

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

No. 26 May 2019

AMC Summer Festival
Saturday 13th July

All members + their guests
welcome. See page 3.

We hope you are enjoying making music with Abingdon Music Centre.

In this newsletter we give further information about some events coming up this term and share some photos from recent performances.

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Activities for families:

Fun in the Park Event – Saturday 1st June 2019

We are always delighted to contribute to the annual Fun in the Park event. We will be running a variety of workshops and drop-ins (in our tents near the folly) for different age-groups plus performing during the day. The event will take place in the Abbey Grounds from 10:30am to 3:30pm and, as well as our contributions, there will be entertainment, rides, activities, stalls, games, sports and refreshments. Entry is FREE.

Activities for babies/pre-schoolers:

Workshops in the AMC Main Tent:

11:00-11:20 Baby/pre-school Mini Music Makers
13:00-13:20 Baby/pre-school Mini Music Makers
13:30-13:50 Baby/pre-school Mini Music Makers

Plus: Junk Percussion in the AMC Pop-Up Band tent

Activities for school-age children + family:

Workshops in the AMC Main Tent:

10:30-10:55 School-age Mini Music Makers*
11:30-11:55 School-age Mini Music Makers*
**music session for c.4-9 year olds*

Activities in the AMC Pop-Up Band Tent:

Drop-in, between 10:30-13:45 and 15:00-15:30

- Junk Percussion making (all ages)
- Introduction to Ukulele (ages 4+)
- Introduction to Recorder (ages 5+)**

and then come and take part in the
Pop-Up Band near the Main Stage at 2.30pm!

*** we will have brand new descant recorders available to buy for only £2!*

For all ages (including adults):

12:10-13:00 **Pop-Up Choir:** Singing Workshop / Community Choir Open rehearsal, followed by demonstration on the Main stage (AMC Main Tent)

14:30-15:00 **Pop-Up Band** (Main Stage)
Please visit our tent in advance to get involved (percussion / uke / recorder), or bring an instrument you already play (parts available: see Page 2)

AMC Performances on the Main Stage:

13:00 ACCord, plus Pop-Up Choir
14:00 Abingdon Community Orchestra
14:30 Pop-Up Band (Meet at 14:10)



POP-UP Band

Saturday 1st June, 2.30pm

@ Fun in the Park

(Main Stage, Abbey Grounds)

If you already play an instrument: please email:

popupband@abingdonmusic.co.uk with your name and instrument to access parts for the songs / further details.

If you don't already play: visit us at the Abingdon Music Centre tent (at Fun in the Park, starting 10.30am) to get involved:

- Junk Percussion making
- Introduction to Ukulele
- Introduction to Recorder (buy for £2 each)





Music for Everyone

Abingdon Music Centre

www.abingdonmusic.co.uk

AMC Summer Festival

Saturday 13th July 2019, 3-8pm

Provisional Running Order:

This festival is designed as a 'hop-on, hop-off' concert, to give each group a good amount of performance time. Please attend for at least the group before and after your slot in order to support other performers.



- 15:00 Community Orchestra
15:45 Recorders
(Adult/ Recorders & musicianship)
16:15 Adult Recorders
16:40 Jazz Group
17:00 Ladies' Choir (am)
17:40 Ladies' Choir (pm)
18:20 Adult Guitars
18:45 Singing for Pleasure
19:15 ACCord

Venue: The Manor School Hall

Tickets: FREE for AMC Members +
their guests (includes 1 drink).

Please obtain in advance via class teachers
/ AMC admin office (from 17th June)

+ Pay bar, cake stall & raffle

We will be running a raffle and cake stall at this festival to raise funds towards our work, e.g. music sessions for people with dementia. We wish to invite participants to donate either an item towards the hampers for raffle prizes (via class teachers, in advance) or a cake (on the day) if possible.

Spring Event (16th March):



Baby & Pre-school songs and activities on the theme of 'Jungle'



Older siblings explored the ukuleles.

