

About the Hub

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

It's 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.



Pictured above: Northallerton Music Centre students celebrate securing local support

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Northallerton Music Centre

Northallerton Music Centre parents have been busy looking at ways to raise money to go towards new music stands and the next Gala Concert at The Sage, Gateshead in June 2021.

They have secured Co-op Community Funding for the next year. 1% of what Co-op member's spend on Co-op branded products helps to fund community projects in their local area. Members can select which cause their 1% goes to, so the more members that pick our project, the more money Northallerton Music Centre receives.

We were pleased to welcome members from the Rotary Club of Northallerton at our morning Christmas Concert and the Rotary Club of Richmond at our afternoon Christmas Concerts. Both Rotary Clubs have kindly donated monies towards new Music Stands.

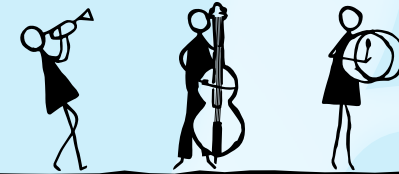
We continue to be supported by Tesco who provide free fruit each week as well as items for concert refreshments.



Northallerton Music Centre students celebrate securing local support



Duncan Davison, President of Rotary Club of Northallerton received a Thank You card made by students



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10 students have also been working hard researching 'Musical Heritage' for an Arts Award which will lead to the Music Centre receiving a grant towards our next Music Centre Gala. Students have researched their involvement in music and how this can relate to the music around them and also of other cultures. They have studied music that they play in their ensembles and the background to the composer and the piece.

Northallerton String Quartet

Four of our students have been busy rehearsing together to form a String Quartet.

This has proven very popular at Dinner Nights and the quartet are currently in high demand. We are looking at the possibilities of setting up a wind quartet to take on some of the workload!



Dinner Night Music Entertainment

Remembrance Concert 2019

Last November Northallerton Music Centre Wind Band joined with The Leeming Military Wives Choir to perform at The Forum, Northallerton. The chosen charity was The Ben Hyde Memorial Trust and the evening raised £1415. John Hyde spoke of all the charities that received support from Ben's Memorial Trust. The concert was a mixture of songs, solos and pieces reflecting various aspects of how we remember.



We Will Remember Them

Guitar Group

Unfortunately, due to falling numbers our Guitar Group was stopped for the foreseeable future. We are still working on promoting the ensemble and if numbers interested increase then we hope to reinstate it.

Diary dates		
Saturday 21st March 2020	11am	Senior Ensembles Concert at Northallerton Music Centre
Saturday 28th March 2020	11am	Junior Ensembles Concert at Northallerton Music Centre
Sunday 21st June 2020	10.30 -2pm,	Jazz Band at The North Yorkshire Agricultural Show, Camphill, nr Bedale
Saturday 4th July 2020	11am	Junior Ensembles Concert at Northallerton Music Centre
Saturday 4th July 2020	7pm	Senior Ensembles Concert featuring our Year 13 leavers at The Forum Northallerton

Scarborough Area Music Centre

Autumn Term 2019 Review



The autumn term of 2019 was a busy one for Scarborough Area Music Centre. The term kicked off with the EASY Jazz Orchestra performing at the Scarborough Jazz Festival on 21st September. During the morning the young musicians got to work with professional Jazz musicians, Gordon Campbell (Trombone) and Robert Fowler (Saxophone) who took them through their paces in a workshop session. They then performed as part of the festival in a packed Sun Court to a very appreciative audience.

During October and November, we had a couple of workshop visits from Matt Anderson. Matt is a professional saxophonist and jazz educator, as well as being an ex-member of both Scarborough and Whitby Music Centres in his formative years. Matt,

along with his Quartet, are going to be our celebrity guests for the Boyes Concert on March 14th 2020, so he is doing some preparatory improvisation work with our ensembles to prepare a brand new composed piece to play at the concert.

On November 23rd, our Junior Concert Band under the baton of Julie Alder went into Scarborough Town Centre to do a morning of busking instead of rehearsing as usual at Music Centre. Not only did they raise some funds for our centre, but they helped to raise the profile of Scarborough Music Centre out in the local community. We had planned to be outdoors but unfortunately the heavens opened all day so we relocated to the Brunswick Shopping Centre instead.

