

## Slough Music Service End of Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS



#### Guitar Holiday Course

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30 - 4pm**

Guitar course from 9.30am - 4pm, with optional wrap around care from 8.30am - 5.30pm for parents who work Cippenham Primary School, Elmshott Lane, SL1 5RB, Slough

Do you already play a guitar or ukulele or would like to try playing these instruments for the first time?  
**THEN COME AND JOIN THE BAND!**

Only £40 for both days! Discount offered for families with a household income of below £16,190, see website for details. Open to pupils ages 6 - 11. Booking is essential, apply at [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk)

#### Slough Youth Orchestra, 2018 – 2019

Each year the Slough Youth Orchestra gets bigger, stronger and better! Are you grade III + on an orchestral instrument? If so, come and join the orchestra! Rehearsals are being held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am – 2.30pm and the 6pm performance with prior rehearsal from 4pm will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. All rehearsals and concert are at Langley Grammar School and conducted by Tom Horn. Entrance to the concert is by donation, so please come and see us play. For more details please visit [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk)



### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Music Centre.** Music Centre Coordinator Claire is now on maternity leave and so we are pleased to introduce you to Lucy Stoker who will be joining Azza Woodall as a music centre leader. Glyn will still make appearances now and again and she is taking on the role of acting Head of Service following Laura leaving Slough Music Service at the end of this term. There will be a slight change to the music centre timetable:

#### Timetable from January 2019

<b>3:50pm</b>	<b>Registration</b> (at swimming pool entrance to the left of main reception)
<b>4:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>5:00-6:00pm</b>	<b>Orchestra</b>

Please note that pick up time is slightly earlier at 6pm

Rehearsals begin for the new term on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

If you play an instrument and would like to join a band with likeminded musicians from across the borough then visit our website to sign up or just come along to Beechwood School for a 3.50pm registration on a Thursday during term time. The music centre is open to any instrumentalist or singer. For further details or to sign up please visit [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk).

**The Curve Choir** was set up as collaboration between the library services, Slough Borough Council and Slough Music Service to provide a community choir, accessible to all, for Slough. New members are always welcome, no experience necessary, and we rehearse at The Curve, SL1 1XY from 6.30 – 7.30pm on Thursday's during term time. If you have an event you would like to invite the choir to sing at please do not hesitate to contact the music service.

## NEWS

**The Multicultural Singing Celebration 2018** held at Windsor Parish Church on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December was a great success. Led by Slough Music Hub vocal consultant and hub partner Gillian Dibden MBE, schools came together to sing songs together from across the globe and for the season. We were particularly impressed with the quality of the schools' choir singing which is improving each year. Well done to all the school music teachers and choir leaders who have worked hard with their choirs to put on a superb performance, and of course to the young singers who sang their hearts out for us. Next year's Multicultural Singing Celebration is pencilled for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the same venue.

**Eton Carol Service.** The music service's year came to a glorious end with our prestigious annual carol service at Eton College Chapel. St. Bernard's Girls' Choir led by Mrs Fletcher, Langley Grammar's Choir led by Mr Wilkinson and Mr Batsman, The Curve Choir led by Glyn Murphy and Taplow Girls' Choir led by Gillian Dibden all took part, singing their own carols and leading the congregation hymns. In addition to the singing Hershel Orchestra led by Mr Jones and Mr Piggott played in the ante chapel as the congregation arrived.

**Personnel changes.** As the current Head of Slough Music Service, Laura Lancaster leaves for Buckinghamshire Music Service and to start her own business in the new year, we are pleased to introduce **Glyn Murphy, Acting Head of Slough Music Service:** "I have worked at Slough Music Service on a part time basis since 2009 and have held a number of roles, including WCET, vocal advising and teaching and as a peripatetic instrumental teacher as well as being responsible for financial reporting to Slough Borough Council and the Arts Council and for ensuring our tutors get quality CPD and support in their work. Since February 2018 I have worked solely for Slough and am really looking forward to stepping up into my new role. I am excited by the prospect of working with all of you to support and promote musical learning and projects in Slough.

I recognise that I have big shoes to fill following Laura's very successful period leading us and we are very grateful for all she has done - I hope that you will find me equally approachable and open to working with you to enhance the musical experiences of all young people in the Slough. I will be doing my best to contact hub partners in the Spring term as we continue with our existing programmes and teaching. Glyn Murphy"

**And a thank you from Laura:** "Many thanks to everyone I have worked with over the last ten years in Slough. Your support for music education and community music has made my time working here delightful. I have particularly relished working in a diverse community which has allowed us to explore varied ways to engage the children and young people in music. I wish Glyn all the best in continuing this work and wish everyone seasons greetings and a harmonious new year. Laura Lancaster"



## GET INVOLVED

Learn to play an instrument

Join a band, orchestra or choir

Take part in a course

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