

The Farndon Bandsman

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Farndon & District Brass Band

New Junior member's big debut!

Well he kept us all waiting, and we even 'held the front page' for him, but it was all worth it in the end. Our secretary Amy gave birth to her second child Joss Edward Wilson Leather at home last week. Pictured right the happy parents with the new arrival and below, his first big close up for the cameras.



Chester Marathon Visits Churton



MBNA Chester Marathon took place this month and once again Farndon & District Brass Band were there to support the event as it passed the bandroom on Stannage Lane.

A team of 700 volunteers helped to ensure the event ran smoothly and the event was blessed with wonderful autumn sunshine. Runners start from the racecourse into the city of Chester before heading out of the City across the Old Dee Bridge.

The route then passes the Duke of Westminster's estate, through Pulford, before crossing the border into Wales and the villages of Lavister and Rossett.

Keeping to the rural lanes runners completed a small loop before entering the historic village of Holt. Then crossed the ancient Grade 1 bridge at Farndon to return to England and the home stretch running through Churton, at the 20 mile stage, to the accompaniment of a small group from the band.



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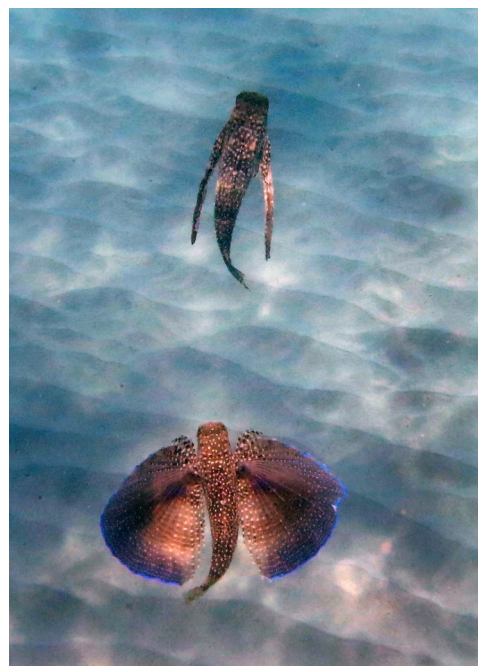


We're all Going on a Summer Holiday!



Summer break is the main opportunity that most band members have to get away for a holiday, and I thought this year we would invite everyone to share their holiday snaps to show how and where they spent their summer break. The response was just amazing, and their images were very impressive too as you can see from these two pages!

One of the first to respond and support the appeal was Cat Williams. Here she is top left, pictured with children Freddie, Ailish on holiday in the West of Brittany, near Quimper. **Below left**, Roland Twydell sent me a great image taken earlier in the year in Barbados of two flying fish, this time under the water rather than flying above it! **Bottom left**, Phil Mason also sent me a selection of his summer pictures including this one, a lovely sunset from the harbour at St Marys. **Below right**, Katriona took this picture of UK's most northerly bus stop on Unst, Shetland. It is currently decked out in honour of Emily Pankhurst, complete with reading material and a visitors' book. Also at Christmas it is decorated with fairy lights! **Top right**, Kari sent us this magnificent picture from her trip to Japan of the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto. **Middle right**, every summer Charlie Cooke co-runs a kitchen at a classical music festival in Cornwall. Each day he cooks for around 200 musicians. Just that day alone he had chopped 500 onions, 500 cloves of garlic and provided nearly 3000 meals! Certainly different, but certainly got rid of all the vampires! **Bottom right** Amy Leather sent me this picture from their holiday to Sicily at Easter. Here are Tom and Beth as far up Mount Etna as they were allowed to go. Pretty chilly, with plenty of sulphur and smoke in the background! **Far right, top**, Gill grabbed this scenic pictures of Rhodeswood reservoir during a week in the Peak District. Inset is an image of a lovely Neolithic axe head she was given by a helpful stranger she met while walking in the area. **Far right, middle**, Tony took this picture on a day trip to New Brighton to see the third and final Giants spectacle in Liverpool. This picture shows the shipwrecked character being rigged by one of his French operators before resting on the first leg of his journey from Fort Perch Rock towards Marine Promenade. **Far right bottom**, Arial sent this image from the crime and punishment museum in Venice. Apparently the device clamped around the neck, while fingers and thumbs were clamped in the centre vices. It was used by nobles to punish bad musicians who played music that was 'displeasing to the ears'. The bad news is that we understand Arial is currently making one, and may bring it to rehearsals quite soon! Well done everyone, and thank you for the pictures this year.







The Monster from the Black Lagoon

When Charlie Cooke returned to band, he mentioned his 'second' holiday and this one seemed to be far more fun, and worth a special corner of its own!

For the last 10 years, Charlie and friends have been taking part in the Swamp Soccer World Cup. This summer saw his team, Bruce's Bogtrotters, fly to Poland to take part in the 'Swampions League Finals'.

The team arrived in Korycin, a small village in North East Poland, with confidence high on the back of being runners-up at the World Cup in Istanbul three years before.

They battled hard, and managed to win a game with their grim determination and dastardliness, but unfortunately it was all in vain as they didn't qualify for the knockouts! However all was not lost as there happened to be an annual Strawberry fight around the corner! So the Bogtrotters donned their safety goggles and pristine, white kit, and took to the strawberry arena to do battle against the local Strawberry Fighting Team. Allegedly the winners are those whose shirts remain cleanest, but the rules were discarded when all participants



realised that more fun was had in getting downright dirty, and as absolutely filthy as possible and Bruce's Bogtrotters (above) left the arena looking like 'Carrie on prom night' but smelling oh so sweet! Top, Charlie in the swamp.

100 Club Results

The July draw, the tenth monthly draw of the 2017 – 2018 club year took place at the Churton Village Hall on the 26th July. In all 73 numbers held by 50 members of the club were entered and the first prize went to our treasurer, Kari Kerr and her number 14 scooped the £73.00 prize. Long time supporter Joyce Kehlenbeck's number 26 took the second prize of £36.50. Another member with a long association with the band, Chas Rayment, collected the third prize of £14.60 with number 85. Our August 100 Club draw, the eleventh monthly draw of the 2017 – 2018 club year, took place at the Churton Village Hall rehearsal on the 30th August. Again 73 numbers, held by 50 members of the Club, were entered in this draw. Phil Mason had a very rare first place win when his number 31 won the first prize of £73.00. Well done Phil. Joyce Kehlenbeck scooped a second monthly prize of £36.50 with her lucky number 26. The third prize went to number 65 held by Sue Frencham who collected the prize of £14.60. The September monthly draw of the Band's 100 Club was a roll up, and took place at the Churton Village Hall on the 27th September. Again 73 numbers, held by 50 members of the 100 Club were entered in this draw. The first prize of £109.50 went to Roland Twydell who held the winning number 2. The Second Prize was won by number 79 held by Paul Roberts who collected £36.50. Finally third prize went to Sandie Evans and the number 54 won her £14.60.

In the last twelve months alone, the total we have raised through our 100 Club draws is £1,999.10p. These essential funds are required to simply help with day to day running expenses and helped us support many other charitable organisations.

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Trevor Sutherland



It was with great sadness that we heard of the recent death of Trevor Sutherland. Many of the older members of the band will remember his time at Farndon.