

London & Southern Counties Regional Champions 2015 – 2021
Finalists, National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain 2013 – 2021, 2023 & 2024
Audience Entertainment Award, Brass In Concert 2019 & 2021
Most Entertaining Band, Butlin’s Mineworkers Contest 2015, 2017 & 2019
British Open Senior Trophy Champions 2014
First Section National Champions of Great Britain 2010

FRIARY DIARY – ISSUE 119 – JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year and welcome to Friary Diary issue 119 - a monthly round-up of news about Friary Brass Band.

MEADOWS CAROLLING: Despite an icy wind blowing through the atrium at Camberley’s Meadows shopping centre, Friary’s Christmas carolling session raised more than £1,135 from generous, warm-hearted shoppers. Split equally between Macmillan Cancer Relief and band funds, the amount is more than the combined total of the previous two years’ collections.

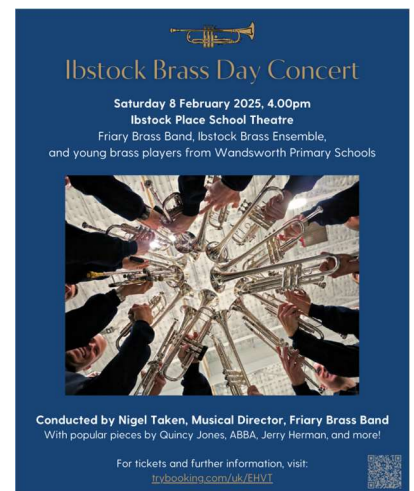
Friary Chairman David Wicks was delighted: ‘In these challenging economic times, the public’s generosity was incredibly humbling. And with two of our players currently receiving treatment for cancer, the amount raised for Macmillan was particularly satisfying. Many thanks to all those who kindly donated’ he added.



IBSTOCK PLACE SCHOOL CONCERT: Our first engagement of the New Year is in Roehampton, supporting Ibstock Place School’s Brass Day. This event involves not only the school’s brass ensemble but also other young brass players from Wandsworth primary schools. The day culminates in a FREE concert at 4.00pm which is open to the public. Although the event is free, there is a suggested donation of £6 per person towards the cost of the day. Please book tickets via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/75601>

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: We are now busy rehearsing for the London & Southern Counties Regional Championships in mid March. The test piece is Derek Bourgeois’ *Diversions* and we are of course aiming to secure another invitation to the National Finals in October!

RANKINGS NEWS: The 4barsrest.com table was updated at the end of last year, with Friary easing slightly to 33rd in the world, having been overtaken by several Swiss bands following their national championships. In the brassstats.com table, Friary is also ranked 33rd following the update on 1st January.



Ibstock Brass Day Concert
 Saturday 8 February 2025, 4.00pm
 Ibstock Place School Theatre
 Friary Brass Band, Ibstock Brass Ensemble,
 and young brass players from Wandsworth Primary Schools

Conducted by Nigel Taken, Musical Director, Friary Brass Band
 With popular pieces by Quincy Jones, ABBA, Jerry Herman, and more!

For tickets and further information, visit:
[trybooking.com/uk/EHVI](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHVI)



FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sat 8th Feb	Concert	Ibstock School, Roehampton	TBA
Sun 16th Mch	L&SC Regional Championships	Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage	All day
Sat 10th May	British Open Grand Shield contest	Winter Gardens, Blackpool	All day

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