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## **Newsletter – Easter 2021**

### **Zoom coffee concerts**

These have continued to be popular each Saturday morning, with 40+ people regularly tuning in to the delights on offer! As a result of the increased number of online classes following the concert, from 17<sup>th</sup> April we will be changing the time of the **Coffee Concert to 10am** in order to allow 2 sessions to follow (please see timetable below).

### **Time and place: Saturday mornings, 10.00am on Zoom!**

Thank you so much to the tutors working in a different way now online – it is clear that these remote sessions give members the incentive to practise and also offer that all important connection with friends. For those groups lucky enough to be able to work online, it will also mean a ready-made set of pieces to play once we are back face to face at the Community Centre. The timetable for next half term is as follows:

	<b>17th Apr</b>	<b>24th Apr</b>	<b>1st May</b>	<b>8th May</b>	<b>15th May</b>
<b>11am</b>	Folk Guitar				
<b>11am</b>	Theory 1				
<b>11am</b>	Folk Fiddle		Folk Fiddle		Folk Fiddle
<b>12am</b>	Flute Choir				
<b>12am</b>	Theory 2				
<b>12am</b>	Improver Ukulele	Beginner Ukulele	Improver Ukulele	Beginner Ukulele	Improver Ukulele

If you are interested in taking part in any of these and haven't been involved up to now, please do let me know as each class is run by a different tutor, all of whom send out their own zoom links.

### **Return to face to face music making**

We are feeling ever more optimistic that a return to face to face music will be possible from 17<sup>th</sup> May, meaning that our first date back at the Community Centre will be 22<sup>nd</sup> May. As we have all missed our music so much, the plan then is to meet each weekend, *even through the half term break*, right up until the end of the school term on the 17<sup>th</sup> July.

	Hall 1 Group 1 9.15-10.30	Hall 2 Group 1 9.30 – 10.45	Hall 1 Group 2 11.15-12.30	Hall 2 Group 2 11.30-12.45
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Jazz Band	Flute Choir	Choir	Mini Workshop
29 <sup>th</sup> May	String Orchestra		Folk Guitars	Small Jazz
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Wind Band	Intermediate Ukulele	Recorder Band	Beginner Ukulele
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Allstars 1		Folk Fiddles	Small Jazz
19 <sup>th</sup> June	String Orchestra		Allstars 2	Small Jazz
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Allstars 1		Recorder Band	Choir
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Jazz Band	Folk Fiddles	Music Theatre	Mini Workshop
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Jazz Band	Flute Choir	Folk Guitars	Music Theatre
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Wind Band	Beginner Ukulele	Allstars 2	Intermediate Ukulele

We will continue to keep numbers controlled – no more than 30 in the building at any one time. It will be possible for members to do more than one group *as long as they don't meet on the same day*. This will allow us to keep distinct 'bubbles' separate from each other and in the event of any contact tracing, ensure that transmission does not take place across multiple groups.

### Future Workshops



Guitar with Ed Boyd (of Flook fame!) – 3<sup>rd</sup> July, afternoon

Brass Workshop with Vijay Prakash of the Brass Funkeys – Autumn 2021

Benedetti Foundation singing/rhythm Workshop for children – Summer 2021 \*MORE DETAILS OUT SOON!\*

### Future Social Events

Summer BBQ and picnic with live Jazz – 10<sup>th</sup> July, midday

Autumn term 2021 – French evening with food, bar and dancing

Spring term 2022 – Burns Night Ceilidh and supper

It goes without saying that all of these plans are subject to government guidance at the time!



## Fundraising



Workshop is now registered with *easyfundraising*. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them and this will enable us to keep equipment maintained, stands repaired, music bought as well as supporting projects as outlined above. It does require a sign up but there is no cost to yourself.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/duxfordsaturdayworkshop/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=gs-e1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/duxfordsaturdayworkshop/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1)

After an initial flurry of about 17 people signing up, it's all gone very quiet. Please do consider helping us out in this way, and don't forget that Amazon Smile offers the same idea as an individual organisation – you would need to set up Duxford Saturday Workshop as your chosen charity within Amazon Smile and then shop as you would normally do. We really appreciate anyone taking the time to do this! Our current funds raised purely through easyfundraising stand at an impressive £16.90!

## Website

The calendar on the website has now been updated with details of all planned classes up to and including the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

With warm wishes to you all, hope you are well and I look forward to seeing you again soon in Duxford!

Arwen