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MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

No. 27 July 2019

We have thoroughly enjoyed making music with all our members this year.

In this newsletter we give further information about new classes for September, baby and pre-school activities taking place in the holidays and share some photos from recent performances and events.

The Abingdon Music Centre office is now closed until **9th September**. We wish all of our members a wonderful summer.



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Mini Music Makers Summer Drop-ins:

for Babies, Toddlers and Pre-schoolers

Come and have fun singing, playing instruments and learning action songs during the summer holidays

ALL WELCOME!

Venue: Music Centre @ Larkmead School Music Building

Wednesday 31st July
Wednesday 7th August
Wednesday 21st August

9.30-10.00 ~ 3 years +
10.15-10.45 ~ 1 to 3 years
11.00-11.30 ~ 12 months and under

Cost £4.75 per session (younger siblings £1)
classes are open to our members and visitors
younger siblings welcome!

To book your place please email Gillian on
events@abingdonmusic.co.uk



Adult Guitar Class Changes

Our recent summer festival was sadly Glyn's last performance with the Adult Guitar Groups. He has taught the classes for 7 years and will be sorely missed. We are glad to not be losing Glyn completely: he will still teach for Abingdon Music Centre on the Year 7 Larkmead summer school and other projects. Steve Gower, Guitar Club tutor, will be taking over all the Adult Guitar classes from September. In addition to the existing classes on Thursday evening for more experienced players, we have spaces in **two adult beginner groups** from September:

- Mondays 6.45-7.45pm
- Wednesdays 9.45-10.45am

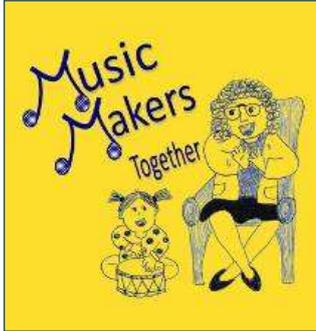
These classes still have spaces. Please contact the AMC Office to book a free taster session.





Activities for Babies & Pre-schoolers:

Music Makers Together @ Bridge House Care Home



Our special intergenerational sessions at Bridge House Care Home, run by Gillian and Helen, have now moved to Fridays. These FREE pre-school music sessions for children under 5 with their parents, carers or grandparents and residents of Bridge House Care Home, take place once per month, 11.40-12.25.

Recent themes include Colours, Things That Go, Gardens and Beside the Seaside. We enjoy sharing traditional songs and rhymes together and encourage children and adults to join in with actions, props and instruments. We aim to get the children interacting with the residents, whether through playing peek-a-boo or sharing out scarves and instruments.

Dates for the Autumn (all 11.40-12.25 at Bridge House) are:

- Friday 13th September
- Friday 18th October
- Friday 15th November
- Friday 13th December

Coffee and light lunches available before and afterwards at the Riverly Club (small charge for non-members).

The AMC office will be closed over the summer.

Please let us know if you are coming via the link on the Abingdon Music Centre Facebook events listing.

Music Makers Together: In the Garden. 28th June





Seaside Summer Party, 17th July @ The Abbey Baptist Church



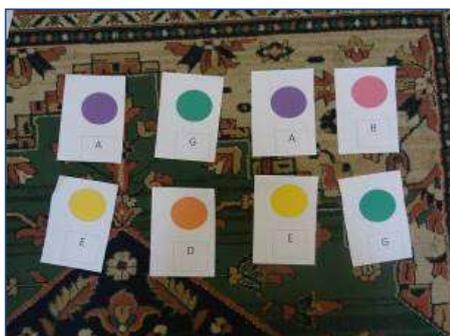


The Mini Music Makers Baby and Pre-school summer party was on the theme of the Seaside. After making and decorating shakers, everyone enjoyed singing and moving to songs about sea creatures, boats, sand and sea. The children did a great job dancing whilst the teachers played various instruments: Sally on flute, Gillian on violin, Kat on Euphonium, Helen on piano and also Brodie on guitar. Songs with the lycra are always great fun!



Activities for School-age Children:

Holiday Workshop: JUNK! (for children in Years 3-6)



Both May holiday workshops followed the theme of Junk.

The older children created drums and rain-makers, used dustbins to form a drum circle, created their own compositions using boom-whackers and recorded their own ideas using music technology. They also learned to play 'Junk' by Paul McCartney on a variety of instruments.

