

About theHub

The North Yorkshire Music Hub was set up in early 2012 and works in partnership with local and national arts programmes and organisations.

Its objective is to deliver the government's commitment to improving the quality of local music services and our performance is monitored by Arts Council England.

There are great opportunities to be part of the Hub and this edition contains information about how and when you can get involved in music making across the county.



Advanced wind group - "Sirocco" performing in Whitby for Armed Forces Day.

In June 2016 Whitby Music Centre supported Armed Forces Day with each ensemble playing at the band stand in Whitby.

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Issue 13 of the Music Hub Newsletter starts with contributions from students from each of our ensembles who attended music residentials over the summer. The residential courses are a fantastic opportunity - Claire, Aelfleda and Jonny share their own experiences below...

County Choir 2016

County Choir 2016 was my sixth year on a county residential and my second one singing. Having loved to sing ever since I was little, the opportunity to sing for 5 days straight sounded my idea of heaven! This year I wasn't as nervous when we arrived at Harrogate Ladies College, as we had been rehearsing as a choir for the past year, once a month at Tadcaster Grammar School. The monthly rehearsals made me look forward to the residential even more. Upon arrival, we were thrown straight into rehearsal, where we were challenged with pieces varying from 'America' from 'West Side Story', 'Run to you' a 5 part acapella piece by the Pentatonix and Requiem, a Rock Requiem by Paul Barker, this

was a six movement piece which reached up to 9 part harmonies! Whether we were rehearsing in sectionals or all together, meticulously going over one piece or topping and tailing - our conductors always made the rehearsals fun. We were even lucky enough to have one of our eldest singers, Oliver Collins, conducting us for a second year - he must really love us if he came back! Outside of rehearsals there was always lots to do, we could have some chill out time in our rooms, go and meet with friends from other bands, or rehearse for the annual North Yorkshire County Music Talent Show. For the talent show we had a massive variety of entries from solo singers to magicians, a full orchestral

performance of 'Defying Gravity' to the staff out shining us all with a hilarious rendition of 'I dreamed a dream' from Les Miserables. It was a great night had by all. The concert on our final night was an unforgettable moment. Singing in the Chapel, with its high ceiling and fantastic acoustics was amazing. The concert went without a hitch, and we sang the best we ever had. County Residential 2016 was a fantastic experience where I have made lots of lifelong friends, we have been guided by some fantastic staff members and I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunity to attend County residentials for the last six years!

Claire Bramley, Choir Member

North Yorkshire County Junior Orchestra 2016

North Yorkshire County Junior Orchestra meets six times a year and has a residential course for four days. The Youth Orchestra and County Choir also have a residential course and this year it was at Harrogate Ladies' College. We played a variety of different pieces; this is to show the different skills of each instrument; the bowing of a stringed instruments or the articulation of wind instruments. However without the contrast of the pieces, the audience wouldn't have enjoyed the concert as much as they did. Pieces included: 'Morris Dance from

Five Courtly Dances' from Gloriana, two of 'Four Waltzes' by Brahms, 'The Sound and Fury' and 'James Bond Melody' The friends you make joining the orchestras, bands and choir will last you a lifetime. Last year at the residential, I didn't know anyone in the orchestra, this made me make friends and because of this I now have some amazing people in my life. The staff provide activities for us in the evening, including a movie night which showed 'Les Miserables'. The talent show hosted by a member

from the Youth Orchestra was a great success. Many magicians, singers and players performed. This is a time during the residential when everyone feels united.

Aelfleda Pybus, Leader, North Yorkshire County Junior Orchestra



North Yorkshire County Junior Orchestra with their conductor Ian Bangay

North Yorkshire County Youth Orchestra 2016

Once again the County Youth Orchestra residential course was a great success, and more importantly lots of fun. Under the expert tutelage of Simon Wright and the County Music Service Staff we managed to produce an exciting performance of Elgar's 'Cockaigne Overture', Poulenc's 'Les Biches', Rossini's 'William Tell Overture', Brahms' 'Academic Festival Overture', Strauss' 'Champagne Polka', Rosau's Marimba concerto (with a superbly played solo from Max Heaton), and



Jonny (left) leads North Yorkshire County Youth Orchestra

'Drogo', a piece composed by the orchestra's very own bass trombonist, Simon Chorley.

To think that we managed all of this in just one week is an incredible achievement, and huge thanks must go to all the county staff who helped to turn us from a disorganised rabble into a cohesive and (perhaps) somewhat pleasant sounding orchestra.

