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## NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2011

### EVENTS DIARY

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30pm  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm

**Matinée Concert**, Room 11 (High Wycombe Music Centre)  
**Concert Band Concert** with Flute Choir, John Hampden Grammar School

#### SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm

##### Gala Concert, Wycombe Swan

Youth Orchestra, Youth Choir, Guitar Consort, Big Band, Senior Wind Band, Junior Orchestra, Junior Wind Band, Elementary Wind Band, String Club, Intermediate Guitars, Stage Choir, Preparatory Wind Band, Training Band, Marlow Junior Band

Tickets £8.50 (£6.00 concessions) available only from the Swan Box Office Telephone 01494 512000

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 12.30pm  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 7.30pm  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 8.00pm

**Matinée Concert**, Room 11, High Wycombe Music Centre  
**Winter Guitar Evening**, St Francis, Terriers (for all guitar ensembles)  
**Concert Band** in Scannappeal Christmas Concert, St Mary's, Amersham

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm  
Two further dates to be confirmed

**Scholars' Concert**, Room 11, HWMC  
**Concert Band Christmas Carolling in High Wycombe**

#### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> January 4.00pm

##### Gala Concert, Wycombe Swan

Concert Band, Saturday Strings, String Orchestra, Senior Orchestra, Combined Recorders, Senior Guitars, East Side, Junior and Training Guitars, Clarinet Choir, Saxophone Choir, Junior Choir, Intermediate Choir, Junior Big Band, Percussion Ensemble

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Weds 1<sup>st</sup> and Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 12.30pm  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm

**Soloists' Competition**, Room 11, HMWC  
**Matinée Concert**, Room 11, High Wycombe Music Centre  
**Concert Band Concert**, venue tbc; cheque presentation to Scannappeal

## ALL CHANGE AT HWMC

*At the end of the summer term, I was appointed as Area Headteacher South (Chiltern South Bucks and High Wycombe) and Deputy Music Service Manager. Apart from being just about the longest job title one could think of, it will have an impact on my involvement with High Wycombe Music Centre in the future. My new role will require me to manage all the Music Service staff in the south of the county, liaise with the schools in the region and take a strategic role in developing and implementing plans that will enable Buckinghamshire Music Service to draw down government funding to support our work in schools and music centres in the future. At the time of my appointment we were also able to identify two exceptional teachers and managers to take on the roles of Deputy Area Headteachers in High Wycombe and Amersham. So, I am sure you will be delighted to hear that Andy Rogers was appointed to oversee and develop the work of the High Wycombe Music Centre and Helen Mitchell takes on a similar role at the Amersham Centre. Andy has had a very long involvement at HWMC, initially as a student and more recently as a senior member of staff. There is no-one who is more committed to the Centre and I know that Andy will do an outstanding job in leading HWMC into its next stage of development.*

*I will continue to take a keen interest in the Music Centre, but my direct involvement will diminish and I won't be around as much on Fridays and Saturdays as I was in the past. Sally Stafford has kindly agreed to take over as conductor of the Youth Orchestra and Sylvia Rose will now conduct Senior Orchestra.*

*It has been a privilege to be Head of HWMC and there have been many highlights over the eight years that I have been here. Fantastic tours and two wonderful Royal Albert Hall concerts immediately come to mind, but overall, my memories will be of working with an exceptional group of young people whose energy and musicality have kept me on my toes at all times! A truly inspirational set of teachers and administrators who devote a huge amount of time and effort to provide a quality musical experience for our students. And finally, a wonderful set of parents who have been so supportive of the work we do at the Centre. Many thanks to you all.*

Simon Salisbury

### Music Centre dates 2011-12

#### **Autumn term 2011**

Music Centre resumes on :-

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Music Centre Half Term :-

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct

Final Music Centre sessions :-

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

#### **Spring Term 2012**

Music Centre resumes on :-

Fri 6<sup>th</sup>, Sat 7<sup>th</sup>, Mon 9<sup>th</sup> & Tues 10<sup>th</sup> January

Music Centre Half Term :-

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> February

Final Music Centre sessions :-

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>, Tues 20<sup>th</sup>, Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Summer Term 2012**

Music Centre resumes on :-

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>, Sat 21<sup>st</sup>, Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tues 24<sup>th</sup> April

Music Centre Half Term :-

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June

Final Music Centre sessions :-

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fri 6<sup>th</sup> & Sat 7<sup>th</sup> and Mon 9<sup>th</sup> July

### David Gray

At the end of last term, we said farewell to the longest serving member of staff at the Music Centre. David joined the staff soon after the Centre was set up in 1968. Over the years he taught General Musicianship to many generations of scholars and also conducted the Junior Choir. Upon retiring as Head of Music at Chesham High

School, he became an examiner for Trinity Guildhall and in recent years has been asked to undertake an increasing number of foreign tours, including two extended tours to India where there is a growing market for music exams. As a result, it was getting increasingly difficult for David to be able to offer the regular commitment to HWMC and also honour his contract with Trinity Guildhall so David decided that he would resign at the end of the summer term. We all thank David for his outstanding commitment to HWMC and wish him well for the future.

