

## MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

No. 28 November 2019

We hope you are enjoying your music-making with Abingdon Music Centre this term.

In this newsletter we give further information about upcoming events and opportunities and share some photos from our recent holiday workshops.

We especially wish to invite all our members and their guests to our Christmas Concert on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm** at St Helen's Church.

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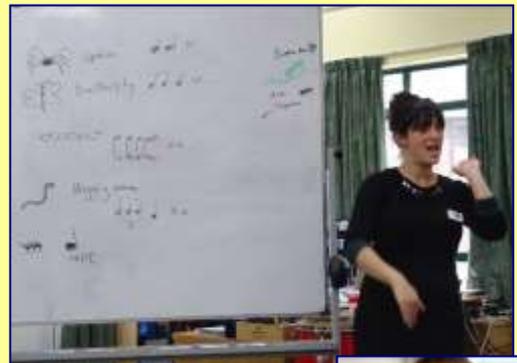
### Activities for School-aged children:

#### Holiday Music Workshops

We enjoy making music with primary school-aged children in the half-term holidays.

The 4-7 year-old group explored the theme of Creepy Crawlies with Matt and Becky. The children enjoyed creating music using the rhythms of different Creepy Crawlies and The Bumble Bee song proved a particular favourite too.

Reggae was the theme for the 7-11 year-old group. The children learned about the musical style and learned to play some Bob Marley songs (*Buffalo Soldier* and *Three Little Birds*) on a range of instruments: ukuleles, keyboards, drum kit plus some of them brought their own instruments. They had a go at composing their own Reggae song. They also created tie-dye T-shirts in Rastafarian colours of red, yellow, green (the colours of the Ethiopian flag) and black.



## Dates for your diary (2019-20):

There are various events taking place over the next month and into next year that involve our members:

- Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November** Abingdon Christmas Extravaganza  
(ACCord, Community Orchestra, Adult Recorders, Jazz class)  
*Various times/venues – please see below*
- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** Community Performance: Ladies' Morning Choir at Old Station House
- Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** AMC Christmas Concert (all school-age/adult groups)  
*St Helen's Church, 7pm*
- Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** Baby and pre-school Mini Music Makers Christmas Party  
*Abbey Baptist Church, 10-11.30am (please see page 3)*
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** Community Performance: Singing for Pleasure at Old Station House (11am) and Nicholson House (3pm)
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** Larkmead School Concert (involving Abingdon Community Orchestra), 7pm
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March** AMC Spring Event (AMC, morning)
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March** Music at the Manor afternoon concert (Abingdon Community Orchestra)  
Music at the Manor evening concert (ACCord and Swingtime)  
*The Manor School*

### AMC Christmas Concert

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December,  
7pm  
St Helen's Church, Abingdon**

We are delighted to invite all our members and their guests to this FREE concert featuring our school-age and adult groups.

Please book your place(s) via your class teacher or the AMC Office by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**



### Hear us at the Abingdon Christmas Extravaganza: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

#### ACCord

- 9.45-10.30** Warm-up at Abbey Baptist Church  
**11.30-12.30** Take part in the Main Parade  
**1.00-1.20** Perform in Bath Street  
**2.45-3.15** Perform at St Nicolas' Church  
**4.00-4.30** Perform in the Market Place

#### Abingdon Community Orchestra

- 12.20-12.50** Perform at St Nicolas' Church  
**2.00-2.30** Perform St Ethelwold's (Oxfam pop-up shop)

#### Adult Recorder Ensemble

- 11.30-12.00** Perform at St Ethelwold's (Oxfam pop-up shop)  
**1.15-1.45** Perform at St Nicolas' Church

#### Jazz class

- 3.00-3.30** Perform at St Ethelwold's (Oxfam pop-up shop)



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## MUSICAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

JOIN IN THE FESTIVE FUN WITH YOUR BABIES AND  
PRE-SCHOOLERS - ALL WELCOME

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

10.00AM – 11.30AM  
VENUE: THE ABBEY BAPTIST CHURCH,  
CHECKER WALK



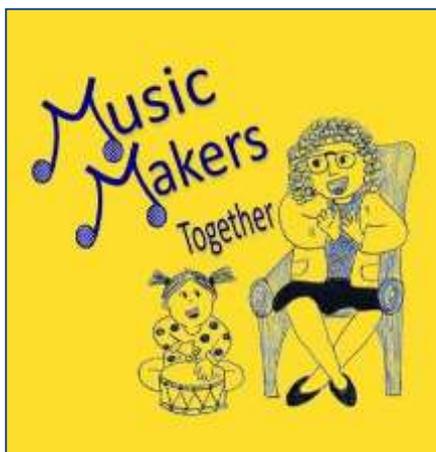
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11.00AM – 11.30AM

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OR POP INTO  
THE AMC OFFICE  
TO BOOK YOUR  
PLACE - £5 PER  
FAMILY



## 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, take place once per month on Fridays, 11.40-12.25. These are FREE pre-school music sessions for children under 5 with their parents, carers or grandparents and residents of Bridge House Care Home. This is open to members and non-members of Abingdon Music Centre.

