

Colne Valley Youth Orchestra and Training Orchestra

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Helpers needed

The orchestra cannot function without the help of a group of willing parent volunteers. With a number of members leaving the orchestra recently to go to university, etc. we have also lost some key committee members. We are not looking for hours of your time but without parental **support the orchestra cannot continue to maintain its current level of activity in the community**. We particularly need administrative help this year in relation to communications and press releases. If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact David Bobby on 01206 844588 or at david.bobby@btinternet.com

St Mark's residential weekend Friday 18th – Sunday 20th November

This was a very enjoyable weekend with much progress made in terms of learning new music and practising the repertoire for this year. It was great to see so many of the new members taking part in the weekend and they all seemed to have a good time and to get to know each other and the existing members of the Main Orchestra. It even stayed dry! Thanks to everyone involved in running the weekend.

Training Orchestra Christmas Concert Sunday 11th December

This was an excellent event which was well attended by the training orchestra members and was much appreciated by the audience of friends and family. The musical programme was varied and gave everyone a chance to have a good sing. The soloists acquitted themselves very well, well done to them. It was great to see so many of the Main Orchestra giving up their time to support the Training Orchestra in this event. Thanks to Anne for the excellent refreshments and to everyone else who helped to make this such an enjoyable pre-Christmas event.

Teddy Bears' Concert Sunday 5th February

The orchestra is playing once again at this concert held in the Moot Hall in support of the Mayor's Charities. Rehearsal 10.00-12.30 with the concert at 14.30. We usually ask the Main Orchestra members to bring a raffle prize with them. This year we are doing the same, but in view of the 30th anniversary we would like to have 30 teddies to raffle at this event, so if you could try to find a bear for us to put in the raffle that would be great.

Tickets are available from Mann's Music or through the Mayor's office cost £5 adults, £3.50 under 16, under 2s free and family tickets (2+2) are £15

Round Table Event Saturday 11th February

The orchestra has been asked to play at the start of this event at the Moot Hall again this year. Please arrive at the Moot Hall for 19.00. You should be free by approx. 20.15. Black and black or black and white concert dress please.

Play for Pleasure Holiday Orchestra Monday/Tuesday 13th/14th February

The very successful holiday will be running once again this year during half term in February. Information is available on the website so if you haven't booked your place yet, please do so! Main Orchestra helpers are needed for the Monday and Tuesday, please let Kaija or Ben know which day(s) you can do

Additional Training Orchestra rehearsal Sunday 20th May

There will be an additional Training Orchestra rehearsal on Sunday 20th May in order to practise for the Joint Concert in June. This will be at the normal time i.e. from 14.00-16.00. There is no Main Orchestra rehearsal on this date due to external exams

Joint Concert and Strawberry Tea Sunday 24th June

The joint concert between the Training Orchestra and the Main Orchestra will take place at The Sixth Form College. There is a rehearsal beginning at 10.00 with the concert starting at 14.30pm. It is vital that Training Orchestra members bring lunch and plenty to drink as they have to stay on site. For the Main Orchestra, normal lunch arrangements are in place from 13.00-14.00 (approx.)

Dress is CVYO polo shirts and black trousers/skirt with black shoes. If you don't have a CVYO polo shirt, or need an extra one for tour, these will be available on the day at a cost of £6

Main Orchestra Tour

This year's tour is to Wetzlar in Germany, a popular location with the orchestra members. However, very few people have signed up so far, so if you are hoping to go it is absolutely vital that you get your £50 deposit to **Mike Boddy**

175 Lexden Road, Colchester CO3 3TE immediately. Details of the tour and forms are on the website. Currently about half of the Main orchestra have signed up for the tour, but it would be good to have some more people to make it a really memorable tour. If you have signed up please note that the next payment of £150 is due by 20th February please.

Future Dates

The calendar for this year is on the next page. PLEASE print a copy off and put all of the dates on your calendars NOW!!! You don't want to miss out on anything that's going on!

2012 Future Dates (TO = Training Orchestra, MO = Main Orchestra)

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DATE 2012	MAIN ORCHESTRA	TRAINING ORCHESTRA	NOTES
February 5 th Sunday	Teddy Bears' Concert 10.00 – 16.00		Moot Hall Concert 14.30 Dress: Polo shirts, black trousers/skirts, black shoes
February 11 th Saturday	Round Table Event Moot Hall 19.00 –20.15		Meet at Moot Hall at 19.00 Dress: black and white/ black and black concert dress
February 13 th /14 th Monday/Tuesday	Helpers need please!	Play for Pleasure Holiday Orchestra and Concert. 10.00 –16.00 each day. Concert Tues at 19.30	Lion Walk Church. M.O. members invited to help out and any CRB checked parents. Dress: black and white or black and black concert dress.
March 18 th Sunday	Rehearsal 10.00 – 16.00	Rehearsal 14.00 – 16.00	VI Form College
April 29 th Sunday	Half-day rehearsal 10.00 – 13.00	Rehearsal 14.00 – 16.00	VI Form College
May 20 th Sunday		Rehearsal 14.00 – 16.00	VI Form College
June 24 th Sunday	Joint Concert and Strawberry Tea Rehearsal 10.00-13.00 Concert at 14.30	Bring lunch and plenty to drink. Rehearsal 10.00–13.00 Concert at 14.30	Venue: VI Form College Dress: Polo shirts, black trousers, shoes.
July 23 rd – 28 th Pre-tour concert 22 nd	Tour to Wetzlar Likely to be a pre-tour concert on Sunday 22 nd July		Details to follow
September 8 th Saturday	Gala Concert Rehearsal times tbc		St Botolph's Church Black and white or black and black concert dress
November 16 th – 20 th Friday - Sunday	St Marks residential weekend		All MO players are expected to attend. Details to follow

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 polo 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 as part of your membership. Please contact David Bobby on 01206 844588 or at david.bobby@btinternet.com

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