Looking back on the six years that I personally have done this course, I can safely say that this year has been one of, if not the most memorable. The music was excellent, the food and venue provided by Harrogate Ladies College were great, but perhaps most importantly, the all-important talent show was a rousing success! Congratulations go to all the acts who took part! Also memorable were the last night shenanigans, even if the strings did lose the football match.

I would like to thank everyone for being a part of such a great experience and say that I much look forward to going again next year!

Jonny Markham – Leader, North Yorkshire County Youth Orchestra

County Youth Wind Bands Tour Summer 2016

The County Youth Wind Bands visited Lake Garda in July on a seven day concert tour.

The bands were based in San Zeno de Montagna and performed to capacity audiences in Pastrengo, Bardolino and Lazise. The band members also enjoyed sight-seeing excursions to Verona, Monte Baldo, Malcesine, Garda and Torri del Benaco making the tour a truly unforgettable experience for all concerned.

The new season starts again on October 16th with rehearsals at Tadcaster Grammar School in preparation for their 2017 tour to Spain.



Come and Play - on BBC Music Day 2016

All the fun of playing in a band was shared by excited volunteers this half term in Thirsk Market Place. Passing children, and a few bold adults, were presented with brass instruments and invited to join in. It transpired that they were all excellent raspberry blowers, and an interesting range of sounds added to the summery music played by Thirsk Royal British Legion band, training band, and guests players from Bedale and Ripon.

The event was organised by the Primary Music Network, on behalf of local primary schools, to

encourage children to take up a brass instrument. Several of the children who 'joined the band' were hoping to go to the next practice of the Thirsk Training Band to be reunited with their instrument.

For more information about joining a band please contact Maureen Worley on **01845 523511** or email **primarymusicnetwork@cuthberts.org.uk**

Thank you to the band members, helpers and Rotary International stewards, who made the afternoon such a success.



Join **SCAMPS** - our Inclusive Music Project!

If you like singing and creating music, meeting new people, and making new friends, then this is for you.

Scarborough Accessible Music Project and Yorkshire Coast Families are running a new singing and signing club at:

The Street, 12 Lower Clark Street, Scarborough YO12 7PW.

Tuesday evenings 6.00 - 7.30pm

Sessions will take place during term time:
Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

For children and young people aged 7 - 25. Parents will need to come along to support their children.

We hope to see you there. 😊

For further information email helen@create.uk.net or guy@cavca.org.uk

Membership of Yorkshire Coast Families is FREE and allows you to join all their activities and have a say on what happens with the organisation. Find out more at <http://yorkshirecoastfamilies.org/>



NYMAZ SEND Music Network Gathering

Wednesday 16 November 2016, 1pm - 5pm
The Spa, South Bay, Scarborough, YO11 2HD

This year's NYMAZ SEND Music Network Gathering is on Wednesday 16 November 2016, 1pm - 5pm, in Scarborough.

The gathering will take place at The Spa, Scarborough, and is open to anybody with an interest in music and special educational needs/disabilities, such as music leaders, music therapists, special and mainstream school teachers, Music Hub staff, SEND specialists, music/arts organisation staff, and students.

The event will include a practical workshop, presentations, group discussion and networking opportunities, all focused around music-making with children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

A successful project bringing musicians into special schools in North Yorkshire will be showcased, presented by the musicians themselves.

A panel discussion will explore the practices of Music Therapy, and the therapeutic use of music, how they differ in approach, and what practitioners of each approach can learn from the other.

Tickets cost £20, or £15 for members of the NYMAZ SEND Music Network (free to join). A limited number of free student tickets are also available.

More details about the content of the gathering can be found on the NYMAZ website - www.nymaz.org.uk.

Book your place now at www.nymazsend2016.eventbrite.co.uk



Skipton Music Centre



Skipton Music Centre's Junior Concert Band performed for the first time at Buckden Gala this summer and impressed their audience with a selection of popular classics and less well known pieces.



Skipton Music Centre's Junior String Ensemble returned to perform in Skipton's shopping centre Craven Court this summer. They delighted an audience of shoppers who stopped to listen to their music.

Musicians from Skipton Music Centre enjoyed performing as part of the End of Term Concerts for the first time at Ermysted's Grammar School in Skipton this summer. All twelve ensembles performed over three concerts throughout the day. The concerts have been a wonderful opportunity for all the ensembles to showcase the fantastic music they have been working on over the last term.



