

Autumn 2004

Issue 1

This Season's Events

18th September

Rehearsal: CYO

Exeter Music Group Project

The County Youth Orchestra work with the Exeter Music Group Orchestra, preparing for a concert in Exeter Cathedral next year.

2nd October

Gathering Day: CYO, DYWO, DYCO, DYSO

Four of our County Ensembles meet for a day of music-making.

5th October

Away-Day: DYWO

Royal Marines School of Music

The Devon Youth Wind Orchestra visits Portsmouth, and has the opportunity to rehearse with the Royal Marines Band Service, containing some of the best professional musicians in the world.

16th October

Gathering Day: DYJO, DYFE, DYBB

Our jazz, flute and brass groups meet for a day's rehearsal.

18th-20th October

Workshops and Concerts: The London Community Gospel Choir

Ashburton, Exeter, Barnstaple

Make a joyful noise!

Coming Soon...

1st-5th November

Project: Ugandan Drumming and Culture
Orchard Vale Community School

Teachers and pupils from North Devon schools participate in a week-long drumming project, based at Orchard Vale Community School.

Hitting the right notes...

Devon Music Service – The Path Ahead

Ken Parr, Head of Service

Devon Music Service (DMS) encourages people of all ages to deepen and broaden their interest in music through promoting wide access to playing musical instruments and singing. **Supported by Devon County Council**, we help to nurture talented players and champion initiatives that enable young people to develop their own music-making.

DMS works in partnership with other organisations to create and maximise musical opportunities for people of all ages. We support music-making across the county, guided by our overarching aim to create more musical opportunities for more people.

Creating Opportunities

Creating opportunities for people to enjoy learning and also learn how to enjoy themselves is what it's all about!

Devon Music Service is working hard to enable communities to work together, inspiring people to achieve greater things and offering a variety of high calibre and unique musical experiences.



Musicians of Tomorrow

Society is changing rapidly. Team-working, reliability, and the ability to think creatively remain crucial attributes – these skills are at the heart of music education.

Devon Music Service is engaged in educating the musicians of tomorrow. **We put learners at the centre of our thinking.** We aim to excite children to learn through music all their lives. We hope to promote an eagerness to learn – to switch on the 'learning button'. Rather than achievement for achievement's sake, we help children to build their capacity to learn both in and out of school.

Supporting 'Endangered Species'

Recent years have seen a marked fall in the number of people learning certain instruments, now nationally recognised as the "endangered species". This has a knock-on effect on ensemble playing at all levels. Devon Music Service is addressing

the problem by making the following instruments available for hire at greatly reduced rates:

Oboe
Bassoon
French Horn
Trombone
Tuba
Double Bass

The music service develops and supports activities that promote the take up of these instruments. One such project occurs next March...

“Music Comes to Town!”

5th March 2005

DMS is bringing all of its County Ensembles to rehearse in Newton Abbot. What a day this is going to be: stroll between the different venues and watch some of the county’s most talented young musicians perform; take part in an African drumming workshop; and see the inspirational trombonist Dennis Rollins in action! Dennis will be working with DMS for a day of workshops, and giving a concert in the evening. Not to be missed!

More Ensembles!

Two new and exciting ensembles have been formed this year. The **Devon Youth Percussion Ensemble** will shortly be having their first rehearsal at Dartington Hall. This group aims to develop as an ensemble but also enable its members to gain appropriate skills for playing in orchestras and bands – watch this space!

Good news! The **Devon Youth String Orchestra** has reformed. DYSO offer less-experienced players the chance to explore different styles of music, and build the skills needed for playing as a string section in larger ensembles.

Jazzing it up...

In January 2005 **AJ’s Big Band** will be performing two concerts at Exeter Phoenix in Exeter. The programme has been designed to appeal especially to young people: the music will blow your hair back, and the audience will be meeting and talking with the musicians.

Bringing People Together

Devon Music Service is promoting Ugandan drumming and culture in North Devon this term. The week-long project will run 1-5 November, and will be based in Orchard Vale Community School in Barnstaple.

The project will give pupils, teachers and members of the community the opportunity to experience the richness of African culture.

Music in springtime...

Sing & Play 10th Anniversary at South Dartmoor Community College: Belshazzar’s Feast by William Walton. Members of the DMS County Ensembles perform alongside the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and a choir of over 300 singers. An exceptional opportunity.

Winter Season’s Events

6th November

Gathering Day: CYO, DYCO, DYJO, DYSO

12th-13th November

Concert: DYJO

Teignmouth Jazz Festival

The Devon Youth Jazz Orchestra trains and performs at the acclaimed jazz festival. An immense privilege!

15th November

Concert: DYJO

Exeter Phoenix

The jazz orchestra perform for a charity evening at the arts centre.

20th November

Gathering Day: DYFE, DYBB, DYWO

4th December

Concert: DYCO

Brixham

Gathering Day: DYFE, DYBB, DYJO

11th December

Concert: DYWO

8th January 2005

Gathering Day: DYWO, DYCO, DYFE

18th January 2005

Project: Big Band Jazz

Exeter Phoenix

29th January 2005

Gathering Day: DYFE, DYBB, DYJO

Rehearsal: Sing & Play, CYO

Spring Events include...

5th February 2005

Sing & Play 10th Anniversary

South Dartmoor Community College

Featuring Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, DMS musicians, and singers from across the county.

5th March 2005

Music Comes to Town!

Newton Abbot, Multiple Venues

Gathering Day for all DMS County

Ensembles, and so much more...