



Grimsby Philharmonic Society

On Saturday 25th April we had a most enjoyable and successful Gilbert and Sullivan concert at the Central Hall. We had a combination of experience and youth in our local soloists, Jo Boddison, John Barrow, John Elliott, Stacey Schultz, Isabel Biggs and Zoe Everett, the latter two being recent winners of the Phil trophy at the Cleethorpes Festival. Brilliant accompaniment was provided by the fantastic piano duo Anthony Goldstone and Caroline Clemmow.

Rehearsals have already begun on the Mozart Mass in C Minor for our concert on 24th October 2015. We welcome anyone who would like to come and join us.

We finish on 22nd June for our summer break, returning on 7th September.



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Grimsby Minster Choir

We have been delighted to welcome several new choristers in recent months, with the size of the Choir having more than doubled since Christmas. As well as singing regularly at the Minster, the Choir recently joined with the choirs of Doncaster Minster and Halifax Minster to sing Stainer's *Crucifixion* in Doncaster Minster. Highlights for the coming term include singing from the top of the Minster tower on Ascension Day, another three choirs event in Louth as well as our regular services at the Minster. Our outreach programme continues apace, with our Director of Music currently supporting the Choir in one of our local primary schools. Further details about the Choir's work can be found at www.minsterchoirs.com as well as on our Facebook and Twitter sites.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

June 2015

- [10th](#) - KS2 Singing Festival, Grimsby Auditorium—Songs and genres spanning 8 decades.
- [11th](#) - NEL Music Hub 'Last Night of the Proms', Grimsby Auditorium - 7pm start.
- [19th](#) - Thrunscoe Academy perform
- [26th, 27th, 28th](#) - Cleethorpes Jazz Festival—See Grimsby Jazz for details
- [29th](#) - Lincolnshire Music Teachers Conference, Lincolnshire Showground
- [30th](#) - CRASH, BANG, WALLOP!!, KS1 morning of music making, Grimsby Auditorium / 'Uke can Sing', KS2 afternoon of shared ukulele playing and singing.

July 2015

- [3rd, 4th, 5th](#) - Humber Taiko represent North East Lincolnshire in Exeter Taiko Festival.
- [3rd](#) - Cloverfields and Bursar Academies perform
- [4th](#) - Grimsby Bach Choir Summer Concert—See Grimsby Bach Choir for details
- [20th](#) - MAPAS Pre Paris Concert, Cleethorpes Cricket Club - 7pm start.
- [22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th](#) - MAPAS Eclectic groups touring in Paris
- Every Friday, 12—1pm [Music Whilst You Eat](#)—St Peters Church, Cleethorpes

Meet one of the Delivery Partners...

They are **EAST COAST ELITE** – a brass and percussion Corp's. They welcome new members to their 4 sections, Brass, Tuned Percussion, Percussion, Dance and Drama Guard. They meet and rehearse at Humberston Academy on Thursdays from 7 -9pm and would be very happy for you to visit them. The age range for East Coast Elite is age 12 or above. The photograph highlights six members of East Coast Elite who were honoured to play for a special 70th anniversary of the Victory in Europe ceremony on the 8th May. During the ceremony the Mayor of North East Lincolnshire, Councillor Alex Baxter, lit a beacon on the top of Ross Castle, Cleethorpes with similar lightings around the whole country. East Coast Elite are also currently working hard rehearsing their 2015 production 'Pandora's Box' with their first performance only four weeks away.

The Big Hymn Sing

A pilot for the Big Hymn Sing was launched in February 2015. This was organised by Grimsby Minster in collaboration with MAPAS with the aim of supporting schools in delivering hymn singing and building on their resources. Each school/academy was given a resource pack and in either the morning or afternoon session the pupils experienced singing together with other schools in the wonderful Minster with Steven Maxson providing accompaniment on the organ. This was definitely a session of awe and wonder.

9 schools and a total of 377 pupils participated in this pilot.

"It was good to see the confidence of the children growing throughout the morning" – Headteachers comment.

THE GOOD NEWS !! there are 3 Big Hymn Sings planned for the next academic year:

These will be ahead of Christian festivals so that we can include some seasonal music.

Mid-Autumn Term (to take in Advent & Christmas)

Mid-Spring Term (as this year, to take in Lent and Easter)

Just before May Half Term (but post SATS), to take in general hymns and "farewell" hymns.

Dates will be on the NEL Music Hub website.



Grimsby Bach Choir offers students supported by the Hub a chance to perform each summer in one of our summer concerts. These are usually performed in local churches as part of their fundraising activities and are seen as an important part of GBC's work supporting singing throughout the local community.

Maxson Consulting

We have continued our work in schools and in supporting music hubs around the country. Some of our more successful training sessions recently have included our popular "Tricks of the trade" course as well as one promoting collaboration between pupils. We have also worked extensively on the quality assurance of teaching, including having created subject specific materials for the quality assessment of music provision. More information about our provision can be found on our website www.maxson.org.uk/education as well as on our Facebook and Twitter sites.

Maxson Music

Our musicians have been busy performing as soloists and within ensembles across the country. Future highlights include solo recitals in cathedrals, town halls, and major churches across the UK, as well as a tour to Iceland. We are always delighted to work in collaboration with children and young people and we have recently provided musicians to accompany student exams and solo performances, as well as working with ensembles in schools. More information about our provision can be found on our website www.maxson.org.uk/music as well as on our Facebook and Twitter sites.



WANTED!!!

Musicians for the new **Buster Band**

REQUIREMENTS:

- Own instrument – any (but not piano!)
- To be able to play 4 notes
- To attend rehearsals – **WEDNESDAY 5-6 pm**
Lisle Marsden Academy, DN32 0DF

There will be a termly prize for the school/academy most represented. Please come along and have a go or contact **01472 323550** for more details.

Preparation for the Junior Festival and highlighting the whole class programme of Ukulele learning

The children from Stanford School Choir in Laceby are really looking forward to performing at Grimsby Auditorium next month (10th June). The children are keen singers and enjoy getting together to practice on Friday lunchtimes. Sara Brady (Music Co-ordinator) said: 'The songs for the Junior Festival have proved very popular, with even extra members of staff attending choir rehearsals. It has been great to see everyone singing together, dancing and having lots of fun.' The children are enjoying the choice of songs, but they all agree that 'We Will Rock You' is their favourite song.

Polly- 'I just love Walking on Sunshine, it makes me happy and it's good to sing along to.'

Esmee- 'We Go Together' is a great song. I like it because I've seen the Grease film; it's really good.'



At Humberson Cloverfields Academy the children have been learning ukulele in school for three years now. We purchased a class set of Mahalo instruments, which have been absolutely fantastic. The children get a taster in year 3 and build up their knowledge and chords through to year 6. We also run a lunchtime club for those children who are really keen and many have bought their own instruments to practice at home. The enthusiasm is there to learn to play the instrument and the ease with which children can learn the first few chords makes it really accessible. We have performed in school assemblies, at Christmas concerts and we are really looking forward to taking part in the Uke Can Sing event in June. I would certainly recommend giving the ukulele a go!