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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2016

Having been convinced that I had done a newsletter in the spring term, I find actually that it's rather a long time since you have had an update of this sort about Workshop! Apologies, here we go...

Dates for your diary

- 25th June, 4pm - Children's Music Theatre production of 'Alice in Wonderland' - do come along and support the group after all their hard work!
- 2nd July, 11-12.15 - Taster morning. A chance for adults and children to try out a variety of instruments! *Existing members welcome!!* Please note we will be accepting only children of Year 5+ next year for group instrumental lessons - experience has taught us that both size and maturity have a major impact on progress and enjoyment, (for both student and teacher!) Another opportunity also to hear our Jazz Band in action.
- 9th July - Final workshop session
- 3rd September, 10-11am - Instrumental audit
This event is compulsory for all those who hire a Workshop instrument. Please ensure that you have arranged a way to get it to us by this date if you know you are going to be away. Deposits are banked on the Monday morning if we have not heard from you! Thank you for your help with this.
- 17th September, 10-11.30am, (tutors from 9.30) - Registration for academic year 2016-17. I will attach the pre-registration form. Don't forget that you can pre-register for any ensemble right up until the 1st September!

New website!

Huge thanks to Graham Denton for constructing and maintaining this - do pay it a visit! It's a really useful way of checking dates, (there is a calendar on the home page) events, newsletters, forms and much more. Any suggestions for material you think would be useful on there, please let me know.

www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org

Facebook Group

A good number of you have requested to join this, and it is another way of disseminating information about workshop. This could be anything from information about a class which is cancelled unexpectedly, to workshop being called off altogether due to snow! (Most unlikely with the current climate, I suspect...) Please do let me know if you'd like to join this.

New Tutors

I am coming to the time when I need to start sourcing new teachers for some classes next year, and although I have a variety of places to start, it would be very useful if you could bend your mind to considering the possibility of tutoring yourself, or perhaps you know of someone who might be willing? We have vacancies for the following groups, potentially:

- Mini-Workshop Fun, music, games for Years 1&2
- Music Theatre group Working towards an annual show
- Orchestra
- Beginner Violins
- Beginner Guitars

To be a teacher at workshop, you do not need to be Grade 28, but rather have a love of the instrument, know how it gets put together, and a certain amount of patience to cope with beginners of all ages! There are plenty of 'Play as you Learn' type books out there, and current tutors would be happy to make recommendations. Do please help me out if possible - the voluntary nature of tutoring at workshop, I think is a big part of what makes Duxford Saturday Workshop so special, but it can make the process of recruitment quite tricky!

Help needed...

1. At our coffee bar both this term and next year. Signing up for an occasional slot is always appreciated. Please let me know if you have a spare 30-45 minutes on a Saturday morning and fancy free coffee and chocolate for that time!
2. Face and set painting this coming Saturday for the show. (Don't confuse the 2!) Again, if you have a spare half an hour/hour to paint 3 doors, a prisoner's dock and a judge's desk, it would be very much appreciated.

Events

Choir and Folk Fiddle Weekend - Burwell House 15th-17th July 2016

Jazz Band playing at Charity Garden Party, 25th June, 3.30-6pm. See attachment for details.

Email distribution list

If you are on email, you should be getting fairly regular emails from me, including this newsletter. If you are not, please let me know ASAP as I do like to think that a few trees are saved each time I communicate with the membership!

I am interested to know how many people read the newsletters which get sent out. If you wouldn't mind, please could you reply to my email with the word 'jelly' if you are proud of the fact you've read all the way to the end, and wish to make me feel that my missives are useful! Thank you.

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