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## The New Face of Gugge 2000

The South's favourite band are changing! The easily recognisable yellow and black costumes have, after many years' service, been replaced with new ones! Often referred to as the 'bumble bee band', Gugge 2000 have undergone a transformation during recent months.

The band, formed in 1998, was inspired by 'Guggenmusik' bands which are a very familiar sight in Switzerland and Germany.

'Guggenmusik' translates as 'happy music' and certainly seems to bring the best out of both those who perform it and those who are entertained by it. Those that have seen the band perform will certainly recognise that!

2019 saw a change in conductor, admin team, rehearsal home and members together with a new website and enhanced social media.

A long overdue new uniform has now completed the transformation.

The band combines percussion and brass sections of trumpets, trombones, euphoniums and sousaphones.

The music is mostly a popular genre but the performance is as much about visual impact as it is about the sound. The first thing that catches the eye will be the band's slightly sinister costume, part of a Swiss tradition for centuries to frighten away the 'Spirits of Winter', a festival known as Fasnacht.

Gugge2000 certainly don't frighten away the crowds here in the UK, in fact they have quite the opposite effect often drawing crowds of hundreds!

Annual gig highlights include the London Marathon providing a welcome boost for the many thousands of runners, some of which even stop and listen, and the annual Wimborne Folk Festival.

In addition to international festivals you can often see (and definitely hear!) the band in Bournemouth town centre.

Bournemouth is twinned with Lucerne in Switzerland, coincidentally the home of Guggenmusik.

Members are drawn from all walks of life but share one passion – Guggenmusik!!

Gugge2000 strive to create an authentic Guggenmusik style and to provide enjoyment & lots of fun for our members & audiences. We also hope that we

prove worthy ambassadors of Guggenmusik & help to spread this fantastic musical style in the UK.

Players of all standards and ages are welcome. You don't need to be able to march either as performances tend to be static or maybe an occasional amble! You do however need to be outgoing, enjoy entertaining and having fun! Do you play brass or percussion? Maybe you stopped playing and fancy starting again? Maybe you already play with another band and feel like a more relaxed change of style?

The band rehearses weekly at The Bourne Academy in Bournemouth of Friday evenings.

Find out more on the band's website, Facebook or Instagram pages or on YouTube!

[www.gugge2000.co.uk](http://www.gugge2000.co.uk)