

# DORSET RURAL MUSIC SCHOOL...

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## ...needs your help

If you live in Dorset and have an interest in music (whether as a performer or as a listener) you might consider offering support to the Dorset Rural Music School.

Since 1947 DRMS has been at the heart of much of the thriving musical life of the county. Generations of students of all ages have benefited from the wide range of musical activity and support which we have offered. But for a variety of reasons over the years there has been a steady decline in the numbers of those wishing to learn instruments, up till now the core of our activity. Consequently, we are facing an uphill struggle to continue to maintain the wide range of musical activities that we offer county-wide to adults as much as to youngsters and to continue to provide bursaries to deserving pupils. The ongoing changes we are making at our Blandford head-quarters to reduce administration costs will help to safeguard our position but we are asking you to help too.

For just £20 per annum (£30 for a couple) you could become a Friend of DRMS; or you might like to become a DRMS Patron with a more substantial donation. In return, you will receive a yearly bulletin keeping you up-to-date with our activities, you will be eligible for a reduction in fees for all our one-day courses, music appreciation classes and 'in-house' concerts and you can enjoy the use of our extensive library of music, books on music and CDs. Patrons will in addition be acknowledged in our brochures and on suitable publicity material. We in turn will be able to extend the DRMS community and help to stabilise our position in the musical life of the county.

Do give this request your serious consideration. We are proud to have served the local musical community for seventy years: a number of our alumni are players on the national and even international stage – but we are equally proud to have nurtured the musical interests of those working at a very much humbler level. Without DRMS, the musical life of the county would definitely be the poorer.

To become a Friend, please fill in and return the slip below (together with a cheque made payable to DRMS) to Dorset Rural Music School, The Close, Blandford Forum DT11 7HA. Alternatively, a Standing Order with your bank will save you trouble. In either case if you prefer to transfer money electronically, our bank details are: Lloyds bank Blandford Branch, sort code 30-90-92 account No. 00062003 Reference: DRMS Friend and your name. If you are a UK tax payer, you might consider Gift Aid which will enable us to make more of your donation. A Gift Aid form is enclosed.

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