The next holiday workshops will take place on **Tuesday 29th October.**



Abingdon Music Centre Summer Festival, 13th July:

We were delighted to feature so many of our groups at our Summer Festival at The Manor.:

- Abingdon Community Orchestra
- Recorders and Musicianship
- Jazz Ensemble (taught by Dorothy Shaw)
- Adult Recorder Ensemble
- Ladies' Morning Choir
- Ladies' Afternoon Choir
- Adult Guitar Groups
- Singing for Pleasure
- ACCord (Abingdon Community Choir)

Particularly special were the two original compositions that were performed during the day:

- Silver and Gold by John Hawkes, member of Abingdon Community Orchestra
- Fly Little Bird by Oliver Nicholls, accompanist for Singing for Pleasure.



Commented [ME1]:





Some additional members joined the Adult Recorder Group for *Teddy Bears' Picnic*...







Guitar Club Performing Evening

As Steve was away on tour, the Guitar Club showcased their work in their own Performance Evening in June. Their enjoyment and confidence shone through their solo items and group numbers.

Song Titles Quiz



Singing For Pleasure's programme in the Summer Festival was entirely based on songs about birds. The festival song titles quiz continued the bird theme – congratulations to Pauline who worked out the most correct answers.

For members unable to attend the festival, here it is just for fun. (Answers on page 19)

Can you work out these other songs/pieces of music with a bird(s) in their titles?

e.g. W the R R R = When the Red Red Robin

Hint: classical composers are listed by surname only.

1. S a S of S (not in the title but the song is about 24 birds!)
2. T L D B
3. The O and the P
4. K S in the O G T
5. Y B
6. R R - by J F
7. B B B
8. A N S in B S
9. B on a W - by L C
10. T L B - by B M
11. N W (T B H F) – by The B
12. The U D
13. The W W S
14. F the B – from M P
15. The L A – by V W
16. The F – by S
17. On H the F C in S – by D
18. The S S - by G
19. The S of T - by S
20. The T M – by R

Community Performances:

[ACCord / Pop-Up-Choir at Fun in the Park, 1st June](#)





Abingdon Community Orchestra at Fun in the Park, 1st June





Photos by Martin Wackenier

We always enjoy the opportunity to perform on the big dome stage at Fun in the Park and showcase our hard work to a wider audience. ACCord were joined by others who came along on the day and rehearsed as part of the pop-up choir.

Abingdon Community Orchestra performed the Jig from St Paul's Suite by Holst and the Overture from Pirates of Penzance from their current repertoire . The orchestra was then joined by members of the Family Orchestra/Pop-up Band for some additional quite diverse pieces, including:

- Swing Low Sweet Chariot
- Spring from the Four Seasons (Vivaldi)
- Shotgun (by George Ezra)

It was great to bring musicians of a wide range of experience/level and ages together.



Activities for Families:

Pop Up Band / Radley Family Orchestra at Fun in the Park, 1st June



Photos by Martin Wackener

Ladies' Choirs at Trinity Summer Concert for Christian Aid, 27th June



Both Ladies' Choirs sang beautifully at a charity Summer Concert at Trinity Church. £508.63 was raised for Christian Aid. Congratulations to all involved. There are currently spaces in both choirs, especially for Altos – no auditions and no need to be able to read music.





Photos by Steve

Dates for your diary:

There are various events taking place over the summer and next term that involve our members:

2019 Dates:

Weds 31st July	Mini Music Makers Summer drop-in sessions (for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers)
Weds 7th Aug	
Weds 21st Aug	
Mon 9th Sept	Start of Abingdon Music Centre term
Sat 12th Oct	Splash of Pink replacement date (ACCord)
Sat 19th Oct	Chiltern Community Choir Festival (ACCord)
Sat 30th November	Abingdon Christmas Extravaganza
Weds 4th Dec	AMC Christmas Concert @ St Helen's Church, 7pm

Next AMC Members' Evening: AMC Christmas Concert

Wednesday 4th December, 7pm
St Helen's Church, Abingdon

Song Titles Quiz Answers:

