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FUTURE CONCERTS AND EVENTS

28th/29th March 2015 Fri 17th April 2015 Residential weekend at Langley School, Loddon Mountbatten Festival, Royal Albert Hall

RECENT EVENTS

Christmas already seems a long time ago but SNYSB had a very successful December. Thank you to Jo Golby for the report on the Christmas Market at Harleston:— a small but well-wrapped SNYSB ensemble gathered in Harleston on 6th December to bring some festive cheer to the shoppers and traders at the Christmas Market. The sun shone as all the old favourite Carols were played. Lots of people kindly donated into our charity boxes and along with a little help from a small elf in one hour we managed to raise £30.31. I think the group would agree that the mini doughnuts warmed them up nicely!

The following day 13 SNYSB players attended the **Bungay** Christmas Street Market. It was slightly wetter but warmer this year. It is a lovely event with lots of really good stalls and we raised £180 plus £77.12 in the charity boxes - well worth doing! A particular 'well done' to those who attended both events! On 12^{th} December a good group played at **Woodcote** which is a sheltered housing residence for older people. We were much appreciated as we shared some Christmas cheer.

The **Christmas concert** at Diss URC was a sell-out! It was great to have a packed hall with excellent atmosphere and really good acoustics. The band rose to the occasion and played really well. They played a mixture of favourite pieces and Christmas songs with some excellent solos. Toby and George kindly led us in the actions to YMCA which I'm sure we all appreciated!

The winners of the Pollard Awards were presented and the overall winners - India Riordan and Delcine Dunsmore - delighted us with their solos. Three awards which are only made known on the night were also presented:

The Musical Directors Award was presented to Aislinn Russell for her work as music librarian.

The Paul Donley Woodwind Award was presented to Georgia Golby and the Clarinet Award to Jade Mason.

Including the ticket sales, raffle and refreshments we raised nearly £750. Many thanks are due - to Julian Sanders for his tireless furniture and space organisation in his church, to all those who helped with loading and unloading the trailer and also those who helped with the refreshments, ticket sales and raffle. A special thank you as well to everybody who generously donated raffle prizes and mince pies - all of which we ate eventually!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The next big event is the **residential weekend** at Langley School in Loddon with the concert on the Sunday evening in an excellent venue at the school. Please get your tickets from Mandy Carter from the beginning of March. A letter regarding attending the weekend will be sent out separately - please return it as soon as possible.

In April we will be attending the **Mountbatten Festival** and more information will follow shortly - please keep the date free.

SUBS

Subs of £10 per player are now overdue - please see Mandy Carter as soon as possible.

Friends subs of £5 are also due. Please send to Mrs Mandy Carter at Brick Kiln Farm, Cross Road, Starston, Harleston, IP20 9NH.

NEWS: This news made the printed edition of the December newsletter but missed the email version:

Delcine Dunsmore has passed her ATCL Flute Recital Diploma with Trinity Guildhall School of Music in London! Well done Delcine!

NEWS ITEMS for the newsletter can be written in the news book at Tuesday evening rehearsals or emailed to the secretary at this address - mark.nashy@tiscali.co.uk