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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2012

Now that Workshop is well under way, I would like to take the opportunity of welcoming back 'old' members as well as those of you who are new to Workshop. Many thanks to everyone for their patience with logistics over the first few weeks; I know that there were one or two issues which needed ironing out but Saturday mornings now seem a good deal calmer! We have a membership database of over 300 people and the buzz and energy around is obviously being generated by many, many people! I hope that everyone has settled in to their various classes and are enjoying the tuition and ensembles offered by our tutors. If there are any problems please don't hesitate to mention them to me, either on a Saturday morning or give me a call on 01480 432956.

PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL TEACHERS' DATABASE

I am regularly asked for information both by workshop members and "outsiders" (!) about private instrumental teachers in the area. Not being local to Duxford, I don't feel particularly knowledgeable about who's around and who's good. Given that Workshop very much exists only to get people started, I have felt for some time that we ought to offer some sort of recommendation of where to go next. Although I would always suggest that people look and ask in the Cambridge music shops, to have an actual list of teachers who are known to current members I think would be very useful.

So that I can compile such a list, I would be grateful if you could email me any details you have for teachers you or your children go to for lessons. It would obviously be useful to have a rough idea of where they live as well as a contact number, if you feel that would be ok. Please feel free to check if they are happy to be 'advertised' in this way before responding!

EVENTS

John Hegley Workshop

John Hegley will be coming to Workshop on Saturday, 24th November to run a poetry workshop for children (aged 8-16) at 11.15. Limited number of places so put your name down asap!

He will be in Cambridge as he is performing at the Cambridge Union that evening at 7 pm - (tel: 01223 300085 for tickets). We hope to have some copies of his new book - "Peace, Love and Potatoes" for sale which he will sign - if you would like to order a copy, please put your name down on the relevant sheet at the desk.

WORKSHOP ENTERTAINMENT - Date TBC - 16th OR 23rd March, 2013

Many of you will be familiar with the format of this event, but for new members, it's our major fun event of the year, (as well as helping to raise funds for workshop) and provides an almost unmissable opportunity to see your tutors and fellow workshop members as you've never seen them before! This year the evening will be Workshop's own inimitable take on Kiss Me Kate. Expect chorus numbers, bands, sketches and much comedy, (some of it intended!). All this with a licensed bar and an interval repast, who could say no?! Watch out for more news about this event, particularly which date is selected, and please do let me know if you have a burning desire to take part, but would rather not 'tread the boards' - we also need help with choreography, catering, stage management, bar and publicity etc etc.....!

SCHOOL ISSUES

For all members, please be aware that children should be supervised at all times!!! They should not be allowed in classrooms without an adult present. Problems are thankfully rare and we have generally a very good relationship with the school. I'd like to keep it this way!

Also, there is a school bench near the "Octagon" by the car park which has now been hit twice! For such a small plank of wood, it appears to be able to wreak havoc on a car... The car park can get very full at times and the bench is at an unfortunate height - ie tricky to see out of rear view mirrors - please take care! (I promised the school I would pass this on!)

PHOTOCOPIER

We have recently reviewed who should have access to this machine, as it does have a tendency to be somewhat temperamental, (not helped by a slightly damp room and paper which sticks together!) As stated in our recent AGM, TUTORS AND MANAGERS ONLY should operate the photocopier. If you get to the machine and there is a problem DO NOT TRY TO FIX IT! Please let someone on the front desk know and we'll get it sorted. Rummaging around in the intestines of the photocopier has at times done quite a lot of damage, (ie a conductor's baton was recently found in its insides...)

EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

If you are on email, you should be getting fairly regular emails from me, including this newsletter. If you are not, please let me know ASAP as I do like to think that a few trees are saved each time I communicate with the membership! However, if you need to reply, the email address shown below is more reliable as I check this more often....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Workshop Entertainment	Saturday 16th/23rd Mar 2013	7.30pm
Children's Music Theatre "Treasure Island"	Saturday 22nd June 2013	5pm
Instrumental Audit	Saturday 31st August	10am
Registration 2012	Saturday 7th September	10am

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