



NEWSLETTER May 2008

LIMITED WORKSHOP:

May 17th is the final Workshop before the Whitsun break. We re-open on June 7th but in a somewhat scaled down form. Historically, attendance at Workshop falls off during the summer months as warmer weather and holidays assert their influence and the lower numbers makes the continuance of a number of the groups unviable. However, there are still sessions and events to participate in and enjoy. **Please check the reverse of this sheet for the programme.**

TASTER MORNING AND BRUNCH:

On 14th June there will not be a third session. Instead there will be the opportunity for people to meet instrumental tuition tutors and to try various instruments with a view to helping them decide what course to take in the autumn term. This is especially helpful to those taking their first step towards learning to play an instrument.

To add some enjoyment and socialisation to the morning there will also be a brunch served from 11am. Croissants and jam will accompany Doreen's usual supply of wonderful coffee. Totally irresistible!



CHILDREN' S THEATRE GROUP:

The young people have been working incredibly hard rehearsing their summer term production that will be staged on **28th June at 6pm**. 'Deep Waters' is a piece of music theatre based along the plot of 3 children involved in a shipwreck, who sink to the bottom of the sea and meet all sorts of wonderful characters there such as Angel fish, Ralph Oyster Doyster, Sting Ray, Scorpio, Barracuda and many others. Good is pitted against evil in a struggle for supremacy of the waters. Will the children help the good fish win? Will they find their way back to their mothers? The Kraken may need to intervene to sort out an underwater war! Do support the hard work of these children, (even if they are not your own) and come and see a great show.

CHOIR AND STRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Please do come along and support members who have been hard at work preparing this event. It will take place on **May 17th at 6pm** at Babraham Church. The programme will include Bach's 3rd Brandenburg Concerto amongst other favourite pieces. Thanks to Linda and Janet for their work preparing the groups involved.

INSTRUMENT AUDIT:

All members who have the use of a Workshop instrument will be contacted over the Summer break and requested to return their instrument for Audit on Saturday **30th August** at 10 - 11 o'clock. There was a high proportion last year of people who did not show on the morning. This leads to an enormous amount of work on the part of the instrument manager chasing up members and instruments. It is a condition of hiring an instrument from workshop that members attend the audit the following year. **PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES NOW!!** (And thanks to all those who did turn up!)

REGISTRATION MORNING 2008/2009:

Saturday 13th September 10-11.30am. Beat the crowds by signing up for sessions and paying your membership fee in advance. This offer only applies to *existing* Workshop members who wish to retain membership of the same ensemble(s) as for the current year. Forms to take advantage of this offer will be available after half term.

HAVE YOU ENJOYED WORKSHOP THIS YEAR AND WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED?

We can always use extra help to keep Workshop running smoothly and we currently need someone to help out with the shop, in particular. Please do come and see me if you would be willing to spare half an hour or so each Saturday, or if you would like to be involved in any other way.

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