, Matt has also played a pivotal role on the Management Team – creating and managing the Band's website whilst fulfilling other important tasks behind the scenes. The Band would like to wish Matt well with all his future endeavours.

Matt's last concert with the Band was at St. James's Park on the 9th July.

Ranking check

Currently, Friary is number

58 (up 2)

in the 4barsrest/British Bandsman world rankings. This rises Friary up to third in the London & Southern Counties region behind Redbridge and Zone One. For a full list of the top 200 bands visit

www.4barsrest.com/rankings/

Walk for Water

In June, Roland Knight walked the North Downs Way dressed as a toilet to raise awareness and funds for WaterAid; which transforms lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest communities.



On completing the walk, Roland said "The big job's done... it's in the pan! I'm relieved that I made it, despite the odd bog in the way along the route. The weather was good - an occasional strong wind, but no wet patches"

If you're feeling a little flush, please consider spending a few pounds to help others spend a penny! Thank you for your support.

www.justgiving.com/Roland-Knight



It's good to TEXT!

Friary are now part of the Vodaphone sponsored 'Just Text Giving' scheme. Now, if you would like to give to your favourite brass band charity, all you have to do is text FGBB01 to 70070 and the amount you would like to donate (either £1,2,3,4,5,10) e.g FGBB01 10 would contribute £10 which goes in full to the Band. It only costs your donation to do so.

On your bike!

Principal Euphonium Chris Straker has recently completed the famous London to Brighton cycle ride. Chris, who is an avid runner and cyclist, was raising money for the British Heart Foundation and found himself cycling the 54 mile route only hours after competing in the Whit Friday Marches the previous evening. He completed the course in 8 hours, with one of the steepest inclines at the end of the ride! If you would like to retrospectively sponsor Chris, please visit the following link: www.justgiving.co.uk/origenlondontobrighton

Spring Festival

Having gained promotion from the Senior Trophy by coming in the top 4 last year, Friary travelled to Blackpool to compete in the next tier up towards the British Open, the Senior Cup. The set test piece was 'Prisms' by Peter Graham which provided the competing bands with a piece they could really make music with. Having played the piece at Hove contest recently, the Band were confident of putting on a good performance. Drawn at number 7 and playing immediately before the eventual winners Marsden Silver, Friary put on a very musical performance with great contributions from all across the Band. Adjudicator David Roberts (conductor of the Rothwell Temperance

Band) said both he and Derek Broadbent were in total agreement as to who the winning band should be. Of Friary's performance, the Adjudicators commented 'A good flowing reading with many good moments' and they were placed 5th. As the same promotion rules apply to the Senior Cup as that of the Senior Trophy, Friary missed out on further promotion to the Grand Shield by 1 place! Congratulations goes to fellow London & Southern Counties Band, Aveley & Newham, who were placed 4th and did gain promotion. Thanks go to Edd Leech (E flat bass) and Ralph Wyld (percussion) for helping the Band out at this contest.

Contest:	Spring Festival
Location:	Winter Gardens, Blackpool
Date:	14th May 2011
Section:	Senior Cup
Test Piece (Set):	Prisms (Peter Graham)
Adjudicators:	David Roberts, Derek Broadbent
Position:	5/20



All England Masters International

Contest:	Masters
Location:	Lighthouse Theatre, Kettering
Date:	29th May 2011
Test Piece (Set):	Gemini (Darrol Barry)
Adjudicators:	David Read, Ronald Holtz, Dennis Wilby
Position:	13/17



Friary were invited to the All England Masters International contest for the first time in their history in 2011. The contest has a high calibre of winners in the past and the Band were honoured to be asked to compete on the back of their First Section National Finals victory by contest organisers Phillip Biggs and Richard Franklin. The set test piece for this year was a new commission from composer Darrol Barry entitled 'Gemini'. The piece proved to be a somewhat controversial choice amongst bands due to its particularly challenging solos and repetitive nature and caused much discussion amongst bandsmen. Friary only had 2 weeks to rehearse after competing in Blackpool earlier in the month. Nevertheless, the Band gave its all both in rehearsals and on stage and provided another solid performance of what has been one of the most testing pieces the Band has played in recent history. The contest was won by British Open champions Tredegar which pushes them up to 2nd in the world rankings, with Midlands based band GUS in second position. Friary ended up being placed 13th – a real achievement in this field of bands and enough to secure an invite to next year's competition. Thanks go to Kevin Barker (cornet), Andy Singleton (cornet) and Ralph Wyld (percussion) for helping the Band out for this contest