1. Sing a song of sixpence; 2. Two little dickie birds; 3. The Owl and the Pussy Cat; 4. Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree; 5. Yellow Bird; 6. Rockin' robin (by the Jackson Five); 7. Bye bye blackbird; 8. A nightingale sang in Berkeley Square; 9. Bird on a wire (by Leonard Cohen); 10. Three little birds (by Bob Marley); 11. Norwegian Wood (This Bird Has Flown)" (by The Beatles); 12. The ugly duckling; 13. The Woody woodpecker song; 14. Feed the birds (from Mary Poppins); 15. The lark ascending (by Vaughan Williams); 16. The Firebird (by Stravinsky); 17. On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring (by Delius); 18. Silver Swan (by Gibbon); 19. The Swan of Tuonela (by Sibelius); 20. The thieving magpie (by Rossini)



Oxfordshire Adult Learning

This year we have continued to run a variety of outreach courses to enable people who may not otherwise have the chance to make music. This Skills Agency Funding has been made available via Oxfordshire Adult Learning, through Abingdon and Witney College.

We have worked in partnership with a number of local organisations to deliver singing, general music-making plus exploring Ben's 'Black Spot' resource as a basis for creating music. We are extremely grateful to staff at these partner organisations for their support in running these sessions:

- Abingdon Community Support Service
- Bridge House Care Home (2 courses)
- Stowford House Care Home (2 courses)
- Abingdon Court Care Home (2 courses)
- Old Station House Care Home (2 courses)
- Nicholson House (Sheltered Housing)
- Berinsfield Voluntary Day Centre

Additional funding from Oxfordshire Adult Learning and Oxfordshire Learning Network over the past couple of years has also allowed us to offer opportunities for free music-making music with families. In 2018-19 we have also run:

- 3 Parent and toddler ukulele courses at The Berin Centre
- Let's All Make Some Music (free day of family music workshops in the Easter holidays)
- Radley Primary Family Orchestra
- Rush Common Primary Family Orchestra



We are delighted to have heard that we have been successful in our application for further funding of outreach work in 2018-19 and we look forward to extending our family learning opportunities.





Our groups and classes from September 2019:

*The pre-school and baby classes show the age ranges for the current term; these will adjust each term to cater for the children already in the classes and there may be changes after the sign-up sheets have been completed. New classes, including for babies from 3 months, start each term based on demand.

Group	Age Range*	Focus	Day	Time	Venue
Pre-school and Baby	New baby	Musical activities	Thurs	11:15	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	New baby from Jan 2020	Musical activities	Mon	10:15	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	6-12 mths	Musical activities	Fri	10:20	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	2mths-crawling (Drop-in class)	Musical activities	Tues	10:15	Christ Church Northcourt Road
Pre-school and Baby	1-2yr	Musical activities	Weds	10:20	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	1-2yr (waiting list)	Musical activities	Fri	09:40	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	2-3yr	Musical activities	Mon	09:30	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	3 yr & over	Musical activities	Weds	09:40	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	3 yr & over	Musical activities	Weds	11:00	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	3 yr & over	Musical activities	Thurs	10:15	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	3 yr & over	Musical activities	Fri	11:00	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	Mixed age (Drop-in class)	Musical activities	Tues	09:30	Christ Church Northcourt Road
School-age	Age 4-6 yrs (Reception/Yr 1)	Mini Music Makers	Tues	16:00	Music Building, Larkmead School
School-age	Age 6-13 yrs (Years 2-8)	Recorders & Musicianship: Beginners Intermediate Advanced	Tues	from 16:00	Music Building, Larkmead School
School-age	From 6+yrs	Guitar Club: Beginners Established Group 1 Established Group 2 Intermediate Advanced	Mon Mon Weds Weds	16:45 17:45 17:00 18:00 19:00	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Ladies' Choir - 3 part SSA	Tues	13:45	Abbey Baptist Church / Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Ladies' Choir - 3-part SSA	Tues	10:00	Abbey Baptist Church
Adult	Adult	Guitar – Established	Thur	17:45	Music Building, Larkmead School

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Our current groups and classes continued...



Group	Age Range*	Focus	Day	Time	Venue
Adult	Adult	Guitar – intermediates	Thur	18:45	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Guitar - advanced	Thur	19:45	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Guitar – beginner	Mon	18:45	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Guitar - beginner	Wed	9:45	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Ukulele	Thurs	14:30	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	ACCord Community Choir	Tues	19:30	Thomas Reade School
Adult	Adult	Community Orchestra	Wed	19:15	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Recorder ensemble (fortnightly)	Thur	19:30	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Singing for Pleasure	Fri	11:40	Abbey Baptist Church

Occasional workshops run in addition to these classes – please check our website for more details.

