



NEWSLETTER No. 2 - December 2008

PARKING

Once again, I must remind everyone about the parking spaces at the bottom of the car park. There are several spaces marked for disabled parking and as we have a number of disabled or partially disabled members at the Music Centre they need to use these spaces. Over recent weeks more and more members or parents have been parking in these spaces and not displaying a blue badge. Please consider other people and use the other spaces in the parking area if you do not need the disabled spaces.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Next week, 13th December, is our last meeting this term. We close on the 20th and 27th December, 3rd January and then re-open on Saturday 10th January 2009.

Please remember that if you elected to pay in two instalments then your second instalment is due on the first week back, 10th January 2009. Also, may I remind anyone who has not yet paid for any reason, please ensure that you come to the office as soon as possible and complete the enrolment process.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Christmas Concert is on Saturday 13th December, starting at 7.30pm, here at Carr Manor. We have several of our groups taking part including the clarinets, saxophones, guitars, training orchestra, jazz training orchestra and more. Tickets are on sale this week and next from the office. Price £4 each, £3 for concessions and free for Leeds schoolchildren. Refreshments will be included.

CAKE SALE

Our recent Cake Sale raised £175 for the NSPCC, which was £25 more than last year. Thanks to everyone who provided and purchased from the Cake Stall.

FUTURE EVENTS

Apart from the Christmas Concert mentioned above, we have three more of our popular Christmas Carol gigs at The Bracken Fox at Scarcroft (LS14 3AT), tonight, Saturday 6th December, 4pm-7pm, Thorner Millennium Green (LS14 3DX) on Saturday 13th December, 2.30pm-4pm and Oakwood Clock (LS8 2HU), Sunday 14th December, 2.30pm-4pm. Everyone is welcome at these events so please come along and support the players and singers. If you are coming to *play* please make sure you have picked up a "Gig Information" leaflet from your teacher or the office which gives more details about these events.

SNOW

In light of recent weather, can I remind you that if we have to close the Music Centre due to bad weather the best place to check will be our website, **www.northleedsmusic.org**. If the Centre is closed there will be note on the front page of the site. We will also try and get Radio Leeds to announce any closure but cannot guarantee that they will put out an announcement. Our website will definitely be updated though, by 9am on the Saturday morning.

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ENROLMENT

We still have a few places in some classes including Beginner Recorders, Clarinets and Flutes and most of our Ensembles and Orchestras will always take new members. So if you have any friends or family who would like to join please encourage them to come along.

Subject to sufficient interest, we are hoping to have some beginner classes starting in January. These would cater for Keyboards, Guitars, Recorders, Clarinet and Saxophone. If you get a new instrument for Christmas then January is the time to enrol! More information from the Office.

If you are a parent bringing your child to a class why not consider learning or re-learning an instrument yourself. Lots of parents do and they find we have a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere in which to play. We are more than happy for prospective members to “sit-in” for a couple of weeks to try out a class, free of charge. If you’re not sure, then come and talk to one of the Office staff or talk to a teacher.

Finally, if you have any problems or concerns with our Music Centre, please feel free to come and talk to me any Saturday morning or email me at the address below.

Have a good Christmas and New Year break, see you in 2009!

Regards

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6th December	Carols at The Bracken Fox, Scarcroft
Saturday 13th December	Carols at Thorner Village
Saturday 13th December	Christmas Concert and last day of term
Sunday 14th December	Carols at Oakwood Clock
Saturday 10th January 2009	Music Centre restarts after Christmas
14th and 21st February 2009.....	Closed for half term
28th March 2009	Last meeting before Easter holiday