



December 2010 - Newsletter

Music Centre Term Dates 2011

<u>Spring Term 2011:</u>	Commences:	Saturday 8 th January (weekday groups from 10 th January)
	Half term:	AYMC closed February 19 th – 27 th inclusive
	Last AMC session:	Saturday 2 nd April

IMPORTANT NOTE - The Waterside Theatre has informed us that they are unable to give us the 8th May date as proposed. It is unlikely that we will use the theatre this academic year. We are currently making other plans for Spring Term concerts and will let you know as soon as these are confirmed.

Warm Greetings especially to the new pupils in the beginners groups, we hope you are enjoying your music making here at Aylesbury Music Centre. We are always looking at ways to improve our communications with you. Newsletters will now go out at the end of each half term. If your child doesn't give you a copy, you can find one on our information site – <http://aymc.shutterfly.com>

Reminder of Christmas Concerts

DATE	TIME	GROUP
Monday 6th December	5.15pm	Flute Choir, Junior Flute Choir and Chamber Choir
Tuesday 7th December	5.00pm	Singing Club, Beginner Strings, Junior Strings, Junior Brass Band and Youth Choir
	6.00pm	Intermediate Strings, Senior Wind Band, Intermediate Brass Band
Wednesday 8th December	6.00pm	Training Guitar Ensemble, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Guitars
Thursday 9th December	5.30pm	Christmas Cracker Concert (Winslow)
	5.45pm	Beginner Wind Band and Training Dance Band
	7.00pm	Junior and Intermediate Wind Bands
Friday 10th December	7.00pm	Recorder Ensemble and consort, Junior and Intermediate Recorders
Saturday 11th December	10.00am	Senior Orchestra and Double Reed Ensemble
	12.15pm	String Orchestra and Junior Orchestra
	7.30pm	Youth Orchestra, Rhythm Studio, Clarinet Choir and Concert Band

The Friends of Aylesbury Music Centre

The **Craft and Produce Fair** on Saturday 20th November was a great success. The Roblin Hall was packed with stalls from local craftsmen. Music was provided by our students and there was a variety of activities. The portrait of Henry VIII was at last finished and will shortly be on display. There was a good turnout and over £700 was raised! Many people commented on the lovely atmosphere. Huge thanks go out to the Friends of Aylesbury Music Centre, our staff and students who worked so hard.

Refreshments

The refreshments stalls on Tuesday and Thursday evenings are going down well, thanks to the Friends. Many thanks to those parents who are 'manning' the stalls. As well as providing refreshments, it brings a much warmer and friendly feeling for everyone here. If you think you can help out - even if it is only in a small way - please leave a note in the letter box or email us. We are always looking to expand our 'Friends'.

Soloists Competition

Our annual 'Soloists Competition' is open to any **Music Centre Member** and will be held in March at The Roblin Hall at AYMC. The competition is in three age categories:

Junior (Year 7 and below)	- Monday 7 th March
Intermediate (Years 8-10)	- Wednesday 9 th March
Senior (Years 11 and above)	- Friday 11 th March

An external adjudicator will make a written adjudication on each performance and choose 5 players from each age-group to perform in the **'FINALS' Concert**, which will take place on **Friday 18th March**.

Entry Forms will be available from AYMC teachers and the AYMC foyer from 7th January 2011.

DEADLINE: 16th February 2011 - 4pm

Only fully completed forms accepted – no late entries will be accepted.

Chamber Music Concert (If you wish to perform and have not yet submitted your entry form, please do so by 20th January)

A varied programme of Chamber Music pieces will be performed by AMC students on Friday, 4th February in The Roblin Hall at 7.00pm. *Free admission! All welcome!*

Student Council

We will be setting up a student council in the New Year. Further details will be provided.

DATES for your diary:

January

5 th	Teaching resumes in schools	
8 th	Music Centre restarts	
15 th	St Mary's Church, Aylesbury DB & TDB Concert: 7.00pm Rehearsals: 6.00pm	Tickets: 07580 334331
19 th	Flute Concert Trip to the Guildhall School of Music, LONDON	
20 th	Closing Date for Chamber Music Concert	
22 nd	Jazz Extravaganza with Mike Lovatt: DB/TDB/Jazz 3 and 4 concert 7.30pm Workshop / rehearsals for bands during the afternoon (Jz3: 1.30pm, Jz4: 2.30pm, TDB 3.45pm, DB 4.45pm)	Tickets: AYMC Office

February

4 th	Chamber Music Concert – Roblin Hall: 7.00pm	
6 th	Monster Brass Day and Evening @ Tring / Pendley Theatre	Tickets: 01442 823130
	Aylesbury Symphony Orchestra – St Mary's Church – 3:30pm Music by Weber, Strauss and Schumann. Ft. Thomas Molloy (Horn) (an ex. AYMC student)	
13 th	Guitar Festival @ AYMC (provisional date)	
16 th	Closing date for Soloists Competition – 4pm	
18 th	Schools and Music Centre break up for Half Term	
28 th	Schools and Music Centre restarts	

March

7 th	Soloists Competition – Junior - Roblin Hall: 6pm	Free admission
9 th	Soloists Competition – Intermediate – Roblin Hall: 6pm	Free admission
11 th	Soloists Competition –Senior – Roblin Hall: 6pm	Free admission
18 th	Soloists Competition – Finals – Roblin Hall: 7.30pm	Free admission
19 th	Clarinet Choir / Concert Band Concert - Harding Hall: 7.00pm	
27 th	Regional National Festival of Music for Youth – Roblin / Harding Hall (National Festival dates 4th – 9th July 2011)	

April

6 th – 7 th	TG Guitar Exams
2 nd	Last Music Centre
8 th	Last day of School Term

Please keep 3rd July 2011 free in your diaries. This is the date of our summer event. All music centre members will be involved!

AYMC Membership FEES

	1st Child	2nd + Child
Basic Centre Membership up to 2 Ensembles)	56.50	47.50
Supplement (if in 3 or more Ensembles)	12.50	12.50
Full Scholarship	279.00	270.00
Half Scholarship	179.00	170.00
30 minute tuition (Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bass etc (Instrumental lesson)	158.00	158.00
20 minute tuition (Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bass etc (Instrumental lesson)	108.00	108.00
Percussion Group Lessons (3 or more in group)	56.50	56.50
Theory or Advanced Aural (Group classes) (<i>no charge for Scholars</i>)	31.50	31.50

PARKING Reminder

On Tuesday/Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings please use the AHS main car park (**NOT** the AYMC car spaces). When using the AHS car park please **observe the double yellow lines** and the **disabled markings**. It is important that there should be no parking or waiting in these restricted areas. **Even if just dropping off, please proceed to AHS CAR PARK.**

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Suzanne Hopkins
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