Hi, I'm Simon and am one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Flutes.

I have always enjoyed music and played the piano for a number of years. I moved to California and unfortunately could not take the piano, so on the back of a purely random query at a local music shop took up the flute. It is a wonderful instrument with a lovely tone. Fairly quickly I joined a band and found it was so much fun making music with a group of people.

We moved to Thame about three years ago and I joined the Thame Concert Band. It is a by far the best band I have been with. Everyone is supportive, keen to make good music and social. Plus, and this is a real bonus, we have a wonderfully keen and talented conductor in the form of Callum Rookes who has encouraged, persuaded, cajoled and inspired us to make really wonderful music.