



EYS October Newsletter

"Aiming for a greater understanding and enjoyment of music"

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We have quite a lot of exciting news for you this month. So we hope you will be inspired by this newsletter!

New Patron

"Guy Johnson, internationally renowned cellist has recently accepted the invitation to become a Patron of Exeter Young Strings. This is a great honour for us all and marks a point of change that reflects more closely our current and future standard. We are now an organisation for toddlers, infants, juniors, seniors and adults. We have six flourishing ensembles with our senior group being of a very high standard and containing students who have been with us since we first started.

As we have grown, what we offer has grown to match the needs of these once small children, many of whom are now towering teenagers. The standard of teaching has risen ever higher and the playing standard is now extremely high across the board. We have never lost, and will never lose sight of the importance of nurturing and developing the children who belong to the organisation and assisting their families in participating as much as possible because we want our passion to become theirs and to enable fulfilment of musical dreams at every age and stage for all abilities."

Concerts and Events

Firstly, just a reminder that our **Coffee Morning** is on Saturday 11th October, 9 - 12.30 in St Stephens Church and our **Gala Concert** on Sunday 2nd of November at 3.30 as part of the Exeter Autumn Festival.

Other events this term include **Christmas Carols** in the Harlequin Shopping Centre on Saturday 13th December from 11 - 1.00 to which all members are invited to play, and our seniors playing in **Cafe Boulevard** on Thursday 18th December from 6.30 - 8.00. We are also meeting for a Christmas meal in the cafe on that night. If anyone would like to join us we will be giving out the price and menu soon.

Friends of Exeter Young Strings for 2009

Become a friend of EYS and support our young musicians. For just £15 you will receive a monthly newsletter, tickets at concession price and priority booking for events.

Christmas Card Competition

Design a Christmas Card by the 22nd of October and your design could be one of the two chosen to go on our Christmas cards this year! Please use paper up to A4 size portrait and sign your name and age in the corner of the design. We look forward to seeing your art work. Any not chosen will appear on the Website for Christmas. Good Luck!

From Kirsty and Staff