Hosted groups and classes:

We also host the following musical opportunities, run by our teacher / musician members:

- Jazz Ensemble Playing Course** (Wednesday evenings)
 The emphasis of the course is on playing in a band and will cover playing well-known standards as well as some theory and ear-training along the way. For: those with little or no experience of playing jazz in a group; any instrumentalists or singers with reasonable technical ability; over 16s.
- Abingdon Strings** (Alternate Saturdays 10.30-12.30 / 1-2pm)
 This is a fortnightly class, led by Marion Crombie and Valerie Findlay, for adult string players who want to play in a group primarily for pleasure rather than for exams. There is also a beginners group who meet at 1pm.
- Instrumental Lessons**
 Through our teacher members, lessons are offered in keyboard, woodwind, strings, brass, guitar, percussion and theory. Please contact the Abingdon Music Centre office, or see pages 13-14, for further details.
- Rehearsal Space**
 If you want to play with a small group of musicians 'for fun, not for exams,' or simply need a practice space, that's possible too.

Please contact Abingdon Music Centre for further details of these musical opportunities and we will put you in touch with the organisers.

The AMC office is open on Mondays to Fridays in term time between 9 and 2.30pm.

Our teacher / musician members:



Please see our website for email links to all teachers

Piano/Keyboard

Claudia Martin, M Music Performance, Dip. Piano Teaching: Piano

Olga Meadows, M. Mus., CT ABRSM, Dip. ABRSM: Piano, Keyboard, Theory

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Sally Mears: Piano, Singing, Theory, Workshop leader, Conductor, Accompanist for exams and festivals

phone: 01235 534018

Oliver Nicholls: Piano, Saxophone, Composer, Performer, Accompanist

web: <http://olliedn.com>

Glyn Rowlands: Piano, Guitar, Drums

Dorothy Shaw, *DipMusEd (Rockschool 2011)*, *ABRSM Grade VIII & theory: Pianist, Piano teacher*

(beginners to Grade 5, classical or jazz, children and adults), keyboard

phone: 01235 523230 / 07518 915492

Marianna Hanischne Szentesi, *BMus in Piano, BMus in Music, QTS*: Piano, Theory

phone: 07943 962363; web: dsvmusic tuition.wixsite.com/kodaly-music-school/

Laurence Williams: Vocal, Piano, Theory, Songwriting

(ABRSM classical or jazz exams, or for fun all styles including pop; songwriting and music production)

phone: 07925 154921; web: <http://www.laurencemusic.co.uk/>

Strings

Marion Crombie: Strings, String groups

mobile: 07595 627476; web: www.CherwellChamberMusic.com

Ben Heaney, *GmusRNCM PGCE*: Electric Violin, Strings & Music Educator

mobile: 07773 051162; web: www.deltaviolin.com

Becky Ramsurn, *BMus(Hons) PGCE*: Singing and Cello teacher (children and adults, beginner to advanced)

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Woodwind

Sally Allsop: Flute, Recorder, Theory

phone: 01235 525158

Oliver Nicholls: Piano, Saxophone, Composer, Performer, Accompanist

web: <http://olliedn.com>

Brass

Scott Gladwell: Brass (Beginner to Grade 5)

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Abigail Perrow: Brass (Beginner to Grade 4)

Phone: 01491 200789

Guitar

Glyn Rowlands: Piano, Drums, Guitar

Percussion

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Voice

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Help needed!

Abingdon Music Centre would not be able to run without extensive volunteer support. We are extremely grateful to everyone who gives their time in order to support our work.

In particular, we are looking for help with the following:

- Support at Members' Events and concerts, e.g. help with set-up/pack away, helping to serve and tidy refreshments
- Support at other events in the town, e.g. setting up gazebos at Fun in the Park
- Support with fundraising:
 - Raffle prizes
 - Useful contacts who may be able to offer financial support for our activities, e.g. outreach
 - Join our fundraising group
- Support with Publicity:
 - To display a poster(s) at work, church, other groups you have links with, etc.
 - To put out flyers at work, church, other groups you have links with, etc.
 - To deliver flyers to addresses in Abingdon

If you have any other links through which you may be able to further promote us we would be ever so grateful to hear from you.

If you are able to help with any of the above, or are interested in getting involved in another way, please contact the AMC office.



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