Skipton Music Centre's Senior Concert Band performing as part of the end of term concerts.

Skipton Music Centre's Big Band enjoyed returning to perform at Gargrave Open Gardens this summer. The band played a selection of popular classics to an appreciative audience of garden visitors.



Selby Music Centre

Community events:

Selby Music Centre took part in the 'Tour de Yorkshire' celebrations again this year, as Stage two came through Monk Fryston and Hillam villages.

The Centre's Jazz, Senior Concert and Brass Bands played throughout the morning along the route, expertly led by Andy Novell and Arthur Higgins.

The Brass Band then performed again at Selby Fun Day on June 19th, starting off the afternoon's entertainment at the bandstand.

End of term concerts:

The term ended with two concerts. The Juniors performed in a concert at Selby High on June 25th, and the remaining nine ensembles performed in a grand Concert in the wonderful venue of Selby Abbey on July 2nd.

The concerts were well attended by families and the local community.

We said goodbye to Dan Timmins at the end of the Selby Abbey concert. He has led the Choir and Senior Woodwind with enthusiasm and excellent musicianship and we will miss him.

County activities:

Many students from the Music Centre took part in County Ensembles throughout the year, and residentials in July.

The students were given excellent opportunities to learn and perform in both the Junior and Youth Orchestras at Harrogate, and also in the County Bands which toured Lake Garda, Italy.

Exam success:

Selby Music Centre again hosted an ABRSM exam visit in July at Barlby High School.

We had two full days of exams and retained our 100% pass rate - well done to all the students and teachers!

Forthcoming events:

November 12th - **Big Band Theory**. A workshop and concert with Harrogate and Skipton Music Centre's, working with staff and students from the Royal Northern College of Music.

November 26th - **Brass Band Concert** with York Railway Institute Band at Selby Abbey.

December 10th - **Full Centre Concert** at Selby High School.

Selby Music Centre is now an Arts Awards supporter.

Scarborough Music Centre

The first engagement for the summer term was our 32nd annual Boyes Celebrity Concert on 23rd April. This saw the return of "King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys" for their 3rd time with us (previously they were celebrity guests back in 2002 and 1996). Their own unique blend of jazz/rock `n` roll/blues/ saw a packed Spa Ocean Room rocking along to their music, as well as our own Music Centre bands, who benefitted from their musicianship and guidance. The continued link between Boyes Stores and Scarborough Music Centre has seen many thousands of local young musicians benefitting from being able to play alongside top class musicians.



On 7th May we had a Violin/Strings master class with Richard Quick. Richard, and ex-Scarborian himself, has worked all over the world with professional orchestras and now lives in Hull where he is Head of Strings at Hymers College. He spent the morning with the string players at Music Centre and also ran a master class for our young violinists of all ages and abilities. His knowledge and professionalism was a great inspiration to all.

On 14th May we took both our Guitar groups as well as Intermediate Orchestra and Ebony (our clarinet group) to Sinnington Methodist Chapel. This wonderfully friendly and intimate venue provided some much needed funds for our Ryedale Transport Fund via a retiring collection. There were lots of soloists too who all performed wonderfully. Thanks to Clive Wass for playing the piano for them and also thanks to Wendy Standish for putting it all together.

On 11th June our clarinet group, Ebony, as well as the Junior Concert Band (JCB) took a break from Saturday morning rehearsals and spent the morning busking inside the Brunswick shopping centre in the middle of town. Not only did they raise £238.60 in one morning, they also helped to raise the profile and awareness of Scarborough Music Centre to the public. We have another busking morning planned for

November where we hope to target Christmas shoppers.

The year ended with our Westborough Concerts on 25th June and 2nd July, where we saw the culmination of the year's work with the ensembles, resulting in two fantastic concerts. We wished a sad farewell to those leaving for university and wished them luck with their future studies.



Due to the shortening of the Scarborough Spa Orchestra's summer season dates, the annual joint workshop and concert with SAYSO and the Spa Orchestra, that traditionally takes place in early September, was moved forwards to 25th July 2016. Therefore, our 2016 - 2017 year ended in exactly the same way as it started back on 10th September with this same concert!



Northallerton Music Centre

Northallerton Music Centre rounded off its year with two fantastic concerts. The Senior Concert was at the Forum, Northallerton where we said goodbye to 18 members who were all in Year 13. They were awarded with personalised gifts of cufflinks and bracelets reminding them of their time at Northallerton.



The New Life Baptist Church, Northallerton was a new venue for the Junior Concert in July.



