



# Abingdon Music Centre

Music for Everyone



Newsletter July 2021

To all our members,

It has been wonderful to see so many of you in-person these past couple of months as well as to 'e-see' some of you via Zoom too. It has felt a real treat to be able to make music together again as well as to catch up with our members after so long. We have been very privileged to rehearse in some amazing alternative venues: St Ethelwold's House Gardens and Silk Hall as well as our very own special AMC Yellow Gazebo! Considering our reliance on British weather I am delighted to report that we have only had one rehearsal cancelled and two others moved online to Zoom due to heavy rain!

We hope you enjoy these photos of some of our music sessions in these alternative venues this term.

Many thanks for all your support over the past year. We look forward to seeing many of you in September – we will be in touch to confirm plans before term begins.

Take care, Helen & all at Abingdon Music Centre

## Abingdon Music Centre Autumn Term Plans

Our Autumn term begins **13<sup>th</sup> September**.

Whether the Autumn term will be 'normal' or require some combination of outdoor sessions/Zoom it is still too early to judge. Our office will re-open early September. At this point we will evaluate the latest government guidance as well as the risk assessments of our partner venues to see what will be possible / sensible. We will also survey the members of each group for your thoughts to help inform our decisions. Many thanks in advance for your quick responses in early September to facilitate this.

## Mini Music Makers (Babies & Preschool)

Gillian and Sally have been running their Music sessions from the AMC Yellow Gazebo, with some of the Monday class also joining in via Zoom.



Sally's classes have created some wonderful fish to use as props for the Sea/Ocean theme this term.

## IMPORTANT: Web and Email Issues / Information about AMC activities

Our website is currently offline for essential maintenance. Our email system is also being upgraded over the summer. Please check your Junk/Spam mail folders for our new email address: [admin@abingdonmusic.org.uk](mailto:admin@abingdonmusic.org.uk).

Once our website is restored you will be able to click on these links to view all our classes and hosted activities for the [very young](#), [school-age children](#) and [adults](#). View our [Directory of Teachers/Musicians](#).

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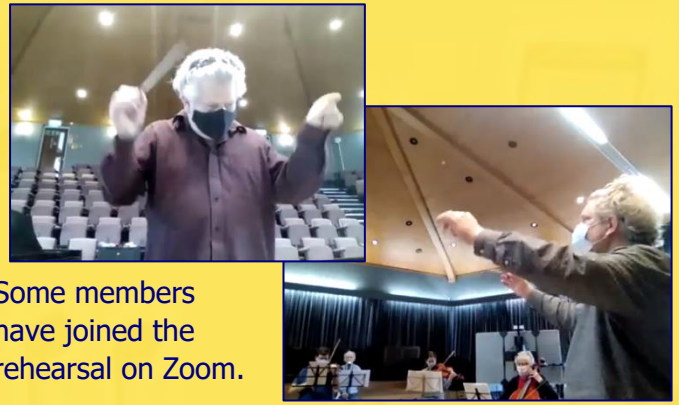
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**Ladies' Choirs (Combined)**  
@ St Ethelwold's House Gardens / Zoom



**Abingdon Community Orchestra**  
@ Silk Hall, Radley



Some members have joined the rehearsal on Zoom.

**Singing for Pleasure**  
@ St Ethelwold's House Gardens



**Bring a Friend Scheme / How You Can Help**

One of the best ways you can support Abingdon Music Centre is to take part in our 'Bring a Friend' scheme – if your friend signs up to classes after a their free taster you get a free class! Vouchers will be available from September.

Other ways that you can support Abingdon Music Centre:

- Take part in our classes (including online / outdoors)
- Take part in our Oxfordshire Adult Learning 'courses'
- Choose Abingdon Music Centre Trust as your nominated [AmazonSmile charity](#)
- Make donations
- Follow us on Facebook
- Talk to us about becoming an AMC Trustee or volunteer

**Outreach Music Courses**

We have been delighted to be able to resume some of our outreach music sessions this term, albeit outdoors or behind a Perspex screen. We are very grateful to Oxfordshire Adult Learning for funding this important work.



**ACCord (Community Choir)**  
@ Larkmead School playground



**CharityHikes 2000 Miles Challenge**

Local resident Simon Coates is singlehandedly walking 2000 miles in 8 months to raise money for 16 charities, including Abingdon Music Centre! He has achieved over 1250 miles already and we are looking forward to being his headline arts charity for August. Click [here](#) to find out more about the CharityHikes fundraiser. To make a donation in support of Abingdon Music Centre, please visit our [fundraising page](#). We are hugely grateful for any support you feel able to give.