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Newsletter

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Welcome back to Music Centre for a new year of music making. We hope you have had a good summer and are looking forward to the musical challenges that the ensemble directors will be setting for you over the coming year. We also hope that newcomers to the Music Centre will enjoy the Saturday morning music ensembles and will make many new friends.

What does the Parents' Committee do?

Newcomers may not be aware that the Music Centre has its own PTA; the Parents' Committee. Our function is to raise money and to support events held by the Centre for the benefit of the young musicians who attend the Centre.

A major role of the Committee is to provide refreshments every Saturday morning break time and for the audiences at the various concerts. We also produce this (termly) Newsletter through which everyone can be kept informed of forthcoming events, concerts, competitions and other items of interest.

Over the years the Parents' Committee has bought several new (and expensive!) musical instruments, sets of music stands, lots of sheet music, various items of equipment needed for the ensembles, and we have also paid for coach trips, entry to competitions and occasional repairs to the instruments.

Several Committee members left at the end of last year as their children moved on to pastures new and we are very much hoping that some of you will volunteer to join us. It is not very time-consuming; the whole Committee meets once or twice a term during the Saturday morning rehearsals and there is a rota for helpers at the Saturday morning refreshments.

By joining our small and merry band, you would not only help the Music Centre with its aim of providing an excellent environment for your child to develop his or her musical skills, but you would also get to know a (very nice!!) bunch of like-minded parents. If you would like to help out but not actually join the Committee, we would be still very grateful for additional helpers at the Saturday morning refreshments.

If you are interested in helping, or would like to join the Committee please contact Jenny Byer (the Chair of the Committee) on 01423 868695

FUND RAISING

JUNIOR CHOIR

The all new Harrogate Music Centre Junior Choir is up and running. The choir which is directed by Anna Stott and accompanied by Matthew Bailey already has 40 members. They are rehearsing at St Roberts' School on Monday evenings 6.15 -7.30. Jonathan Hill reports that they are a great bunch of kids and already sound fantastic. The Music Centre are hoping to start an Intermediate Choir next term, so do you know any budding choristers? If so please get them to contact the Music Centre Office 01423 700118.

Have you any great ideas for fund-raising? If so please let us know. Jonathan Hill and the Parents' Committee are meeting with the students representatives on Saturday 10th November so please get your ideas

FOR SALE OR WANTED

Looking to sell or buy a musical instrument. This Newsletter is a great place to advertise. Contact Christine Edmondson 01423 508124

HANDY-STUDENT/S NEEDED

Anyone out there handy with a screw-driver and a can of oil. There are a number of music stands which need a little attention and to save having to buy new ones we're sure most of them just need a little tender care! Please contact Jonathan or a Committee member if you can help.

FORTHCOMING MUSIC CENTRE CONCERT DATES, TIMES, VENUES AND ENSEMBLES

Thursday 1 st November. 8.00pm. Silcoates School, Wakefield	HYJO
Saturday 10 th November. 7.30. Regency Hotel, Harrogate	HYJO
Sunday 9 th December. 7.00pm. Harrogate Grammar School.	JS, ISO, HASSO, GO
Sunday 16 th December. 7.00pm. Harrogate High School.	HYPE, AB, JCB, ICB
Sunday 16 th December 7.30pm Cedar Court Hotel	HYJO
Saturday 17 th May. 7.00pm. St. Mark's Church, Leeds Road,	AB and HYPE
Saturday 21 st . June. 7.00pm. King James High, Knaresborough.	JS and JCB
Sunday 22 nd . June. 7.00pm. King James High, Knaresborough.	ISO, ICB, GO

