



Services for Children and Young People in Buckinghamshire

Aylesbury Music Centre

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Info Site: <http://aymc.shutterfly.com>

Autumn Term 2010

Autumn Term starts on Saturday, 11th September 2010 (11 week term)
No Music Centre: 16th October – 5th November
Term finishes Saturday, 11th December

A warm welcome to all Newcomers and returners!
I hope you've all had a brilliant break and are feeling refreshed and ready to go!
Please note: there will be two newsletters each term.

We have a lot of exciting plans for this year and as I write, plans are being made for music centre to take over the new Waterside Theatre for a mega performance. The theatre seats 1200 so it will be an ambitious task to fill all the seats! We have a provisional date – Sunday, 8th May. We are waiting for confirmation but please put this in your diary NOW.

PROFESSIONAL RECITALS

🎵 Saturday 16th October at 7.30pm in the AMC Roblin Hall 🎵

The Galliard Ensemble is one of the **leading** Wind Ensembles in this country. This is an exciting opportunity to hear them perform locally at a **much subsidised** price. Tickets are available from the office.
Adults £8 - Students £5. *Buy your tickets before it is too late!*

SUMMER EVENT

A huge thank you to everyone who took part. It was a mammoth day and was well attended. The groups gave splendid performances, even those with students missing. A big thank you to 'The Friends' for all their hard work throughout the day.

PLEA – HELP!

The Friends' of AMC do a **fantastic** job at the music centre. They raise money for the music centre and provide refreshments at concerts. Saturday mornings are great - tuck shop, second hand music, coffee, tea, squash *and* bacon sandwiches! Plus, a great chance for people and students to meet and chat. Without extra help though they shall have to **close** the Saturday tuck shop. The numbers of volunteers has drastically reduced and they are struggling to remain operational. **Please**, if anyone could give even a small amount of time, ask for Wendy or John in the tuck shop or email the music centre. The AGM will take place in the Roblin Hall at the Music Centre, on Saturday 2nd October at 7.00pm. All parents are warmly invited. Come along and enjoy wine and cheese!

CRAFT FAIR

The Friends will be holding a Craft Fair in the Roblin Hall here at AMC on Saturday, 20th November from 12pm - 3pm. If you would like a stall please get in touch with the office. It will be an ideal opportunity to do some Christmas shopping!

OTHER CONCERTS / EVENTS

There will be some groups taking part in 'Christmas at Waddesdon Manor' on 19th December. Please check the info site <http://aymc.shutterfly.com> for updates to end of term activities as some concerts are yet to be finalised. We also have a board in the foyer which is worth checking regularly.



ENTRANCE to AMC on Saturdays – IMPORTANT CHANGE

The **AHS main entrance will be kept locked** from now on. Please use either the Harding Hall entrance or the Music Centre main entrance. The front doors at AHS can be unlocked from the inside but please don't do this! Please use the main or Harding Hall exits.

STAFF NEWS

Mr Roy Harrison, who taught the cello here at AMC, managed the County Youth Orchestra, and generally did anything to help, sadly passed away after a long illness last term. Roy was a long serving and respected member of staff and he will be much missed. We will be collecting to commission a special bench in memory of Roy. If you would like to donate, please give your contribution in to the office.

We have said goodbye to Simon Hale. We wish him all the best and thank him for his valued contribution to the music centre.

Tours

The Clarinet Choir and Rhythm Studio visited Bruges last July. They gave successful concerts both there and at the Menin Gate, Ypres, where they took part in the Last Post ceremony. There is a display in the foyer if you would like to see some photos.

The Youth Orchestra went to Rhineland and also had a very successful trip.

National Festival of Music for Youth

The following ensembles performed in the Symphony Hall and the Town hall in July: AMC Brass Band – Kathy Gifford; AMC Dance Band – Nick Care; The Youth Orchestra – Tom Horn. They were selected from thousands of ensembles who auditioned last March. The Concert Band - Jo Basterfield, were also invited to perform but the dates clashed with the Clarinet Choir Tour.

Congratulations to all who took part!

FEES

Basic Centre Membership for 1st child (up to 2 Ensembles)	56.50
Basic Centre Membership for 2nd and subsequent child (up to 2 Ensembles)	47.50
Supplement (if in 3 or more Ensembles)	12.50
Full scholarship (1st Child)	279.00
Half Scholarship (1st Child)	179.00
Full scholarship (2nd and subsequent child)	270.00
Half Scholarship (2nd and subsequent child)	170.00
30 minute tuition (Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bass etc (Instrumental lesson)	158.00
20 minute tuition (Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bass etc (Instrumental lesson)	108.00
Percussion lessons (usually in small group)	56.50
Theory, advanced Aural group classes (no charge for Scholars)	31.50

Happy music making,

Suzanne Hopkins

Head, Aylesbury Music Centre