On December 7th The EASY Band once again performed in Thornton Le Dale at their annual switching on of the Christmas Lights ceremony. This has been a long established event in our calendar and one that we really look forward to each year as it marks the start of Christmas. There was a huge crowd who stayed and listened and even Santa waved and said hello!

Our term ended on 14th December with our Gala Christmas Concert at Queen Street Methodist Church. The concert was well attended, and every ensemble really performed to the highest of standards, exemplifying what is really great about Scarborough Area Music Centre. The concert ended with our Grand Finale involving all the music centre groups together performing a medley of Christmas Carols.



Whitby Music Centre

Autumn Term 2019 Review

The first event for the 2019 – 2020 season for Whitby Music Centre was on 21st October at Briggswath Methodist Church. This concert saw our Choir, String Ensemble, Whitby Area Concert Band and WOW (Wider Opportunities Whitby) under the batons of Gillian Edwards and Sue Rowland perform an eclectic mix of music to a packed church.

In a joint project with Scarborough Area Music Centre, Matt Anderson also came to work with the Whitby Jazz Collective during October and November. Matt is a professional saxophonist and jazz educator, as well as being an ex-member of both Scarborough and Whitby

Music Centres in his formative years. The Whitby Jazz Collective will be joining Scarborough Music Centre ensembles on March 14th 2020 in their Boyes Celebrity Concert where Matt and his Quartet will be working with the music centre members and starring in the concert.

The run up to the Christmas festivities saw the music centre students performing on Endeavour Wharf to signal the opening of the Whitby Christmas Market over the weekend of 16th / 17th November. On Saturday 16th our Esk Valley Concert Band along with our Wing Group “Mistral” performed and the following day it was the turn of WOW and Whitby Area Concert Band.



Two further Christmas Concerts kept Whitby Music Centre busy right up to the end of term. On 9th December the whole music centre took part in the Christmas Concert which was held at Eskdale School. Then a week later on 16th December our more senior ensembles (EVCB, Mistral and Jazz Collective) finished off the term at St Matthew’s Church in Grosmont in our Winter Warmer Concert.

The ensembles are now busy preparing to take part in the Eskdale Festival of Music and Drama next term in March, in which the whole music centre competes.



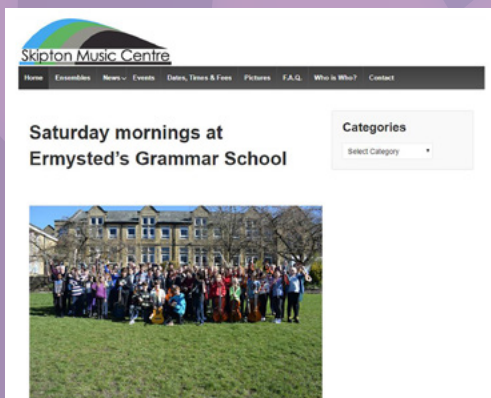
Skipton Music Centre

Just a short bulletin this time around, as I have just taken over the management and administration from Sarah Evans whilst she is on maternity leave. She gave birth to a beautiful baby girl: Merryn Anne Evans on 20th December 2019 weighing in at 6 lbs 12 oz. Mother and baby are doing well and we wish Sarah a very happy maternity leave at this precious time. Skipton Music Centre enjoyed a great collaboration

with Harrogate and Settle Centres at the 'Cake and Frets' event on February 9th. It was a delightful way to spend an afternoon with music from the Guitar and Ukulele groups, accompanied by some delicious cake of course!

SMC will be showcasing their talents at their mid-year concert on Saturday 7th March at Christchurch in Skipton. There will be two concerts at 3pm and 7pm.

<http://skipton-music-centre.org.uk/>



Look out for more exciting events and opportunities as we enter the Spring Season!

Harrogate Music Centre



We enjoyed a lovely Christmas concert with great performances from all groups, but in particular, included a beautiful string performance under the direction of Artist in Residence, Will Dutton.

