

# Musical Connections

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## Gale Farm Court music group celebrates new grant!

With our main source of funding coming to an end at Christmas, we are doing everything we can to keep our project running. Gale Farm Court participants were keen to help with this and took part in a video, which was shown at a local 'Dragons' Den' competition hosted by York CVS and the Two Ridings Community Foundation. The dragons loved the film (which can be seen on our Facebook page), and awarded us enough funds to keep the group going till the end of 2018!



## We need your support!

We are currently a nominated charity for Aviva's Community Fund, but we need lots of votes as soon as possible to secure £1,000 for our project. Please follow this link to register and vote for us: <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-1324>. Our work benefits over 200 vulnerable and older people every year, who tell us that their music groups help them feel healthier, happier and more connected to other people. Please help us continue this important work!

*‘When you get to my age, you have lots of lovely memories to keep safe and think about - and this is one I can add’:* these are the words of 93 year old Henry from Haxby Hall, who celebrated his birthday with a ‘Little Sing’ at Hob Moor primary school on Monday. Henry was joined in his celebrations by participants from across most of our groups and more than 40 children from the school.



Everyone present threw themselves into the various challenges presented to them (check our Facebook page for a Halloween ‘mannequin challenge’), and thoroughly enjoyed a mass singing assembly to finish!

*Ten Little Acorns Hanging from a Tree!* Musical Connections works with children and young people of all ages, and the residents of Haxby Hall were delighted to be joined this week for the third time by their friends from local nursery, Pollyanna’s. Old and young shared in various autumn-themed activities including singing, puppetry and artwork. Here’s Henry having another great afternoon!







*More photos from this week's very dramatic and seasonal intergenerational sessions - autumn leaves, balloon acorns and zombies!*

