

Musical Connections

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Gorgeous wall-hangings reflect carehome residents' favourite songs

In our last newsletter, we mentioned that we were starting an art project in our care-homes with local artist, Emily Harvey - the photos above showcase some of our end results! Each banner is based around residents' favourite songs, such as Cliff Richard's 'Summer Holiday', 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' and the timeless 'You are my Sunshine.

St Crux fundraiser brings in £600!

On 28th June, we held a fundraiser at St Crux in town, and were hit by the worst day of weather in months. A huge thank you must go to all the volunteers and singers who turned up in the pouring rain and got thoroughly soaked while doing their best to entice the crowds in to invest in our delicious home-baked cakes and high quality bric-a-brac. To achieve this total is nothing short of miraculous in such atrocious conditions and testament to the huge efforts made by our supporters. THANK YOU!



A huge array of intergenerational projects and events have taken place this term with several local schools and students. All Saints sixth formers came to Barstow to join the regulars at their usual Monday session, while Rufforth and St Aelreds primary schools enjoyed fun workshops with sheltered housing tenants at Gale Farm Court and Glen Lodge.



Hob Moor primary was enormously welcoming when 28 of our participants and support workers went into school for a somewhat inappropriately named 'Little Sing' with no less than 60 children!

We continue to benefit from the involvement of students from York University's Music Education Group (MEG). The students visit periodically to run workshops with our participants, who love to have a go at learning new instruments. Here's June from Barstow getting carried away on the ukulele!



Big Fun and a Big Sing with Burton Green Primary School!

Probably our most exciting project this term has been with residents from Morrell House dementia care home and children from Burton Green school just across the road, who worked together over several weeks to prepare pieces for performance at our Summer Big Sing. Kindly hosted by Vale of York academy, the event was a triumph - both children and residents performed brilliantly!

