

Colne Valley Youth Orchestra and Training Orchestra Newsletter 111 July 2011

Nigel receives an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List

In the 30th Anniversary year of the Orchestra we are delighted to report that Nigel has been honoured with an MBE for his services to education. Speaking to the Evening Gazette recently Nigel said, "I am delighted by this honour. I understand fully this is recognition not just for me, but for all those colleagues with whom I work." David, chairman of the orchestra said, "Nigel has devoted himself and hours of his time to creating fantastic musical opportunities for children in and around the Colchester area and this is a fitting tribute to his dedication and hard work. Everyone at Colne Valley Youth Orchestra and everyone who knows him will be thrilled."

30th Anniversary Celebrations Sunday 4th September 2011

Tickets for the Gala Concert to be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 4th September in the Moot Hall are now on general sale. Prices are £10 for adults and £5 for children, with a family ticket also available at £25 (2+2). This will include the concert itself and a light buffet at The Sixth Form College afterwards. Tickets are selling fast so please buy now to avoid disappointment. Go to <http://cvyo.net/30th%20Anniversary.pdf> to download an application form.

Do note that ALL members of both the Main and Training Orchestras will be performing so make sure you have this date in your diary!

Rehearsal times for Gala Concert

10:00 Main Orchestra and former members to arrive for rehearsal (rehearsal photos to be taken during this time)
11:45 Training Orchestra to arrive for photos before rehearsal
12:00 Training Orchestra to join the rehearsal (rehearsal photos to be taken during this time)
12:45 Training Orchestra to rehearse on their own whilst Main Orchestra have photos taken
13:00 Lunch (last mop up of photos as necessary)
14:30 Concert

Joint Concert and Strawberry Tea Sunday 26th June

The concert was a great success, helped by the beautiful, sunny weather. Both orchestras combined for a fantastic concert with many musical highlights. It was certainly an uplifting concert to see so many of the younger players really coming into their own! The Susan Boddy Shield usually awarded at the joint concert will be awarded at the Gala Concert in September this year.

Main Orchestra Pre-Tour rehearsal and concert Sunday 24th July

Whilst this concert is pre-tour, all members are expected to attend and play. Rehearsal is 10:00am -1:00pm, with the concert starting at 2.30pm. There will be a retiring collection for this concert. The parents' meeting for the tour will take place **after** the concert this year. Dress is concert dress i.e. black and white or black and black.

Main Orchestra Tour to Maastricht Monday 25th – Friday 29th July

The tour schedule is now confirmed and involves concerts in 3 different countries;

Monday 25th – meet by 08:30 at Middleborough for departure by 09:00 (**PLEASE BE PROMPT!**)

Tuesday 26th – short time in Maastricht then travel to Germany for an afternoon concert in Monschau

Wednesday 27th – Travel to Holland for afternoon concert in Eindhoven, returning to Maastricht for an evening meal

Thursday 28th – Travel to Belgium for an afternoon concert in Leuven, returning to Maastricht for an evening meal

Friday 29th – Depart for England arriving at Middleborough at approximately 19:30

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Instruments are **not** covered by the Equity Insurance. Please arrange this separately

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If your son/daughter is **over 16** you must read the 'Pre-Travel Policy' information at the bottom left of page two
of the insurance document. If they have any medical conditions (see the list) or have been in hospital in the last 2
years you need to call the Travellers Health Check number
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Open rehearsal Sunday 18th September

The Open Rehearsal is an opportunity for new players to try out both the Main Orchestra and the Training Orchestra to see if they would like to join. The Main Orchestra rehearsal runs from 10.00-4.00 with pizza provided at lunchtime. The Training Orchestra rehearsal runs from 2.00-4.00 as usual. If any TO players are thinking of trying out in the MO they should talk to Beverley and Chris in the first instance.

Please remember to try to bring a friend along to this rehearsal

St Marks residential weekend Friday 18th – Sunday 20th November

Full details of this will be available at the start of the new term, but please put the dates into your calendar as all Main Orchestra players are expected to attend the residential weekend.

January 2011 – Future Dates (TO = Training Orchestra, MO = Main Orchestra)

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DATE 2011	MAIN ORCHESTRA	TRAINING ORCHESTRA	NOTES
24 th July Sunday	Pre-tour rehearsal and concert Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30 Parents' Meeting after the concert		VI Form College Dress: black and white or black and black concert dress Cost: Retiring collection
July 25 th – 29 th Monday - Friday	Tour to Maastricht		See website for further details
September 4 th Sunday	30 th Anniversary Concert Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30 Celebration at VI Form College afterwards	30 th Anniversary Concert Rehearsal 11.45 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30 Bring lunch and plenty to drink. Please note that TO members are expected to remain on site	Venue: Moot Hall Dress: Polo shirts provided at joint concert (or will be provided if you don't have one yet), black trousers/skirt and shoes Cost: £10 adults, £5 children, family ticket £25 (2+2) includes light buffet at VI Form College afterwards
September 18 th Sunday	Open Rehearsal 10.00 – 4.00	Open Rehearsal 2.00 – 4.00	VI Form College Pizza lunch
October 16 th Sunday	Rehearsal 10.00 – 4.00 AGM 3.30	Rehearsal 2.00 – 4.00 AGM 3.30	VI Form College AGM at 3.30 – parents please make an effort to attend
October 28 th Friday	Oyster Feast 10.30 – 4.30		Dress: Blue T-shirts, black trousers/skirt, black shoes
November 18 th – 20 th Friday - Sunday	St Marks residential weekend		All MO players are expected to attend. Details to follow
November 20 th Sunday		Rehearsal 2.00 – 4.00	VI Form College
December 11 th Sunday	MO helpers please!	Christmas Concert Rehearsal 11.00 – 1.00 Concert 2.30	Please note change of rehearsal time! Dress: Blue T-shirts, black trousers/skirt, black shoes MO helpers please Cost: retiring collection

The above dates are firm except where shown. Any changes will be advised through the newsletter as and when appropriate.

Parents and orchestra members – please enter these dates in the family diary now!

Reminders:

- If you cannot make a rehearsal please either email Nigel on hildrethnigel@colchsfc.ac.uk or call him on 07598303316
- Every member (whether TO or MO) should bring a pencil to rehearsal
- If you wish to borrow music to practise please ask. But remember to return it at the next rehearsal
- Concert dress varies, there are two versions: blue CVYO t-shirt, black skirt/trousers, socks/tights and shoes or white or black shirt/blouse, black bow tie for boys, black skirt/trousers, socks/tights and shoes
- If you don't have a CVYO t-shirt these are available at a cost of £6 from Nick Sheppard on 01621 868677

NOT ABLE TO ATTEND? Ring 07598 303316, the CVYO mobile no. for parents and members to use (both M.O. and T.O.) should they need to contact the MO or TO at rehearsals, on tours, at concerts etc. (e.g. If you are unable to attend on the morning of a rehearsal, please let Nigel and Bev know.) Nigel can still be contacted by email on hildrethnigel@colchsfc.ac.uk or by telephone at the college on 01206-500733. If you know in advance that you will not be able to attend an event it does help the conductors with their planning to know as soon as possible