January marked the launching of our exciting new beginner groups in Brass, Woodwind and Strings. This has been a huge success and we have welcomed almost 40 new members as a result of them.

2020 has started with a busy period, including the 'Cake and Frets' event: A delightful collaboration with Harrogate, Skipton and Settle Music Centres. It was a lovely way to spend an afternoon, enjoying performances from guitar and Ukulele groups (and not forgetting delicious cake!)

We are now busy rehearsing for our Gala Concert at The Royal Hall in Harrogate on 8th March. This promises to be a really special occasion. Tickets are on sale at Music Centre between 9.30-11.00am on Saturday morning.

Meanwhile, we are also preparing for National Festival Music for Youth featuring performances from HYJO and the HMC Festival Wind Band.

Some HMC members will also be part of the V.E. Day Memorial Concert at Harrogate International Conference Centre on 30th March, a huge privilege to be part of such a prestigious event.

Finally we find ourselves at Easter and on Easter Sunday, HYJO will be performing at The Big Band Night as part of the Harrogate International Youth Festival of Music and Drama.

Selby Music Centre



The Music Centre opened its doors to several new faces in September, and we have had an exciting term of music making.

Senior Concert Band were invited to play at the switching on of the Christmas Lights in Selby on November 30th. The students were playing on the Minster FM trailer situated in the Christmas market, outside the Abbey, to entertain the public with some festive Christmas carols.

We held our usual Full Centre concert on Saturday 7th December, featuring performances from all the Ensembles. The Senior Strings were in charge of accompanying the audience carol, and the final joint item between Senior Concert Band and Choir got everyone in the Christmas spirit!

The Music Centre is opening its doors to beginner students again, in the spring term.

We are inviting students from local schools who are participating in whole class Wider Opportunities and Groups of 8 sessions, to an Open Morning on Saturday 29th February.

Students can then sign up to attend the Music Centre for free for a term.

This will give the students another opportunity to experience ensemble playing with students from other schools and areas, and hopefully inspire them to continue with lessons and ensembles next academic year.

<http://www.northyorkshireremusicclub.co.uk>

Forthcoming events

March 7th	Senior Concert Band are taking part in the Eskdale Festival in Whitby, alongside ensembles from Scarborough and Whitby Music Centres
March 14th	Orchestra morning at Selby Music Centre with York Light Orchestra
March 28th	Full Centre concert at Selby High

NYMAZ Ambassadors and Make Music Day!

Do you know any young people aged 11-25 who would like to take part in a range of music activities and develop ideas for a creative career? Get the opportunity to set up their own music projects, and share their views about how to develop what's already on offer? The NYMAZ Ambassadors programme will be running weekly sessions in Ripon and Knaresborough this year engaging with more young people to help incorporate their views within our organisation, and make more music happen across the county.

Anybody interested in becoming an Ambassador can come along to any of the weekly sessions to find out more, and take part in a workshop with a music professional.

No need to book in advance!

[For up-to-date workshop dates and locations, click here](#)

For the first time NYMAZ Ambassadors will also be working towards developing a programme of exciting musical events across North Yorkshire for 'Rural Fest' our very own festival as part of Make Music Day!

We will be celebrating the music-making that takes place across our wonderful county and sharing it as far and wide as we can through live-streams!

We are also offering up the opportunity for those aged 16-25 to join the Rural Fest programming team! Visit our website here for more information: <https://www.nymaz.org.uk/news/post/rural-fest-2020>

Make Music Day is an exciting international event on Sunday 21 June, which celebrates the joy of music! NYMAZ are partners with Make Music Day UK and leading on their Rural and Digital strands! If you want to get involved with this dynamic event then get in touch with Grace on grace@nymaz.org.uk for more information on how you can be involved or visit: <https://makemusicday.co.uk/>



RURAL FEST 2020!

