



June 2011 - Newsletter

Monday 6th June – Monday 4th July

Music Centre Autumn Term 2011 Saturday, 17th September – Saturday, 10th December
Half Term Saturday, 22nd October – Sunday, 30th October

This term has been very short as Easter was so late this year, and there is a lot to fit in! Please remember our **Red Hot Sizzler** event on **SUNDAY 3rd July**, a date which has been in **every** newsletter this year. ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE PART!



Sunday 3rd July 12.30pm - 4.30pm: AMC Red Hot Summer Sizzler: YOUR Summer Concert!

Please see the attached information which:

- Lists the venues and times of all 40 ensemble performances.
- Gives more information about the Quiz, Fancy Dress competition and other fun & games.
- Asks for help from you, your parents and others.

Asks you to help by bringing items for prizes & for sale on the various stalls!

The Friends of AMC - FINAL PLEA

There will be a meeting on Saturday 11th June at 1.00pm in the Roblin Hall. In our last newsletter there was a plea for more parents to join 'The Friends'. Please come along to this meeting. Any amount of help will be gratefully received. **Our tuck shop on a Saturday morning will have to close if we can't recruit more help.** This would be very sad as the tuck shop brings us all together on Saturday mornings. Refreshments are also provided by the Friends on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** evenings. *Again we desperately need more volunteers.* PLEASE, PLEASE can you spare some time? **Please** get in touch with the office by email, and they will forward this on.

Gardening – JUNE 11th

The Friends get together every year along with some AMC staff, to help tidy our small patch of garden by the side of the Music Centre. If you are around on the morning of 11th June and are able to help, you be would be warmly welcomed!

Fundraising Quiz Night

Although it was a disappointing turnout – just 3 tables, we all had a great time! The evening was hosted by Jo and William Basterfield. Grateful thanks to Jo and William.

AMC Flute Day July 10th

Aylesbury Music Centre is holding a Flute Day on **Sunday 10th July** from 10am – 5pm for flute players (inc adults) from Grades 2 to 8 and beyond. The day will be led by two of the country's finest performers/teachers: **Professor Sarah Newbold & Julie Wright**, with AMC Woodwind staff in support.

'Top Wind' (www.topwind.com) will be bringing a large selection of flutes/piccolos and music to try/buy on the day. The day will finish with an informal concert at 4pm in the Roblin Hall.

Please ring Aylesbury Music Centre on 01296 383243 for more details and an application form.

National Festival of Music for Youth

Congratulations to the Brass Band and the Youth Orchestra who have been invited to play in the National Festival Finals on Saturday 9th July in Birmingham. We wish them luck!

AMC Premises – Message to students

There have been several occasions this term when I have arrived in the morning to find the foyer in a disgusting state. I have had to pick up litter, drink cans, wipe tables and tidy the furniture. This cannot go on. Our premises must be treated with respect and care. If you have rubbish, we have bins and we recently purchased a new metal bin for food waste which is outside the entrance doors. PLEASE be considerate to others, tidy your rubbish and keep the chairs and tables tidy. Thank you.

Thanks to the Friends

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the friends for all their hard work and support this year. Friends of AMC do a fantastic job – serving refreshments on Saturday mornings, at concerts, organizing raffles, raising funds for AMC - and generally helping the Centre to be the lively and exciting place it is!

We will be very sad to say 'Goodbye' to those parents who will be leaving us. You will be missed!

Farewell

We are very sad to lose Janet Mason, who will be retiring at the end of this term and also Julie Twite who is moving on to pastures new. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Also 'Goodbye' to all our Year 13 students and we wish them lots of luck for the future.

Welcome back

To Michelle Dallas who is returning at the end of this term from maternity leave. Many thanks to Richard Hawking who has covered her work.

Aylesbury Festival 2011

Will run from 2nd July to 17th July. Aylesbury Music Centre Youth Orchestra will be taking part in a concert at the Methodist Church on Friday 8th July. Some of the events are taking place here in the Roblin Hall, which has produced some extra income for us. There is a full and diverse programme of activities.

How to book:

In Person - The Aylesbury Festival Box Office is situated in Friars Square Shopping Centre, off Market Square, and is open from 09.00 to 17.30 Monday through to Friday, 09.00 to 18.00 on Saturdays and from 10.30 to 16.30 on Sundays.

By Phone - Call the Box Office on 0845 528 0776.

Concessionary Tickets - Where a concession is shown this is available for under 18s, or those in full-time education, OAP's, registered disabled*, registered unemployed, holders of a Passport to Leisure card or members of the Musician's Union. Proof of eligibility may be requested.

* Should a carer be required to accompany the patron, their ticket will be complimentary.

Dates for the rest of this term

- 17 JUNE Scholars Concert @ Roblin Hall, AMC
- 25 Chamber Choir / Guitar ensemble Picnic in the Park @ Claydon House
- 24 AMC Dance Band 'BIG BASH' Twyford Village Hall MK 18 4EE Ticket info: <http://www.twyford.org/default.html>
- 26 Big Band Special with Mark Nightingale, Ben Castle, and Simon Hale at The Court Theatre @ Pendley, Tring.
Ticket info: 07543 560478
- Summer Sizzler – Sunday 3rd July 12.30 - 4.30pm
All Aylesbury Music Centre Groups Involved!
- 4 JULY Last Day of Music Centre Term
- 8 AYLESBURY FESTIVAL - Professional Concert. Opera Playhouse 'Bum Notes and Sliding Scales' A comic operatic programme to delight and amuse Roblin Hall 7.30pm - See above for tickets
- 9 National Festival of Music for Youth in Birmingham AMC Youth Orchestra and Training Dance Band
- 10-15 AMC Brass Band Tour to Belgium
- 10 FLUTE DAY @ AMC: 10.00am – 5.00pm. Application forms available in AMC Foyer
- 10 AYLESBURY FESTIVAL – Professional Concert. Opera Playhouse 'Bringing Opera to people who don't want it!' Roblin Hall 7.30pm Tickets £10 (£8) See above for tickets
- 14 AYLESBURY FESTIVAL – Professional Concert. John Flinders / Rebecca Holt Music for Piano (4 hands) Roblin Hall 7.30pm Tickets; £10 (£8) See above for tickets
- 17 CYO Rehearsals: 10am - 6pm
- 22 Last day of School Term
- 17 SEPTEMBER AMC AUTUMN TERM STARTS

From all the staff here at Aylesbury Music Centre, we hope you all have a happy and restful Summer Holiday!

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