

The Newsletter September 2001

The occasional newsletter for members of BYS and their parents

Summer Concert

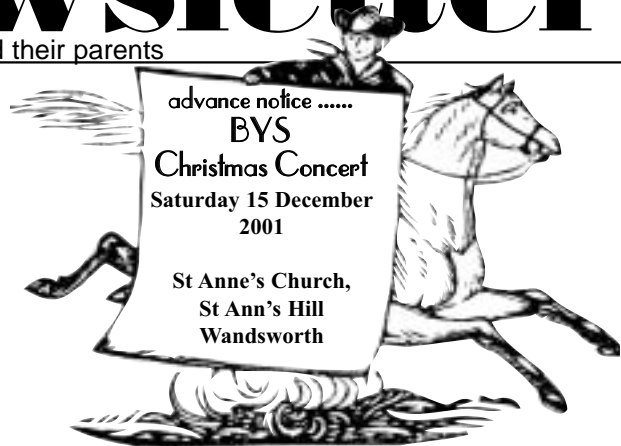
Sunday 15 July 2001

Thomas's Preparatory School, attended by a number of BYS members, turned out to be an ideal setting for the summer concert. An impressive hall with proper platform and good acoustic set the scene for the excellent performances we have come to expect from all three orchestras. Additional items included two 'cello solos from Samuel Staples and the first movement of Concerto for 4 Violins by Vivaldi performed by Rebecca Smith and Alex Mitchell with Andy and Julie.

We then enjoyed a wonderful feast of canapes and refreshments kindly provided by many parents - the school kitchens had been a hive of creative gastronomic activity all afternoon. A testament to how delicious these were was the speed with which they disappeared from the groaning tables. The children also enjoyed their ice-creams.

We are very grateful to Thomas's for allowing us to use their excellent facilities. Many thanks also to all the parents who helped beforehand and on the day - it couldn't be done without you!

Finally - well done to all the children who took part in the concert - you had put lots of hard work into the preparation and sounded fantastic!



-advertisement-



From the 8th September we will be in our new shop:
155c Northcote Road.
(very close to the library).

The telephone and fax number for appointments, queries and orders remains 020 7228 0074.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new premises and continuing to provide you with all your musical needs - we have a wide range of sheet music in stock plus a very fast ordering service - instruments to buy or hire - repairs, bow repairs - musical accessories of all descriptions - unusual gifts etc...

Lost Property

Arthur Mitchell's bow did not find its way back home with Arthur's 'cello after the summer concert. If anyone has any information leading to its whereaboutsAlso a small member of the audience lost a blue and red plastic lunch box to which she is very attached.

Julie's handy practice tips

Don't worry if you feel a little out of practice after the long summer break. Your teacher probably is too! Try to arrange a lesson as soon as possible and in the meantime concentrate on slow scales or exercises.



Parent Helper Volunteers wanted

Are you a whizz at stacking and unstacking chairs? Fancy using or developing your skills as a music librarian? ♣ No previous experience necessary - we will provide training! If you can spare 15-20 minutes before or after one or more rehearsals a term and would like to help BYS please volunteer on the notice board in the entrance hall. You'll be made most welcome!

♣ We are introducing a system of recording the lending and return of BYS music to enthusiastic members of each orchestra. We want to encourage members to work on BYS pieces in between rehearsals if they would like to do so but at the same time avoid the inevitable loss of music when it is taken away. Ideally we'd like one parent per orchestra to take this job on.

Cups of tea guaranteed!

Very difficult Competition Find the composer

Compose yourselves for this very taxing competition. To the right are pictures of several composers, and below are their names. Just to make things harder the names are all all scrambled up. The people who do the best unscrambling and identifying will get a number very nice prizes. There will be one prize per orchestra plus an overall winners prize. This is very hard, so you don't have to complete the competition to enter - just do your best and send your entries in by email, post or bring them to the tuck shop with you.

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New members for Autumn Term

We have a letter we are sending out to string teachers to encourage them to let all their pupils know about BYS. We can supply leaflets, application forms etc. If your string teacher might be willing to do this please contact Jane Gregory 020 8653 6509. She will either send you the information to pass on personally or take the teacher's name and address to send it directly to them.

Exam results

Please let Lucy Taylor, Jenny Mitchell or Jane Gregory know of your exam successes at the first rehearsal next term so we can publish them in the next newsletter.

Summer holidays
Mummy, Daddy, Louisa Rose and me go to Alderney for our holidays. We get there on a tiny yellow aeroplane called Joey. It is very noisy. I like Alderney because it is a very small and pretty island and it is lots of fun there. My favourite beach is called Saye. Mummy's face was covered in freckles because of the sun. I was very sad when it was time to come home but I know I will be able to go back there soon.

Where did you go?
by Samuel Staples



Exam results	
Rebecca Smith	Violin Grade 6*
Jennifer Newall	Violin Grade 5*
Adam Dannreuther	Violin Grade 4*
Sophie Curran	Violin Grade 4
Helen Hugh-Jones	Violin Grade 3**
Fabienne Crocket	Violin Grade 2*
Hadass Noble	Violin Grade 2*
Jack Watkinson-Boone	Violin Grade 2
Isabel Gregory	Piano Grade 2
Fabienne Crocket	Piano Grade 1*

CONGRATULATIONS

GOOD LUCK!

Good luck to all BYS members who are starting new schools this term. We hope you will be very happy and wish you lots of success.

Rehearsal dates this term

September 16th & 30th
October 14th & 28th
November 11th & 25th
December 9th

At St Michael's Church, Bolingbroke Grove, London SW11,
2.30 - 5.00. Please aim to arrive 10 minutes before start of rehearsal to allow time for tuning etc.

Christmas concert: Saturday December 15th

We want your letters and comments, pictures, ideas, photographs, puzzles, jokes, competition entries, exam results (music, karate, ballet, anything!), reviews, FOR SALE notices etc. Let us know what you would like to see in this newsletter. The more ideas we get the better it will be. Please send them to us: by email: bys@fingerpost.co.uk by telephone to : 0207 723 1594 or by the ever reliable post to : Lucy Taylor, 26 Brendon Street, London W1H 5HE For information about Battersea Young Strings please ring Andy or Julie Staples on 0207 228 3901.