### National Festival of Music for Youth

Three groups from HWMC were represented at the National Festival of Music for Youth in Birmingham last July. The Junior Choir, conducted by Kate Venvell, had the honour of performing in the amazing Symphony Hall, the home of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and one of the finest concert halls in the world. They sang brilliantly and were not overawed by the occasion despite their young age. The Big Band (directed by Patrick Gazard) performed in the Sir Adrian Boult Hall in the Jazz category where competition was intense. Nevertheless, they played really well and have certainly benefited from the experience. The Youth Orchestra (conducted by Simon Salisbury) performed in the Town Hall and despite a very early start and a late arrival in Birmingham (which meant the orchestra had to go straight onto the stage without any kind of warm up), they gave perhaps one of their most accomplished performances and were subsequently awarded a special certificate for the quality of their playing.

## FURTHER DATES FOR THE DIARY (2012)

Sat 3 March	Venue tbc	Choral Concert
Sat 10 Mar 7.30	Marlow Parish Church	Youth Orch, String Orch, Guitar Consort
Fri 23 March	HWMC	Informal Presentations during normal rehearsal times
Sat 24 March	HWMC	Informal Presentations during normal rehearsal times inc all guitar groups (except Consort)
Sat 24 March 12.30	HWMC	Matinee Concert (Open Access)
Sat 24 March 7.30	Venue tbc	Jun Orchestra, Jun Wind Band, Jun Big Band, Stage Choir, Junior and Intermediate Choir
Sat 19 May	Venue tbc	Senior Orchestra, String Orchestra, Big Band & Senior Wind Band
Sat 26 May 12.30	HWMC	Matinee Concert (Open Access)
Sat 26 May 7.30	Venue tbc	Sat Strings, Elementary Wind Band, Stage Choir & Junior Big Band
Wed 30/Thurs31 May	Millbrook	Ensemble Auditions
Weds 27 June	HWMC	Chamber Music Competition
Sat 30 Jun	HW Parish Church (tbc)	<b>LEAVERS CONCERT</b>
Weds 4 July	HWMC	Scholars' Concert
Fri 6 July	HWMC	Composition Competition
Sat 7 July	Millbrook	HWMC Garden Party

### **Music Theory at HWMC**

Details of theory classes that will be running this year at HWMC.

Saturday 8.30 am class: Continuing from last year, currently working through Grade 4 workbook and aiming for Grade 5 exam in either Spring or Summer next year - new joiners will be considered if they have already covered Grades 1-3 with their instrumental teachers

Saturday 9.00 am class: A new beginners class - please just come to room G55 on the first Saturday if interested to find out more.

Jean Ashford

Something you really can't afford to miss.....

Saturday 15th October 2011

### **Supper Concert**

Enjoy an evening of delicious food whilst being serenaded by the multi-talented staff of the High Wycombe Music Centre

Tickets on sale from 24<sup>th</sup> September

### **Marlow Junior Band**

Last term, we started a new wind band for players who live in the Marlow area. The band rehearses at 4.15 – 5.00pm on Thursday afternoons at Holy Trinity Primary School and is open to all wind, brass and percussion players who have been learning for about 2 terms or more. The band is conducted by Matthew Gibbs and will give its first performance at the Swan Concert in November. The first rehearsal this term will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, so if you would like to try it out, why not just turn up and have a go?

### **Calling all grade 2 flute players.**

Did you know that there is a Flute Choir just for grade 2 – 3 flute players. It rehearses on Monday afternoons at HWMC 5.00 – 5.45. Jessica Kohl is the director and she would really like to have some more players. It is a really good opportunity for young flute players to play together and reinforce many of the technical issues that are covered in their weekly instrumental lesson. Why not come along and try it out? First rehearsal of the term is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Room 11 HWMC.

### **East Side Guitar Club**

From this term, Samantha Holwill will be directing this group which rehearses at Manor Farm Junior School on Thursday afternoons at 4.15 – 5.00. An ideal group to join if you have only been playing a little while but would like the opportunity of playing together with other guitarists of similar age and standard. Come along and try it out.