Recent themes include Colours, Autumn Leaves, Jungle and Things That Go. 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.

The final session for the Autumn term (11.40-12.25 at Bridge House) is:

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Winter**

Dates for the New Year to follow soon (usually middle of the month). Please let us know if you are coming via the link on the Abingdon Music Centre Facebook events listing.

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



## Hosted Activities for School-aged children:

Abingdon Music Centre is delighted to work in partnership with Oxfordshire County Music Service to bring musical opportunities to school-aged children in Abingdon. We are now hosting the Abingdon Junior Orchestra at our base (Music Building at Larkmead School) and will be welcoming SOYS and SOYPA in January 2020.

### Abingdon Junior Orchestra

Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm  
This mixed instrument orchestra is for primary school players from beginner to grade 3. Free for those in the First Access programme (tuition through primary schools).



### South Oxfordshire Young Singers – from January 2020

Wednesdays 4.30-5.30pm  
SOYS is a group for enthusiastic and able primary aged singers in Y3-6 looking to challenge themselves beyond school choir and improve their vocal technique and musical ability by singing an exciting range of pieces in up to three-part harmony. There are performance opportunities at prestigious events and venues throughout the year including the Sheldonian and Oxford Town Hall.

### South Oxfordshire Young Performing Arts – from January 2020

Wednesdays 6-7pm (time TBC)  
SOYPA is open to young people in year 7, 8, 9 and 10 with an interest in performing arts. We welcome all abilities and you don't need to be able to read music. Singing is varied, covering a wide range of styles and part singing. Movement is for all abilities, developed through creative ideas as well as dance techniques. Pupils work on developing dramatic expression through improvisation.



## 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 2 months, start each term based on demand.

Group	Age Range*	Focus	Day	Time	Venue
Pre-school and Baby	New baby	Mini Music Makers	Thurs	11:15	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	6-9 mths	Mini Music Makers	Fri	10:20	Abbey Baptist Church Checker Walk
Pre-school and Baby	2mths-crawling (Drop-in class)	Mini Music Makers	Tues	10:45	Christ Church Northcourt Road
Pre-school and Baby	1-2yr	Mini Music Makers	Weds	10:20	Abbey Baptist Church Checker Walk
Pre-school and Baby	1½ -2½ yr	Mini Music Makers	Fri	09:40	Abbey Baptist Church Checker Walk
Pre-school and Baby	2-3yr	Mini Music Makers	Mon	09:30	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	2½ -3½ yr	Mini Music Makers	Fri	11:00	Abbey Baptist Church Checker Walk
Pre-school and Baby	3 yr & over	Mini Music Makers	Weds	09:40	Abbey Baptist Church Checker Walk
Pre-school and Baby	3 yr & over	Mini Music Makers	Weds	11:00	Abbey Baptist Church Checker Walk
Pre-school and Baby	Mixed age	Mini Music Makers	Thurs	10:15	Music Building, Larkmead School
Pre-school and Baby	Mixed age (Drop-in class)	Mini Music Makers	Tues	10:00	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 Descant Advanced Treble	Tues	16:00 16:00 16:45 16:45	Music Building, Larkmead School
School-age	From 6+yrs	Guitar Club: Beginners Established Group 1 Established Group 2 Intermediate Advanced	Mon Mon Weds 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 Class	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 Class	Thur	18:45	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Guitar Class	Thur	19:45	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Beginner Guitar Class	Mon	18:45	Music Building, Larkmead School
Adult	Adult	Beginner Guitar Class	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.
- Abingdon Junior Orchestra** (Wednesdays, 3.30-4.30pm)  
 This mixed instrument orchestra is for primary school players from beginner to grade 3. Free for those in the First Access programme (tuition through primary schools). See page 4 for further details.
- 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

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/](http://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](http://www.CherwellChamberMusic.com)

Ben Heaney, *GmusRNCM PGCE: Electric Violin, Strings & Music Educator*  
mobile: 07773 051162; web: [www.deltaviolin.com](http://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](http://www.musicteachers.co.uk/teacher/a9f3837e0512edb0e227)

### Woodwind

Sally Allsop: Flute, Recorder, Theory  
phone: 01235 525158

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

Scott Gladwell: Brass (Beginner to Grade 5)  
Phone: 07896 666305

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

### Guitar

Steve Gower: Acoustic and electric guitar (all ages, beginners to advanced)  
Phone: 07792 557554

Glyn Rowlands: Piano, Drums, Guitar

### Percussion

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## Voice

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## Accompanist

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Oliver Nicholls: Piano, Saxophone, Composer, Performer, Accompanist  
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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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## Composing/Arranging

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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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