

Foden's Band E-Update

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October 2015

Dear Friends, please see our latest 'e letter' for October...

FODEN'S COMPETE AT THE BRITISH OPEN CONTEST



On Saturday 5th September Foden's competed at the 'British Open Contest' held at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham.

Following a number 17 draw (out of 18 bands) the band were very pleased with their performance of 'Reflections on Swan Lake' by composer Stephen Roberts as well as the feedback and messages received from supporters, audience members and banding press. The competition was the first 'contest' appearance for the band's new principal players David Thornton and David Gillson as well as the

band's new solo cornet player Kathleen Gaspoz. The band enjoyed performing to a large and enthusiastic audience, probably the largest at the contest in a long time.

All at Foden's would like to congratulate Dr Robert Childs and Grimethorpe Band on becoming the 'British Open Champions' as well as Foden's former Euphonium player Glyn Williams on being awarded the 'Best Euphonium' award.

FULL RESULTS

Adjudicators: Derek Broadbent, Adrian Morris, Stephen Roberts

1. Grimethorpe Colliery (Dr Robert Childs)
2. Brighouse & Rastrick (Prof. David King)
3. Cory (Philip Harper)
4. Leyland (Thomas Wyss)
5. Fodens (Allan Withington)
6. Black Dyke (Prof. Nicholas Childs)
7. Tredegar (Ian Porthouse)
8. Brass Band Burgermusik Luzern (Michael Bach)
9. Co-operative Funeralcare (Allan Ramsay)
10. Flowers (Paul Holland)
11. Fairey (Garry Cutt)
12. Rothwell Temperance (David Roberts)
13. Milnrow (Mark Bentham)
14. Desford Colliery (Tom Davoren)
15. Hammonds Saltaire (Morgan Griffiths)
16. Woodfalls (Erik Jansen)
17. Carlton Main Frickley Colliery (Phillip McCann)



[4BR talks to Allan Withington](#)

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18. Kirkintilloch (Russell Gray)

SARAH LENTON IS AWARDED THE 'HARRY MORTIMER AWARD' AT THE RNCM

On Saturday 5th September Sarah Lenton (the bands solo baritone player) was presented with the 'Harry Mortimer Award' prior to the results ceremony at the British Open.

The award from the RNCM is presented to a student for being the 'best overall rounded brass player' which takes into account recital performances, general attitude, engagement and attendance.



John Miller nominated a number of students from the RNCM to the 'Harry Mortimer Trust Committee' who also took into account each students musical CV and how each student would spend the £500 grant.

Sarah was overjoyed when she received the call from Martin Mortimer and will use the award to fund a commission for baritone and band from the American composer Nate Kimball. Speaking about the award Sarah commented 'I am extremely flattered to be given this award as the standard at the RNCM is very high. I am also looking forward to working with Nate Kimball on my commission which will be a brilliant piece that I will perform with Foden's. I would also like to thank John Miller and the Trust Committee for their decision.'



FODEN'S LAUNCH THE 'FODEN'S JUNIOR BAND'

Foden's Band are proud to announce the launch of the 'Foden's Junior Band' to be run in partnership with the 'Accent' Music Education Hub and existing Foden's Youth Band partners Besson and the Royal Northern College of Music.

The Foden's Junior Band will provide opportunities for young brass and percussion players from Halton, Warrington, and further afield, to perform together receiving guidance from world class conductors and performers connected with Foden's Band.

Foden's Youth Band founder and co-ordinator Ian Raisbeck said "I am delighted that after 3 successful years of Foden's Youth Band we are now able to expand our Youth projects to include a Junior Band. The opportunity to work with 'Accent' Music Education Hub is a great opportunity for us to develop new partnerships within the music education sector having already worked with Love Music Trust in Cheshire

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East so successfully. All at Foden's are excited at the prospect of now welcoming this new Junior Band into the Foden's family."

The new ensemble will run once a month with opportunities for members to take part in full rehearsals, sectionals, workshops and master-classes. The ensemble is designed for players of grade 2-5 standard, and will give opportunity for progression into Foden's Youth Band. The first rehearsal took place on September 27th at Lymm High School.

'Accent' is the Music Education Hub for Warrington & Halton Local Authorities. Foden's Band Trustee and percussionist Chris Bastock is the manager of the Ensemble and Progressions Strategy for 'Accent'. Chris said *"I am thrilled that 'Accent' has the opportunity to work with an outstanding band like Foden's. This partnership will help to inspire the next generation of brass players"*

Applications are now welcomed from anybody aged 18 or under and of grade 2 - 5 standard on a brass or percussion instrument and membership is free. More details about the ensemble can be obtained by contacting the 'Accent' team: info@accentmusiceducationhub.co.uk or on 01925 442097/442610

GRANVILLE JENNINGS RECEIVES 'LONG SERVICE AWARD'

During a concert at Sandbach Town Hall on the 17th September Foden's Band made a 'long Service award' presentation to librarian Granville Jennings.

Granville has clocked up 67 years continuous service to brass bands (and counting) as both a soprano player and conductor which started in 1948 with the Wigan British Legion Band. In 1951 Granville joined the Coppull Band before moving to Wingates in 1953. In 1960 Granville moved to the Haigh Band and then the Lower Ince Band in 1962 before joining Foden's in 1964. Granville was instrumental in helping Foden's claim the 'British Open' title in 1964 performing the test piece Lorenzo.



Granville stayed with Foden's for ten years before Teddy Gray coaxed him away to join the Royal Doulton Band between 1974 and 1978. In 1978 Granville left Royal Doulton's to take up the baton with the Congleton based Beresford's Band until 1990. In 1990 Granville returned to his beloved Foden's as one of the bands librarians as well as continuing his playing with the Winterley Methodist Band (1990 to date) and in 2012 joined the Sandbach U3A band.

During the concert Mark Wilkinson thanked Granville for his continued service and dedication to Foden's and the brass band movement before presenting him with the 'Diamond Award' from the 'North West Area Brass Band Association' which is the Associations longest service award which commemorates 60 years or more service to banding.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Saturday October 10th 2015 10am onwards

Foden's will compete at the Nationals Finals at the Royal Albert Hall, London for bandings premiere trophy

Saturday October 17th 2015 7:30pm — 9:30pm

Foden's will perform in concert as guests of the Highfield Male Voice Choir

Tickets via https://brindley.halton.gov.uk/peo/search_results.asp

VENUE Brindley Theatre, High Street, Runcorn, WA7 1BG

Sunday October 25th 2015 2:00pm — 4:00pm

Foden's will appear in concert at 'The Forum' Barrow in Furness

Tickets via 01229 820000

VENUE The Forum, 28 Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 1HH

Saturday October 31st 2015 All day

Foden's will host our annual Solo Contest featuring performers from across the country and abroad.

The event consists of various categories including individual solos, duets and quartets.

Please come and support the various competitors and listen to a wide variety of music

VENUE Sandbach Boys School, Sandbach

SUPPORT US

Foden's are always on the lookout for new Patrons, so if you would like to join our society please see the below link. Also, please share amongst your friends / family

<http://www.fodensband.co.uk/support-us/patrons/>

If you would like to 'Sponsor a player' please see the below for more information

<http://www.fodensband.co.uk/support-us/player-sponsorship/>

In order to help raise much needed funds we have registered the band for the 'Weather Lottery' where a minimum of 37 percent of monies raised (via our supporters) is donated back to the band. For more information about the lottery and how you can join please see the below

<http://www.fodensband.co.uk/support-us/fodens-band-lottery/>

Thank you for your continued support and hope to see you at a forthcoming concert

Mark Wilkinson

Band Manager