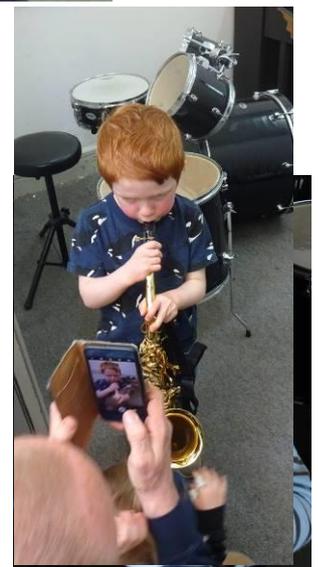


The featured instrument this year was the cello

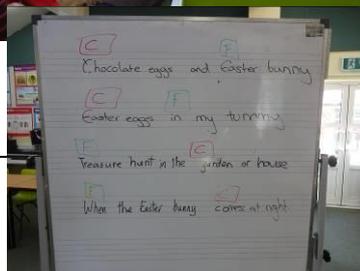


Let's All Make Some Music (11th April):

This family music workshop took place over the Easter holidays and was funded via Oxfordshire Adult Learning. Sessions included junk percussion, Ben's Black Spot challenge, playing the ukulele, family band and pre-school music on a theme of gardens. The workshop also finished with the opportunity to try a range of instruments.



OWN SONG, GROUP 1:
 Chocolate eggs and Easter bunny
 Easter eggs in my tummy
 Treasure hunt in the garden or house
 When the Easter bunny comes at night.



OWN SONG, GROUP 2:
 Music is noisy, music is good
 It makes me feel really happy
 It makes me dance, it makes me sing
 It's better than playing Lego!



Community Performances

Our four choirs have been involved in various community performances last term:

- Singing for Pleasure – World Day of Prayer and WDP re-run at Bridge House
- Ladies' Choir (am) – Old Station House and Big Easter Event
- Ladies' Choir (pm) – Bridge House and Big Easter Event
- ACCord – Big Easter Event

We were also delighted to support the 2019 Abingdon Passion Play through participating in the opening Flashmob.

We are always very pleased to participate in community performances, both to provide performance experience for our groups and also support the local community. There are various performances scheduled for the summer term (see *dates for your diary*) and we are grateful to choir members for giving their time to support these events.

Guitar Club Performance Evening

Guitar Club will be holding a performance evening on **Wednesday 26th June, 6pm**. This will take place at the Music Centre. All members of Guitar Club (all groups) and their guests (friends and family) are very welcome to attend this event.

Please note: Guitar Club will be performing on this evening instead of at our Summer Festival. Guitar Club members and their guests are still very welcome to attend the festival on 13th July and listen to our other groups.



Family Orchestra

The Radley Primary Family Orchestra met for their second session this term. It was great to see so many participants willing to try out a new instrument in the orchestra, including drums, saxophone, double bass - playing instruments they had only started on that morning!

We are looking forward to the Rush Common Family Orchestra in June and hope to roll out the project to other primary schools next academic year. This project is funded by Oxfordshire Learning Network.



Activities for Babies & Pre-schoolers:



Wednesday 17th July 2019

10am - 11.30am

Abbey Baptist Church (Checker Walk)

**Baby & Pre-school Music
Summer Drop-in Sessions**

Wednesday 31st July

Wednesday 7th August

Wednesday 21st August

Various times:

9.30-10.00 3+ years

10.15-10.45 Moving to 3 years

11.00-11.30 Babies to too wriggly

Venue: Abingdon Music Centre
@ Larkmead School

Please book in advance via the AMC Office

Music from 10am-11am
Refreshments from
11am - 11.30am

Tickets £5 per family
available from
Abingdon Music Centre
All welcome!



Music
Makers
Together



Music Makers Together

Free intergenerational music session

*for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers
with their parents, carers and grandparents
and residents of Bridge House Care Home*

at the Riverly Club, Bridge House Care Home
(gate off Waitrose care park, OX14 3UJ)

One **Friday** each month, 11:40am – 12:25pm
Summer 2019 dates: **28th June, 19th July**

Pre-booking essential.