Over the last year Northallerton Music Centre has offered the first term free to any new members attending the centre. 48 young musicians have attended for a free term and 43 of those have enrolled, making new friends and enjoying the wide range of ensembles and music Northallerton has to offer.

The Parents committee have supported the centre with the purchase of Jazz Band stands. These lightweight stands were first showcased at their now regular appearance at The North Yorkshire County Show, South Otterington in June.



South Otterington in June.

They have also purchased two banners to advertise the Music Centre on a Saturday morning and students showed off the banner when supporting the NYMAZ Play Day in June (picture taken with the newly purchased Music Centre Camera).



Northallerton Music Centre Hoodies, with the logo and personalised name, have proven to be very popular with members across all ensembles.

The Centre started its new term on 10th September, again promoting the first term free to new students wishing to try. The Senior Band will be visited by the Army Band on Saturday 5th November and we will be inviting students from local secondary schools to come along for the morning. Our Open Morning was held on Saturday 15th October - if you couldn't make it but would like more information, please contact su.evans@northyorks.gov.uk

Northallerton Music Centre has a NEW Ensemble.

Play Together is aimed at percussionists and keyboard players who will form the rhythm section



in an ensemble. Students will form a percussion group and also learn to play tuned percussion including timpani and orchestral tuned percussion parts.

Northallerton Music Centre can now also be contacted through info@northallertonmusiccentre.co.uk or via www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk or www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/24161/Music-lessons-and-instrument-hire?contactid=5044

Whitby Music Centre



Whitby Music Centre has been very busy this summer term. Our first main event was on May 1st and was to provide music for the “Tour de Yorkshire” which came through Whitby. We were also asked to do this last year and the organisers decided to ask us back again for 2016. Both our Senior and Junior Concert Bands were out in the town providing a musical back drop to this event. Both bands were featured on the local radio and the crowds very much appreciated the music.

Later in the month the whole Centre were joined by the County Bands for a tribute concert to one of our members who sadly died earlier in the year. The member we lost was clarinet player - Frances Quantrill - who was a valued member of Whitby Music Centre and of the County Concert Band. The evening was very moving and an expression of how well thought of Frances was.

In June our Concert Band and Big Band gave a two hour concert in the town of Grosmont. This has become a regular twice a year event which started some four years ago. The event is called “Proms in the Pews”. The audience are always particularly enthusiastic at this event and this year was no exception.

Later in June our advanced wind group “Sirocco” provided live music for Whitby’s “Armed Forces Day”. They have been doing this for many years and have already been asked back for next year.

July 9th saw the whole centre at the band stand in Whitby. Every ensemble took part, each group doing a half hour spot. The weather was kind to us and we attracted large crowds. Later in the

day Sirocco played at Whitby Spa Theatre as part of the “Whitby Sea Festival” to great acclaim.

The final event of the term was our newly formed Big Band playing at Caedmon College Summer concert as guests of the College. This was an outdoor event on one of the hottest days of the month and a great way to finish our term.



The North Yorkshire Music Hub - find out more and get involved



We're running music hub forums across the county every term and useful partnerships and possibilities are already developing. The make-up of the meetings has been encouraging, with groups ranging from community and town brass bands, professional orchestras, primary and secondary school teachers and local music societies. Please get in touch with us if you'd like to be added to the invitation list and we'll let you know where and when the next forum for your area will be - please email: countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk or ring **01609 532 783**.

We're developing plenty of projects that you can take part in - these are just some of them:

- Continuous professional development programmes for school staff, particularly in supporting schools to deliver music in the curriculum.
- Providing an instrument loan service, with discounts or free provision for those having instrumental lessons with NYCC Music Service.
- Providing access to large scale and high quality music experiences for pupils through working with professional musicians and venues.
- You can find out more information and share examples of great partnership working in the county on our new music hub website - www.northyorkshireremusic.org.uk

If you'd like to be added to our mailing list, want to tell us about your projects, or find out more about our plans, please email countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk.

Buy in services

All partners involved in the hub run workshops, concerts and other bespoke musical projects for children and young people on a bought in basis. If you have a specific project that you would like to launch or just require some advice on setting up your own, our partners will be happy to discuss your needs. The following examples may be of interest:

- curriculum guidance/delivery;
- working with professional musicians;
- catering for pupils with specific SEND needs; and
- bespoke CPD.

NYMAZ are also the signposting organisation for the hub and are happy to add your organisations details/activities to their website.

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