



EYS January/February Newsletter

"Aiming for a greater understanding and enjoyment of music"



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Exeter Young Strings would like to wish a **Happy New Year** to everybody. We hope you enjoyed your Christmas and found some time to practice in between all the partying!

Concerts and Events

Thank you to everyone who turned up to the Christmas Carols in the **Harlequin Shopping Centre** on the **13th of December**. This was very successful and attracted a lot of attention. The total collected was just over **£100!**

The senior group's performance at **Café Boulevard** on the **18th December** was also very enjoyable, followed by a lovely meal. Thanks to everybody who came along.

On the **7th of February** there is going to be a **Coffee Morning and Table Top** sale at the **Royal Oak Inn, Nadderwater**. The event commences at **9 am**. Why don't you take this opportunity to sell any unwanted bits and pieces, serenaded by the **Accent Ensemble**, at the nominal cost of **£3.00 per table**. What an opportunity for some New Year de-cluttering!

Valentine's Day – February 14th

The Accent Ensemble will be playing in the evening at the **Royal Oak Inn, Nadderwater**. Please come along to hear some beautiful music in a cosy and romantic setting.

On **Sunday the 1st of March** there will be a coffee morning at Newtown Community Hut in Belmont Park from **10 am to 12 pm**. There is a special request for as many people as possible to roll up their baking sleeves. The cakes sell really well and there seem to be only a select few who contribute every time! The more cakes that are sold, the more money we raise for **EYS** and that can only be good!

Our next concert is at **South Street Baptist Church, South Street, Exeter** on **Saturday the 21st of March**. The concert starts at **3 pm** and tickets will be **£4 for adults, £3 for concessions (including those on benefits) and children free**. There will be a **raffle** and there will be **collecting tins** available for any other donations that people would like to make. This concert is to raise funds for **CLIC Sargent**, the children's cancer charity. **CLIC Sargent** was recently hit by a burglary at its Bradninch base. At least £3000 worth of donations and computer equipment were stolen. If you are unable to attend the concert and would like to make a donation to **CLIC Sargent** you can contact **Emma Perry** of **CLIC Sargent** on **01392 882040** or email emma.parry@clicsargent.org.uk.



Other news

We are running out of storage space for the **EYS** instruments. If anyone has a spare cupboard with a fairly even temperature in which they would be prepared to store a few instruments, we would be very grateful. Please contact **Kirsty** on **01392 460444**.

Lastly

The New Years' resolution suggestion 2009 is to do more practice!!!



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Become a friend of and support our young musicians.

For just £15 you will receive a monthly newsletter, tickets at members prices and priority booking for events for all of 2009. Please phone **01392 460444** or email exeteryoungstrings@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested.

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