

EYS Newsletter

Apologies for the delay in the production of this newsletter.

March 2011



Congratulations to

Sophie Payne who achieved a merit in Grade 6 cello.

Obligato have a new website. Follow this link to follow these talented young musicians.

<http://obligatostringquartet.weebly.com/>

EYS Gala concert

The Exeter Young Strings gala concert took place on Saturday the 26th of March at the Phoenix Arts Centre in Gandy Street. It was great to see so many people turn out for the end of term concert, especially on a glorious Saturday in Spring. Congratulations to all the musicians who took part, the staff who made it happen and those members of the groups who took on the stage management under such a tight time schedule.



Notice to Quit Groups



Devon Performing Arts Festival

Congratulations go to:

Molly Ballantyne – performance in the Beginners' class.

Arlo Wood – performance in the Grade 1 class

Lowena Tabor – merit in the Grade 2 class

Helen Ballantyne – merit in the Grade 3 class

Maya Shankla – merit in the Anything Goes class

Rosie McGeorge – distinction and top of the Anything Goes class

Helena Paish – two commendations and one distinction for her singing classes.



EYS coffee morning

A report by Rebecca Harding:

The last EYS coffee morning on Sunday 13th March was well attended by parents, their families and friends.

The string players ranged from 4 years to 16 years. The music they played included tango and ragtime as well as classical music.

We enjoyed some scrumptious cakes provided by parents and there was also tea, coffee and other drinks. We look forward to meeting new people and to seeing you at our future events!

EYS instruments to hire

There is great concern that there are some lovely violins that have been donated to EYS that just aren't being played! The hire fee is not designed to make money, it is just to cover the insurance and maintenance costs. Please have a look at the list below if you are interested.



EYS Instruments for hire Updated Feb 2011

The following violins need to be loved and played. If you would like to hire one please tel. Kirsty Hugill 01392 460444

1. A 19th century full size violin with decorative double purfling. Labeled Wiaggini Deutfche Arbeit and dated 1886 Valued at £1,200. Hire price per term £50 (£55 for non-eyes members.)
2. A beautiful 3/4 size violin restored to excellent condition by Devon Strings workshop. Labeled Joseph Guarnerius fecit, Cremonae anno 1773. Valued at £700, with a bow valued at £250. Hire price per term £35 (£40 for non-eyes members).
3. A very pretty late 19th century dark red 1/2 size violin by JTL. Labeled A La Ville de Padoue Nicolas Duchene Valued at £450. Hire price per term £25 (£30 for non-eyes members).
4. A full size violin restored by Cremona House in Bristol and valued at £400 (with further work it would be valued at £700). Hire price per term £25 (£30 for non-eyes members)

World record attempt!

Many EYS players took place in this event on the 12th of February. The aim was to get as many string players as possible to perform the first movement of a Concerto Grosso by Vaughan Williams. Sadly we didn't quite break the record but considering there was a high proportion of players who fitted in the green group (beginners and open strings!) the sound made by the whole ensemble was really quite beautiful.

Finally!

A big thank you to everyone who has helped with fundraising. We have no longer made a loss this term and have in fact raised enough money to buy some much needed shoulder rests for the little violins used by the Mini Music Makers group. Apparently the children have been finding the violins hurt their necks and it has put some children off choosing to play the violin. We hope there will be lots of happy fiddlers next term!