See  AbingdonMusicCentre for further details

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

FREE

Further
details and
booking

via



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Dates for your Diaries:

Sat 1st June

Fun in the Park event (Abbey Grounds)

- Workshops for babies/ pre-schoolers: 11:00, 13:00, 13:00
- Workshops for school-age: 10:30, 11:30
- Drop-in: learn ukulele, recorder (buy a recorder for £2!), create junk percussion
- Pop-Up Choir: 12:10, then on stage at 13:00
- Pop-Up Band: from 14:30 (Main Stage)
- Performances on Stage (13:00 ACCord, 14:00 Orchestra, 14:30 Pop-Up Band)

Fri 21st June

AMC-Sponsored Workshops at Make Music Day (Market Place/Guildhall)

- Singing for Fun, 16:15 (led by Matt) – Old Magistrates' Court
- Pop-up Violiddle, 16:00 (led by Ben) – Abbey Room

See <https://makemusicabingdon.nearme.info/> for more information

Weds 26th June

Guitar Club Performance Evening

Sat 13th July

AMC Summer Festival, 3-8pm (The Manor School Hall)

Weds 17th July

Baby & Pre-school Summer Party, 10-11:30am (Abbey Baptist Church)

Sat 20th July

ACCord at Splash of Pink

Weds 31st July/

Baby & Pre-school Summer Drop-in

Weds 7th/21st August

Weds 4th December

AMC Christmas Concert, 7pm (St Helen's Church)

Activities for School-age Children:

Holiday Workshops, Tuesday 28th May

There are still some places remaining for our half-term holiday workshops on the theme of Junk!

- The session for children in Reception – Year 2 takes place 9:30-12 noon, followed by a short performance.
- The session for children in Year 3 – Year 6 takes place 9:15-15:15, followed by a short performance.

Further details are available on our website. Booking is essential – please contact Helen (director@abingdonmusic.co.uk) by 3pm on Monday to secure a place.



Our current groups and classes:

*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	6-12mths	Musical activities	Thurs	11:15	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	9-12mths	Musical activities	Mon	09:30	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	2mths-crawling (Drop-in class)	Musical activities	Tues	10:15	Christ Church Northcourt Road
Pre-school and Baby	1.5-2.5 yr	Musical activities	Weds	11:00	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	1.5-2.5 yr	Musical activities	Fri	11:00	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	1.5-2.5 yr	Musical activities	Thurs	09:30	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	2-3 yr	Musical activities	Weds	09:40	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	2.5-3.5 yr	Musical activities	Mon	11:00	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	3 yr & over	Musical activities	Fri	10:15	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	3 yr & over	Musical activities	Weds	10:20	Abbey Baptist Church Chequer Walk
Pre-school and Baby	3 yr & over	Musical activities	Mon	10:20	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	3 yr & over	Musical activities	Fri	09:40	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 6-12 yrs (Years 2-7)	Recorders & Musicianship: Beginners Intermediate Advanced	Tues	16:00 16:00 16:45	Music Building, Larkmead School
School-age	From 6+yrs	Guitar Club: Higher Intermediates Beginners Group 2 Beginners Group 1 Lower Intermediates Established Beginners Advanced	Mon Mon Weds Weds Weds Weds	16:45 17:45 16:00 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 beginners	Thur	18:00	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	19:00	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Guitar - advanced	Thur	20:00	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Guitar – beginner	Mon	19:00	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Ukulele - intermediate	Wed	11:00	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Ukulele - beginner	Wed	12:15	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	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
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Olga Meadows, M. Mus., CT ABRSM, Dip. ABRSM: Piano, Keyboard, Theory
mobile: 07747 005778 web: www.olgameadows.co.uk

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)*
mobile: 07886 830540; web: www.musicteachers.co.uk/teacher/a9f3837e0512edb0e227

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)
Phone: 07896 666305

Abigail Perrow: Brass (Beginner to Grade 4)
Phone: 01491 200789

Guitar

Glyn Rowlands: Piano, Drums, Guitar

Percussion

Glyn Rowlands: Piano, Drums, Guitar



Voice

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Robert Thomas, B.Mus., ABRSM Grade 8: Individual and group accompanist
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Matthew Winkworth: Conductor/director, accompanist, composer/arranger
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Conductor/Director

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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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