



Hitchin Youth Band

Newsletter!

Spring 2010

Next performance

On Monday 15th March we will perform to the senior band! Our usual Monday rehearsal will take place as normal, but will be followed by a 15 minute 'mini concert'. Members of the senior band have been invited to join parents and supporters to act as our audience. We hope this will be an opportunity to perform some of the music we have been working on recently.

In return, the senior band will then perform the test piece which they are working on for the regional area contest on 20th March. This is a piece called '*Labour and Love*' by Percy Fletcher. Test pieces are composed to 'test' all areas of the band, both technically and musically. We look forward to hearing your feedback! We hope the event will be finished soon after 8pm.

Subscription Charge

We have now implemented a £1 per child, per rehearsal subscription charge, which is collected by Tina each week. Many thanks for your support and co-operation.

Welcome to the Patterson Clan

A big welcome to Alice and Lucy who joined us in January. Great to have you on board girls! Also, to their dad, Craig, who happens to conduct the senior band and is now helping to support us too. Many thanks Craig.

Bowling

It looks like Saturday 17th April is best for most people - apologies to anyone who can't make it that day (there will be other trips no doubt). Parents/carers, volunteers and members all welcome. I will try to book it for around 3pm - more details nearer the time. NOTE: this is an event for all involved and responsibility for each child rests with their parent/carer. Ultimately, volunteers will be there to join in the fun, not to supervise individuals.

School Visits

Following the success of our visits to local primary schools last October, some of our volunteers are set to perform at the following schools on the 25th March; Whitehill Juniors, Stondon Lower School, The Barclay School, Moss Bury Primary and Radburn Primary. Hopefully, this will help to promote the youth band and lead to some new recruits.

Waitrose 'Community Matters'

I have recently sent off a letter to this fund-raising programme, outlining what our band does and asking for support. Please ask for a nomination form to fill in if you happen to be shopping in Waitrose Hitchin. Any other fund-raising ideas would be gladly received.

Easter Holiday

There will be NO REHEARSAL on Easter Monday.

Staff & Contacts

All of our staff are volunteers from the senior band. Please feel free to approach any of the team if you have any queries or concerns. Also, we do have our own up-to-date youth band page on the band website www.hitchinband.co.uk.

Alice Bailey (band leader) 01462 423534 youthband@hitchinband.co.uk

Dinah Birch (welfare officer) - cornet

Keith Birch - euphonium/lower brass

Ruth Lowe (1st aider) - cornet/percussion

Craig Patterson - senior band conductor

Adrian McCann - cornet

Sam Huckle (1st aider) - horn

Kenny Durbin - trombone

Bob Berwick - cornet/horn

Dan Perrin - percussion

Emily Prince - percussion

Tina Berwick - helper/tea-maker extraordinaire

Dates for the Diary

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Mon. 15 th March 7.30pm	Performance to Senior Band	A 15 minute 'mini concert' after rehearsal
Sat. 17 th April 3ish	Bowling!	Hollywood Bowl, Stevenage. Details to follow
Saturday 15 th May 7.30pm	Concert at Christchurch, Hitchin	Joint concert with the Senior Band. We will perform a selection of pieces, just as we did in December. Ticket details to follow.
Saturday 19 th June 2-3pm	Letchmore Infant School centenary, Stevenage	We have been asked to perform as part of a centenary summer fair event. We will alternate with performances from members of the Senior Band.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR FANTASTIC BAND!

Well done everyone! Alice x