## HIGH WYCOMBE MUSIC CENTRE PTA

Well, it's nice to have a break, but nicer to be back. Is it just me who misses music centre after a few weeks off? Last year was terrific - some fine performances, culminated by the success of the Youth Orchestra at the National Festival of Music for Youth. Poignant that it was almost the last time Simon Salisbury would be conducting the HWMC YO. We thank him for having built up such a terrific orchestra and for all the work over the years building up the HWMC. I'm thankful that we won't lose him completely as he will still be manning our area music centres, but his presence on weekends will be missed. Of course, we have a solid stream of good younger performers coming through, and watching all the groups from the beginners through Junior and Senior ensembles, it's clear we will continue to have great ensembles of many types and levels.

But one group may not be quite as illustrious - we've yet to see! It's no surprise that with so many talented young people about, there are one or two musical parents. Just for fun, we're organising a one-off event where parents will form a choir and perform. Have a look at the announcement later in this newsletter for details. All parents and their friends are welcome to join the choir, and you're all invited along to hear the outcome!

Wishing you all another great year.

Dan Varnam (Chair, HWMC PTA)

Adults, have you ever wanted to join in the fun at the Music Centre?

### COME AND SING!

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

At HWMC, Millbrook School

Led by Patrick Gazard

£10 per participant, payable at the door

(Cheques payable to HWMC PTA)

Free performance for families and friends at 5:30 p.m.

All adults welcome to sing - why not bring a friend?

No formal experience required Music will be supplied

Popular repertoire - e.g. 60s/70s pop, spirituals, show songs

Refreshments available

All profits to HWMC P.T.A.

Contact [patrickgazard@googlemail.com](mailto:patrickgazard@googlemail.com) or [dan\\_varnam@hotmail.com](mailto:dan_varnam@hotmail.com) to express your interest or just turn up on the day!

## Congratulations to the following on achieving success in recent examinations .....

### VIOLIN

Callum Stewart, VI Dist  
Laurence Murphy, II Dist  
Alice Rudkin, II Dist  
Freddie Stringer, II Dist  
Imogen Woodhead, II Dist  
Ellie Rowley, II Merit  
Sathana Sasikumar, II Merit  
Nina Vasco, II Pass  
Victoria Whitehead, II Pass  
Sanjay Babu, I Dist  
Helena Pruszewicz, I Merit  
Emily Clark, I Pass  
Amy Averill, I Pass

### VIOLA:

Callum Stewart, III Dist  
Nicholas Morgan, III Pass  
Leeloo Creed, I Merit

### 'CELLO:

Dan Wheeler  
ATCL Dist  
Abigail O'Reilly, V  
Maya Tetteh, IV  
Victoria Humphreys, III Merit  
Tallulah Jones, III  
Sophie Davies, I Merit  
Sammy Taylor, I

### DOUBLE-BASS:

Max Hooton, V

### SAXOPHONE:

Fraser Wilkinson, VIII Merit  
Jack Insley, II Merit

### CLARINET:

Paula Zamorano-Osorio,  
VII Merit  
Joanna Averill, II Merit  
Philippa Rolfe, II Pass  
Amy Matthews, I Dist  
Jack Morton, I Merit  
Erin Maxwell, I Pass

### OBOE:

Abigail Basham, VIII Dist  
Aoife Dudley, VIII Dist  
Georgina Harvey, VI Merit  
Chloe Langham IV Dist  
Hannah Caroe III Merit  
Hannah Shelley, I Dist  
Beatrix Needham I Dist

### FLUTE:

Emily Myles, VII Dist  
Millie Williams, VI Pass  
Beatrice Dickinson, II Merit  
Zoe Kite, II Merit  
Daisy Moyes, I Dist  
Maisie Randall, I Merit

Christopher Entwistle Pass  
Iona MacKinnon, I Pass

### TRUMPET:

Mark Bonner, V Merit  
Sam Starkey, IV Dist  
Matthew Case, III Dist  
Daniel Crane, III Merit  
Greg Tyler, III Pass  
Pippa Young, I Dist

### GITAR:

Eliot Drewett V Pass  
Kai Jin Chan V Pass  
Lucy Auger Grade IV Merit  
Lily Taylor Grade IV Pass  
Jared Moehl, II Dist  
William Hall, I Merit  
Daniel Biss, 1 Merit

### DRUM KIT:

Ashvin Sharma, II Pass  
Daisy Bethell, I Dist  
Kaan Baydara, I Merit  
William Baker, I Merit  
Luke Foster, I Merit  
Fergus Chalmers, I Pass

### PIANO:

Zoe Pitman, VII Pass  
Isabella Merritt, V Dist

Becky Pitman, IV Dist  
Tabitha Caroe, IV Merit  
Megan Cave, III Dist

### THEORY:

Tabitha Caroe, V Dist  
Laura Gee, V Merit  
Amy Gee, V Pass  
Emily Hart, V Pass  
Sam Lowe, V Pass  
Katie Otter, V Pass

