

Colne Valley Youth Orchestra and Training Orchestra

Newsletter 113 November 2011

Open rehearsal Sunday 18th September

This was a very successful event which was well attended by both old and new members in both the Main Orchestra and the Training Orchestra. The Main Orchestra enjoyed the pizzas provided at lunchtime and some useful groundwork was carried out on music for this year.

October rehearsal

This was a well-attended and very profitable rehearsal which involved the introduction of some of this year's new music and the opportunity to practise music for the Oyster Feast and future concerts. The rehearsal culminated in the AGM where reports were given by the orchestra directors, the treasurer and the chairman. On that note.....

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. The contacts needed are all set up already and there is guidance available, but it would be really useful to have someone to take on this role. If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact David Bobby on 01206 844588 or at david.bobby@btinternet.com

Oyster Feast Friday 28th October

A willing and able group of 22 players squashed themselves onto the balcony at the Moot Hall once again to play a varied programme for the Oyster Feast. Many of the new members came along and played very well, with the music being appreciated by all of the guests. The Mayor also conducted one piece.

Colchester Youth Awards

A small group of strings players attended this event held at the Community Stadium, playing both at the beginning and part way through the event.

Forum of the Built Environment Friday 11th November

The same group of strings players have also been invited to play at this event being held at the Moot Hall. If you are involved please remember that there is a rehearsal at the sixth form college on Wednesday 9th November at 4.15pm

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

Most of the Main Orchestra members have signed up to go to St Mark's now. Remember to meet up in the Middleborough layby ready to leave at 5pm on the Friday evening. If you have a last minute request for a place please contact Anne Schneidau-Lappi at anne@anne50.orangehome.co.uk or on 01206 577446, 07722514470

If you have signed up for St Mark's but have not yet renewed your membership (that would be about ten people!) please do so asap. A copy of the membership form is also attached with this newsletter.

Training Orchestra

The Training Orchestra rehearsals are progressing well with an enthusiastic group working towards the Christmas concert in December. If you know of anyone who would like to join the Training Orchestra, bring them along to the next rehearsal. Please remember that the November rehearsal is at the usual time, 2-4pm on Sunday 20th November

Training Orchestra Christmas Concert Sunday 11th December

Please note that the timings for this have changed this year. The rehearsal starts at **11am** and runs until 1pm. There will be a break for lunch, which players should bring with them. The concert starts at 2.30pm. Dress is blue CVYO polo shirt and black trousers/skirt/shoes. **Main Orchestra helpers are required, please let the student reps know if you are available to help out that day.** There is no charge for the concert, but there will be a retiring collection.

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 10-12.30 with the concert at 2.30pm.

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.

Round Table Event Saturday 11th February

The orchestra has been asked to play at the start of this event at the Moot Hall again next year. Precise details to follow.

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 will be available on the website soon and definitely at the Christmas Concert, so put the date in your diaries now!

Gala Concert Photos

If anyone still hasn't received their pictures from the Gala Concert please contact Nigel on hildrethnigel@colchsf.ac.uk or call him on 07598303316

Main Orchestra Tour

AS mentioned at the AGM, Nigel is organising a Main Orchestra tour to Wetzlar, the details of which will be available shortly. This is likely to be from Monday to Friday in the first week of the summer holidays i.e. 23rd – 27th July, but the dates and details are to be confirmed. Please put the likely date into your diaries now.

Future Dates

The calendar for the 2011-12 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!

November 2011 – 12 Future Dates (TO = Training Orchestra, MO = Main Orchestra)

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DATE 2011	MAIN ORCHESTRA	TRAINING ORCHESTRA	NOTES
November 9 th Wednesday	Strings players 1615 – 1715		VI Form College Rehearsal for Friday's concert
November 11 th Friday	Forum for the built environment concert 1900 – 2100		Moot Hall Dress: Polo shirts, black trousers/skirt, black shoes
November 18 th – 20 th Friday - Sunday	St Marks residential weekend		Leave Middleborough at 1700 return approx. 1530 on Sunday
November 20 th Sunday		Rehearsal 1400 – 1600	VI Form College
December 11 th Sunday	MO helpers please! Let the student reps know if you're going to help out	Christmas Concert Rehearsal 11.00 –1300 Concert 1430	Please note change of rehearsal time! Dress: Polo shirts, black trousers/skirt, black shoes MO helpers please Cost: retiring collection
DATE 2012	MAIN ORCHESTRA	TRAINING ORCHESTRA	NOTES
January 15 th Sunday	Rehearsal 1000 – 1600	Rehearsal 1400 – 1600	VI Form College
February 5 th Sunday	Teddy Bears' Concert 1000 – 1600		Moot Hall Concert 1430 Dress: Polo shirts, black trousers/skirts, black shoes
February 11 th Saturday	Round Table Event Moot Hall 1800 - 2030		Details to follow Dress: black and white/ black and black concert dress
February 13 th /14 th Monday/Tuesday		Play for Pleasure Holiday Orchestra and Concert. 1000 – 1600 each day. Concert Tues. At 1930.	Lion Walk Church. M.O. members invited to help out and any CRB checked parents. Dress: black and white concert dress.
March 18 th Sunday	Rehearsal 1000 – 1600	Rehearsal 1400 – 1600	VI Form College
April 29 th Sunday	Half-day rehearsal 1000 – 1300	Rehearsal 1400 – 1600	VI Form College
June 24 th Sunday	Joint Concert and Strawberry Tea Rehearsal 10.00 –1300 Concert at 1430	Bring lunch and plenty to drink. Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30	Venue: VI Form College Dress: Polo shirts, black trousers, shoes.
July 23 rd – 28 th Pre-tour concert 22nd	Tour to Wetzlar Likely to be a pre-tour concert on Sunday 22 nd July		Details to follow

September 8th Saturday	Gala Concert		Details tbc
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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

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