

# Musical Connections

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## New experiences for York College students at Ebor Court care-home

For several years, music students from York College have taken part in projects at Morrell House, a dementia care-home run by City of York Council. When Morrell closed a few months ago, a number of its residents moved into Ebor Court and, at the request of residents' families, we began running weekly sessions at Ebor instead. Residents and staff have welcomed us wholeheartedly, and we are delighted that they had the opportunity to enjoy this year's project with York College. Interactive workshop activities, held over a couple of weeks, enabled older and younger participants to relax and get to know each other while the third and final session gave the students an opportunity to showcase their wonderful musical skills. They chose to perform a range of numbers by favourites such as Elvis, Louis Armstrong and Bob Marley - these went down a storm with the residents, bringing many to their feet to dance with the students.



### Little friends from Pollyannas Nursery return to Haxby Hall

Haxby Hall residents are looking forward to the latest visit from their friends from local nursery, Pollyanna's. Sadly, last week's visit had to be cancelled because of illness in the home, but we won't have to wait long before they are back again!

## A heartfelt thankyou to our local ward committees

In the face of the closure of most of the council's care homes and an associated loss of local authority funding, we are very grateful for our current grants from Micklegate, Heworth, Hull Road, Westfield and Dringhouses/Woodthorpe ward committees. We would also like to say a special thankyou to Edna and Dot, members of Honeysuckle Singers, who attended a ward meeting with our project director to persuade local councillors to support us – their pitch was brilliant, leaving the councillors unable to refuse!



*The photo shows Edna and Dot (front row, centre and far left) with their group during a ukulele workshop.*

## Don't miss Musical Connections' 10th Anniversary Concert on 22nd March!

It is hard to believe that it is 10 years since the Musical Connections project started. Having begun with one musician running a small project in the council's care-homes, we became a registered charity in 2016, and have grown to a team of 4 musicians, supported by around 20 volunteers and a fabulous board of skilled and pro-active trustees. We now work with at least 300 beneficiaries a year in care-homes, sheltered housing schemes, community centres and GP surgeries across York, and run around 50 intergenerational events and projects annually with hundreds of children and young people from York's schools, universities and the sixth form college. All of this is most definitely worth celebrating, and we are very much looking forward to our anniversary concert at the National Centre for Early Music on Friday 22nd March 7-9pm. There will be around 60 performers from our groups and choirs (pictured here in rehearsals!) singing alongside Fulford School choir – it will be an evening of joyous intergenerational celebration, so please join us if you can. Tickets are £10 (£5 concession), and are available from any member of the team. Contact us on 01904 373011 or [enquiries@musicalconnections.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@musicalconnections.org.uk).



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