

Musica Holme Valley News



Summer 2019

Summertime!

Last term was one of the busiest I can remember here at Musica Holme Valley. To summarise in brief...

January

MHV guitarists performed at the Bridgewater Hall as part of *Craig Odgen's Big Guitar Weekend* and percussionists went to the Royal Northern College of Music where they had the pleasure of meeting acclaimed percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie. Our first ever Musica Holme Valley *Soloists' Evening*, for wind, brass and percussion was a great success giving our young performers a chance to shine and develop those all-important performance skills. MHV Percussion Ensemble performed 'Detention' at the first *Music for Youth (MfY) Big Bang* percussion celebration at St Paul's Hall.

February

Musicians in the Newsome pyramid gathered for the *Newsome Big Sing* led by Miss Cherryholme and the Big Band performed at the *Great North Big Band Jazz Festival* in Chester-le-Street. We had the enormous pleasure of hearing Intermediate and Senior Strings perform beautifully at the *String Serenade* evening too.

March

Wow! Seven groups from Musica Holme Valley performed at the *MfY Huddersfield Regional Festival* all receiving positive feedback and tips from the MfY Music Mentors. It was an exciting event showcasing some amazing young talent. The MHV *Spring Concert* was the perfect way to round off the term; it was brilliant to see how the groups have gelled in so many ways and progressed over the year. Very well done to all. It just makes us more excited about the term ahead!

Thank You

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Musica Holme Valley for all they do behind the scenes at our events. They work so hard throughout the year serving refreshments, being super supportive and raising funds which we are able to use for new equipment, instrument repairs, music and sponsoring trips and musical events.

Finally, our end of term concert will be... *A Night at the Oscars - The Sequel*. Last year's event was so exciting we decided to do it all again, with awards, bringing some more Hollywood hits to Holmfirth. On behalf of the whole teaching team, we do hope to see you there!

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Musica Kirklees Area Manager - Holme Valley

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday, May 4 - Jamboree Rehearsal

MHV, 11.30-12.30pm

MHV Ukuleles and Pop Choir will be joined by ukulele players from local schools and community groups to rehearse the full set list for the Jamboree performance at the Festival of Folk the following week.

Saturday, May 11 - Holmfirth Festival of Folk

There will be some changes to rehearsals as a result of the festival:

9.00 - 10.00am - all guitars will rehearse with Mr Bateman at MHV instead of the usual separate Junior/Intermediate/Senior Guitar rehearsals which will not be going ahead.

No rehearsals for - African Drumming, Percussion Ensemble, Ukuleles and Pop Choir as they will be taking part in the festival instead.

Rehearsals as normal for - Big Band (to prepare for the afternoon *Big Band Festival*), all string groups, all wind bands and Songbirds.

Central Class Pupils - please check with your teacher as to whether your lessons will be going ahead.

10.30am - Schools' Concert Songwriters please meet Mr Bateman at Holmfirth Civic Hall for a sound check.

Musica Kirklees/Holme Valley at the Festival of Folk:

9.30 - 10.30am - Free Samba Workshop, Holmfirth Civic Hall

Music learned will be performed in the Folk Festival Parade at 3.00pm. MHV Percussion Ensemble and Adult African Drummers will be teaming up with the Honley Samba Band for this exciting, fun workshop. Open to all.

12.00 -1.15pm - Schools' Concert, Holmfirth Civic Hall (Songwriters please arrive at 10.30am for a sound check)

Performances from local school children and some of MHV's young musicians. The concert features a 'Sea Shanties Suite', a piece has been arranged specially for the festival by Mr Mace and involves some of our students. Also featured at the Schools' Concert will be a premier performance of 'You Can Go Anywhere You Want To' which has been written by students of Musica Holme Valley under the guidance of Mr Bateman.

Tickets £3 for adults / free for children accompanied by an adult.

12.00 - 1.00pm - MHV Adult African Drummers and Honley Samba Band

Outdoor performance outside the Methodist Church, Holmfirth - free street event.

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1.15pm - Musica Batley Folk Collective

Concert at Holmfirth Methodist Church. A new group launched last September by Musica Kirklees to explore folk music from the British Isles and beyond. This is their first performance at the Festival of Folk and they would welcome your support.

2.00pm - Free Ukulele Jamboree, Hollowgate

Ukulele players of all ages from around the area are invited to be part of the jamboree alongside MHV Ukuleles and Pop Choir. If you'd like to be involved please download the music from our website: <https://www.musicakirklees.org/event/details/id/578>. The more the merrier!

3.15pm - Holmfirth Festival of Folk Parade

See our Samba musicians from the morning workshop parade from Holmfirth Methodist Church to welcome the Folk Dancers as they congregate in Victoria Park. A real highlight of the festival!

4.00pm - Sasha and Ursula Glendinning, Holmfirth Methodist Church

Spare an hour to listen to this talented duo perform their own set of folk, jazz and indie music.

Saturday, May 11 - Kirklees Big Band Festival 2019

5.30 - 9.45pm, Shelley College

MHV Big Band will be performing at the first ever *Kirklees Big Band Festival* featuring all of Musica Kirklees' Big Bands and guest performers from Leeds College of Music.

Sunday, May 18 - Yorkshire Strings Playday

10.00am - 4.00pm, Harrogate Grammar School

For more info about this event please see Mrs Kelly.

Wednesday, May 22 - The Mayor's Installation Ceremony

12.00 - 2.00pm, Huddersfield Town Hall

Big Band will be performing. Permission slips for this event need to be returned as soon as possible by anyone who has not already done so.

Saturday, June 1 - MHV closed for half term

Sunday, June 9 - Wind Wizards performance at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Grosvenor Road, Dalton. Details to follow.

Sunday, June 9

Big Band at Greenhead Park Bandstand, 2.00 - 4.00pm

Details to follow.

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***Saturdays June 15, June 22 and June 29 - Changes to Rehearsals**

There will be changes to rehearsals for three weeks to accommodate some collaborations for the forthcoming Oscars Concert. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but hope that everyone will be able to attend.

- **Junior Strings will be at 9.00 - 10.00am**
- **Senior and Intermediate Strings will be at 10.15 - 11.30am to rehearse with the Senior Wind Band for the concert finale**

Friday, June 21

Percussion Ensemble performance at Elmwood Primary School, Middleton
Early morning assembly celebrating World Music Day. Letters to follow.

Saturdays June 22 & June 29 - Changes to Rehearsals - see details for June 15*

Monday, July 1 - A Night at the Oscars - The Sequel

Holmfirth High School, 7.00pm

Roll out the red carpet and dress to impress for an evening of Hollywood hits. Tickets £5 (£3 concessions for under 18s, students and pensioners). Please purchase your tickets early for this event as they may be limited to first come first served.

Monday, July 8 - Evening of Guitar and Ukulele Music

Hade Edge Band Room, 7.00pm

An opportunity to listen to our guitar and ukulele groups as well as hear a selection of soloists and small group ensembles too.

Saturday, July 13 - Final MHV rehearsals of the term