

Musical Connections

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Big Strings and Small Strings!

Students from York University's Music Education Group teach our community groups to play cello and ukulele

We were delighted to be offered the opportunity to learn about stringed instruments with students from York University's Music Education Group (MEG). Tuned instruments present a different kind of challenge to our participants, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed learning how to play them. Video-clips from these sessions can be seen on our Facebook page (search on muconnections).

New Art Project Begins!



We always like to include additional art forms in our project when funding allows, and are delighted to be starting a series of wall-hangings with local artist, Emily Harvey. The first sessions have been held at Morrell, with others to follow in all of our participating care homes. We look forward to sharing the finished results in our next newsletter!

Connecting with the Community

Fishergate school has had a longstanding connection with Willow House care-home. When Willow closed in January, we were delighted when the school expressed a desire to remain involved with our project. As if to underline their commitment, children, staff and volunteers walked all the way to Barstow House in the rain, to take part in an action-packed workshop with the group there.



Rufforth and Burton Green primary schools are also regular contributors to our project. Rufforth pupils recently joined tenants from Gale Farm Court for an afternoon of music and quiz questions, and a Year 4 class from Burton Green has begun a challenging project, funded by York Music Hub, with residents from Morrell House dementia care home. The children and residents are working on learning and composing new songs, as well as a variety of other activities, all of which will be honed to perfection for a large community concert, to be hosted by Canon Lee secondary school in July.

Singing's the best Medicine!

Musical Connections musicians, Emma and Joe have thoroughly enjoyed bringing music to elderly patients at York Hospital - a new and very rewarding extension of our work.



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