Whit Friday Marches

Results:

Denton	30 th /47
Broadoak	16 th /41
Ashden Football Ground	6 th /47
Stalybridge	5 th /40
Stalybridge Football Ground	7 th /45
Carrbrook	5 th /37
Overall	15th/52



The famous Whit Friday Marches held in Tameside, Saddleworth and Oldham every year, are always high on the list of many bands 'to do' lists. Friary last took part in 2006 when they toured the Saddleworth contests and decided this year to concentrate on the Tameside area. The Band jumped on the coach at 4pm, cautiously looking to the skies to see if this was going to be more of a 'Wet' than a Whit Friday. First stop was Denton at the cricket ground. The bands play two marches – one as they march down to where the contest match is performed. Friary had chosen 'Death or Glory' (made famous in the film, 'Brassed Off') as their road march and 'Knight Templar' as their contest march. As the Band don't march regularly, they were relieved to see that Denton had a simple 100 yard straight line march to ease them in gently! Some great

playing ensued under the direction of assistant MD Ian Stewart, playing to some really appreciative audiences throughout the evening. A total of 6 contests were competed in, just missing out on the seventh in Delph due to the coach driver coming to the end of his allotted hours. After the first two contests, Friary really got into their stride with a string of impressive results which culminated in an overall placing in the Tameside competition of 15th/52.



Thanks goes to Gavin Stewart (soprano), Laura Hill (horn) and Simon Emberley for helping out the Band and also Helen Hooker for being the Band's official photographer!



Summer Season!

As summer arrives, so does the traditional bandstand season which this year saw Friary visit some new places on their concert schedule. First in line was a return to RHS Wisley Gardens to play over the weekend of the 25th/26th June at their 'Taste of Summer' event. The Band played in front of a large audience on both days. As well as their normal concert programme, Friary provided an opportunity for budding brass players to have a go at playing an instrument. Many people, especially children, took up the challenge and one or two were nearly asked to sign up and join!



Trombones feature at RHS Wisley Gardens

A regular fixture for the last few years has seen Friary venture into the city to play in St James's Park. As the last shower passed minutes before the afternoon concert started, the Band (conducted by assistant MD, Ian Stewart) put on a varied programme of music to entertain the park-goers. Despite playing music such as 'Here's that Rainy Day' and 'Laughter in the Rain', thankfully the bad weather didn't return!

Another new fixture in the Friary calendar was the 2nd Guildford Beer Festival. The Band played for people enjoying the vast array of beers on offer and were even treated to sampling a few themselves! The enthusiastic audience enjoyed the performance and the Band even featured in the Festival's promotional video. Check out Guildford Cricket Club's website www.guildfordcc.com, where it should appear in the next few days.



St. James's Park, London



Friary's newest recruit!

Norwegian's Enjoy Concert Tour Success

As reported in the last issue of the Bugle, Friary took part in the recent tour of the Nidaros Band from Trondheim, Norway with a Joint concert held at the Guildford Methodist Church. Despite a long coach journey from their earlier concert in Bourton-on-the-Water (experiencing the famous M25 traffic!), Nidaros put on a very well played programme featuring high quality soloists. Friary played their programme in the second half, with the bands joining forces for the final two items – the march 'Ravenswood' and the Paul Lovatt-Cooper piece 'Vitae Aeternum'. With the roof settling back down on the rafters of Guildford Methodist Church after the rousing finale, both bands headed down to the local curry house to share another passion!

Conductor recovers from broken arm

Resident M.D Chris King has recently had to take time away from the Band after breaking his arm in a fall whilst jogging. Chris was due to go on a tour of Germany as part of his job as bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards during July, but was unable to as a result of the injury which kept him away from conducting until the beginning of August. He is back to full fitness now and ready to lead Friary into the next run of contests and concerts!

FRIARY DIARY

- **17th August** **Lunchtime Concert**
● 13:00 Westminster Abbey, London
- **11th September** **Contest – Wainstones Cup**
● Middlesbrough
- **17th September** **Ruislip Lions**
● **Proms Concert**
● 19:30 Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip
- **30th September** **Chobham Festival**
● 19:45 St. Lawrence Church, Chobham
- **8th October** **Contest- SCABA Autumn**
● Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
- **13th November** **Remembrance Parade**
● 11:00 Guildford High Street, Guildford
- **4th December** **British Heart Foundation**
● **Concert**
● 15:00 Park Barn Community Centre,
● Guildford
- **11th December** **Radio Lion Carol Concert**
● 15:00 Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford

● More details on all events on our website:

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