

September 2011 - Newsletter

Music Centre Term: Saturday 17th September – Saturday 10th December
Half Term: 22nd October – 30th October inclusive

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a refreshing break and are ready to go!

Timetable Changes!

Intermediate Strings moves to Saturday 10.00am – 11.00am

Rhythm Studio 2 moves to Friday 4.30 – 5.10pm and Rhythm Studio 1 to 5.10pm – 6.10pm

Intermediate Strings is moving back to its original slot. The Rhythm Studio groups move to a Friday so that they can make use of the Roblin Hall. This is partly for health and safety reasons, playing in a larger space will be much healthier for the ears!

The Friends of AMC

There will be the AGM on Saturday, 24th September at 1.00pm in the Roblin Hall. Please come along to see what the Friends are about. Jon Hykin has kindly been compiling a Friends rota for manning the Saturday refreshments. 'The Friends' also operate a stall on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** evenings. ***We always 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. The Friends provide an invaluable contribution to the life of AMC. Come and join!

Professional Concerts

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| <p>15th October</p> | <p>Clive Carroll - Guitar Workshop: Roblin Hall 2.00pm – 3.30pm. Recital at AMC: Roblin Hall 7.30pm. In conjunction with Southcourt Studios, we are offering a workshop for acoustic guitar players of Grade 3+. Acoustic Guitar magazine quotes: '<i>Clive Carroll is the best and most original young acoustic guitar player and composer in Britain</i>'. Tickets are available on the door (£8 Adults, £6 Students) or in advance via the Southcourt Studios website (www.southcourtstudios.com) or the AMC office. Information and application forms for the workshop are available in the foyer at AMC.</p> |
| <p>26th November</p> | <p>Bright Cecilia Bethany Seymour - soprano, Robin Bier - alto, Graham Bier - bass and Andrew Passmore - harpsichord. The concert will include music by Handel, Steffani, Lotti and other "imported" composers who fuelled the rage for Italian musical style in late 17th -early 18th century England. Chamber duets, trios, solos - really delightful music that is rarely heard these days! The recital will include historical readings and stories. Tickets: £8 adults, £5 students available from AMC office.</p> |

AMC Quiz Night

Friday, 9th December @ 7.00pm. Please come and test your knowledge! All age groups invited. Pupils, get a group together from your band! Tickets will be available from AMC office after half term.

Looking after our Premises

We are very lucky to have our own purpose built premises. Please treat the premises with care and respect. There are plenty of bins for rubbish. Please use them! If a bin looks full, use another. If you move furniture, please put it back to where it was! Thanking you in advance for your support.

Student Council

The Student Council will meet on 24th September @ 11.00am. Minutes of meetings are posted on the board in the foyer. If any parent / student has any comments they would like to make, please leave them in the marked box in the foyer.

Welcome to:

Mr Dan Dixon who has joined us as a flute specialist, Mrs Sue Snell who joins us as a whole class instrumental specialist and Mrs Diana Sharp, a new vocal specialist.

AMC Concert Dates – known so far

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| October | |
| 15 th | Clive Carroll Guitar Workshop and Concert @ Roblin Hall 2.00pm - 3.30pm Concert – Roblin Hall @ 7.30pm Tickets £8 concession £6 tel: 01296 383243 |
| November | |
| 6 th | Beginner String Workshop: 11.00 -2.30pm Concert 2.45pm Roblin Hall |
| 9 th | Flute trip to London: LSO Concert @ The Barbican |
| 12 th | Weston Turville Rugby Club: Dance Band – 7.00pm A concert (small & big jazz bands), black tie ball with 3 course dinner followed by a disco! Money's raised will support: The Royal British Legion & the Aylesbury Rugby Club Weston Turville Rugby Club: Weston Road, Weston Turville, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire Tickets: £49 Email: advickers@btinternet.com Phone: 07515 288100 |
| 19 th | Craft Fair: 12.00pm – 3.00pm Roblin Hall Come and do some Christmas Shopping! |
| 25-27 th | Waddesdon Manor Christmas Opening Clarinet Choir: 5pm – 8pm TBC |
| 26 th | Professional Concert: 'Bright Cecilia' Baroque Ensemble. Roblin Hall @ 7.30pm Tickets: £8 Adults, £5 Students |
| December | |
| 2 nd | SCHOLARS CONCERT: 6.30pm @ Roblin Hall |
| 3 rd | STRING ORCHESTRA and Chamber Choir Concert & auction of promises: Roblin Hall 7.30pm (Christmas Music @ Waddesdon Manor) |
| 10 th | Christmas Crackers CONCERT: at Aylesbury Methodist Church 7.00pm |

Other dates to put in your diary now - for the forthcoming year 2012

Spring Term Dates: January 7th – March 24th Half term: February 11th – 18th inclusive
Summer Term Dates: April 21st – July 7th Half term: May 2nd – 9th inclusive

NB. NO MUSIC CENTRE: May 4th - May 7th – BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

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| February | |
| 5 th | Cello Fun Day |
| 8 th | Chamber Music Concert 7.30pm |
| 24 th | Professional Recital. Piano and Trumpet – Jonathan Freeman – Atwood 7.30pm. Expect a fabulous and fascinating concert. Jonathan is an amazing trumpet player as well as being the Director of the Royal Academy of Music. |
| March | |
| 4 th | Monster Brass Day. Concert: 7.00pm TBC The Court Theatre, Tring |
| 5 th | Soloists Competition (Junior) 6.00pm TBC - Roblin hall |
| 7 th | Soloists Competition (Intermediate) 6.00pm TBC - Roblin hall |
| 9 th | Soloists Competition (Senior) 6.00pm TBC - Roblin hall |
| 12 th | Soloists Competition – FINALS 7.00pm - Roblin hall |
| 25 th | National Festival of Music for Youth |
| May | |
| 5 th | Concert Band – Film Night 7.30pm Venue TBC |
| July | |
| 7 th | Summer Sizzler Event (SATURDAY) 11.00am – 3.00pm |

FEES

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| Basic Centre Membership for 1 st child (up to 2 ensembles) | £59.50 |
| Basic Centre Memership for 2 nd and subsequent child (up to 2 ensembles) | £50.00 |
| Supplement (if in 3 or more ensembles) | £13.00 |
| Full Scholarship (1 st child) | £294.50 |
| Half Scholarship (1 st child) | £189.00 |
| Full Scholarship (2 nd and subsequent child) | £285.00 |
| Half Scholarship (2 nd and subsequent child) | £179.50 |
| 30 minute tuition (instrumental lesson) | £185.00 |
| 20 minute tuition (instrumental lesson) | £124.00 |
| Group Percussion lesson (20 mins – small group of 2) | £62.00 |
| Percussion Lesson (individual 20 mins) | £124.00 |
| Theory / Advanced Aural Group classes (no charge for scholars) | £33.00 |

Happy Music Making ! *Suzanne Hopkins* Headteacher - Aylesbury Music Centre

