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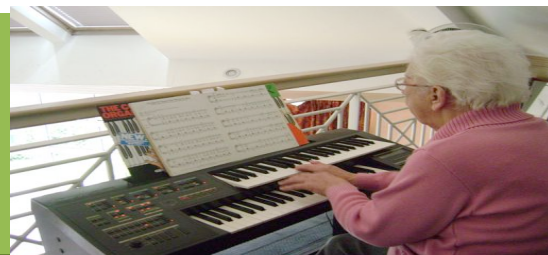
Card-Making at Barstow House

Local artist, Katherine Semple, joined the Barstow House music group on 5th June for a morning of music and card-making. We weren't sure how Barstow's fervent musicians would feel about engaging with a different art form, but all agreed that Katherine's simple yet effective techniques had made for a fascinating and rewarding morning.



Dot Austin from Honeysuckle House takes centre stage at concert fundraiser!

On 17th June, a spectacular concert fundraiser for Musical Connections was staged at Millthorpe School. The event was organized by local music student, Bethan Terry, who has been volunteering for Musical Connections for over 3 years, and was kindly supported by York's Mayor and Civic Party. A vast array of talent was showcased during the concert, with performances from York Opera, Cantar Community Choir, a jazz band from York University and several talented soloists of all ages. However, the highlight of the evening was when Dot Austin, one of our regular participants at Honeysuckle House sheltered housing scheme, took to the stage to perform I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing on her organ, which had been specially transported to Millthorpe for the occasion. The audience sang along with enthusiasm, and all agreed this was a fitting end to a fabulous event. Many many thanks to Bethan and to all the performers for giving up their time to support Musical Connections.





Summer Big Sing Delivers a Box of Delights

Our summer Big Sing took place on Friday 8th July at Acomb Methodist Church, and a varied programme, encompassing a range of musical styles and performances, was much enjoyed by our guests. Thanks must go to parents and staff from Rufforth School, who accompanied children to the event so that they could participate alongside the adults - the school choir performed with great energy and flair, and the additional children who came along did a great job of dancing and interacting with the audience. We were also joined by Community Base, a group of adults with learning disabilities, who regularly attend our group at Glen Lodge sheltered housing with extra care scheme. Keen to make their own contribution, they did a great demonstration of singing and signing, which got the whole audience involved. Not to be outdone, staff and participants from our other groups delivered several fantastic performances; Jill from Woolnough performed a very stylish dance to Singing in the Rain, ably performed by the brilliant staff choir, while Lesley from Willow brought the house down with an unforgettable version of Victoria Wood's 'Let's Do It!' George from Glen Lodge and Michael from Barstow performed some fabulous solos and duets, and Margaret from Morrell stunned the room with her absolutely beautiful performance of Moon River!

It was a fantastic afternoon, and we are very grateful to Janette from the church who gave us lots of support in organising the considerable amount of seating and refreshments.

More Visits from All Saints, St Aelreds, Fishergate and Poppy Road

As ever, we are incredibly grateful to our regular school contributors. Our care home residents and sheltered housing tenants absolutely love to spend time with the children and young people from these schools and, this half-term, we have enjoyed a variety of workshops and projects with children from age 7 to 17. Please see our photo-gallery overleaf for more photos from these and other events that have taken place over the last few weeks. And don't forget to check our Facebook page for regular Musical Connections news and updates!





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