As part of Make Music Day, NYMAZ will be supporting young people ages 16-25 who are interested in working in the live music events industry. These young people, as part of our NYMAZ Ambassadors programme, will produce the first ever Rural Fest! While they are kickstarting their music industry career and working alongside professional mentors gaining important industry experience, they'll be producing and delivering music activity in rural North Yorkshire! Keep an eye on our NYMAZ News for details about the event and how everyone can take part! www.nymaz.org.uk/news



NYMAZ Ambassadors

Join our exciting youth voice programme to develop your musical skills, knowledge and interests! Running weekly sessions with professional musicians and also short mini courses for Professional Opportunity and Developments Ambassadors is a programme created by YOU for YOU! Join us today: <https://www.nymaz.org.uk/ambassadors>

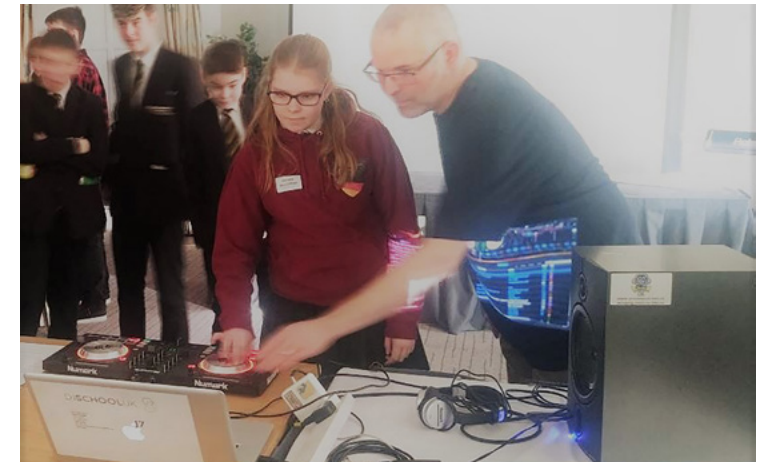


NYMAZ SEND Music Network

This network is open to all those in North Yorkshire and Teesside who are working with (or interested in learning more about how to work with) children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability, including music practitioners, workshop leaders, classroom teachers, staff and freelance practitioners.

Membership is FREE and includes invitations to training events and conferences; opportunities to network with peers; online forums to share learning and effective practice, webinars, resources, plus e-bulletins featuring the latest policy updates, research and sector news.

Join our network today:
www.nymaz.org.uk/for-professionals/send



NYMAZ Early Years Music Network

This network is open to all those working with children aged 0 to 5, including music practitioners, workshop leaders, playgroup leaders, children's centre managers and staff, childminders, and students.

Basic membership is free, and members in this tier receive:

- Quarterly e-bulletins featuring the latest policy updates, research and sector news
- Invitations to Early Years Music CPD and Networking events in North Yorkshire, ensuring they're the first to hear about training opportunities nearby.



Full Membership

For a small annual charge of only **£10** for an individual freelancer or **£25** per setting (up to three named staff), full members receive e-bulletins and event invitations, PLUS:

- Free networking events*
- Discounts on NYMAZ conferences and training*
- Free webinars
- Access to online resources in the NYMAZ website Members' Area
- Free copy of the NYMAZ Early Years Songbook: Songs for Modern Childhoods
- Free 3-week hire of resource kits*
- Free one-to-one advice in own setting (limited number)*
- Free opportunity to observe another practitioner delivering a music activity (limited number)*

*Within North Yorkshire county area.

Join our network today: <https://www.nymaz.org.uk/for-professionals/earlyyears>

VE Day Concert

30th March- Harrogate Convention Centre

As part of NYCC's VE Day celebrations, schools from across the county will be joining County Big Band, County Youth Orchestra and County Choir in a celebratory concert on 30th March. Over 300 primary school children will form a massed choir and we will be joined by the newly formed Army brass band based in Catterick. Two secondary schools will also combine choirs and

there will be dancing from pupils at Richmond School. Musicians from Northallerton, Harrogate and Scarborough Music Centres will also be performing.

The concert follows on from the 2018 World War 1 centenary concert and promises to be a fantastic event. Tickets will be on sale from Harrogate Convention Centre Box Office.





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

Forums

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 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 North Yorkshire County 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.northyorkshiremusicub.co.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.

Contact us

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Tel: **01609 532 783**

Email: countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk

Or visit our website at:

www.northyorkshiremusicub.co.uk

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