

<http://www.hmc-parents-assoc.org.uk>

Newsletter

October 2005

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. Occasionally we are asked to place adverts for musical instruments that members of the Music Centre wish to sell.

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 Mary Walker (the Chair of the Committee) on 01423 879408

Forthcoming Concerts & Events (also posted on the web site)

- Saturday 3rd December:** **HYJO** 11.00am -12.00 noon and **HYPE** 12.00 noon -1.00pm at the Harrogate Christmas Market
- Saturday 10th December:** **Junior Strings, ISO and HASSO** at Harrogate High School Lower Hall, 7.00pm
- Sunday 11th December:** **JCB & Area Band** at Harrogate High School Upper Hall, 3.00 pm.
- Saturday 18th December:** **ICB & Guitar Orchestra** venue to be arranged, 7.00pm.
- Saturday February 4th:** **JS, ISO and HASSO** at the Constance Green Hall (St. Aidan's School)

Roadies Needed.

When the Music Centre puts on concerts at venues other than Harrogate High School, a lot of musical instruments and equipment is transported by van to and from the concert venue. Two of our trusty roadies have now left the Committee, and we are in real need of volunteers to help with loading and unloading the vans. If you are able to provide extra 'muscle' at some of these concerts, the remaining roadies and ensemble directors would be very grateful. Please contact Mary Walker if you can help (tel: 01423 879408).

Congratulations to Caroline

Caroline Edwards had a baby girl, Lauren Alice, on 4th September. Many congratulations.

HYJO CD

The CD that HYJO recorded last June will soon be available for £10.00. You will be able to book a copy through the Music Centre shortly.

TO ALL MUSIC CENTRE MEMBERS - USE THE RUBBISH BINS AT BREAK TIMES!

Please don't leave mess around the refreshment areas at break times. This is extremely inconsiderate since others have to go around picking it up afterwards. As well as being tidy yourself, if you see someone else leaving empty crisp and sweet packets on the floor, benches or tables, please remind them to use the rubbish bins - there are plenty around.

This year the Committee has decided not hold a Christmas fair because the attendance for the past two years has been disappointing. We are currently planning alternative fundraising events through which we can raise much needed money. We also welcome any suitable fundraising ideas from you.

VIOLINS FOR SALE

1/2 size: Very good condition
Violin with bow and case

Cost £30.00 (£70.00 new)

Contact Anna on 07740461650

Full Size: Andreas Zeller violin outfit
(including bow and case)

Suitable up to Grade 5

Cost £100

Tel 01423 330235 or
eapickburn@hotmail.com