

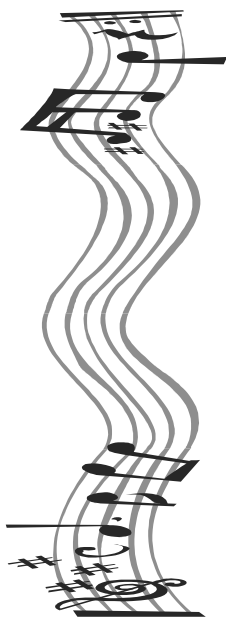


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Friends of Southampton Youth Orchestras Newsletter

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Welcome to the new year and new website

First, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all new members of the orchestras and their families, and secondly welcome back to all returning members. We now have a revamped website. On www.fsyo.org.uk you can catch up with all the news, enjoy some photos from SYO's tour of Poland last summer, browse the small ads and help to save the planet by sharing a lift to rehearsals with another family. You can even read back issues of the newsletter. To help make the site even better, please send any news, ideas or comments to info@fsyo.org.uk.

Lastly, especially with Christmas approaching, if you are considering buying goods or services on the internet, please visit our own Shopping link. This takes you to the websites of many well-known companies, from where you can order as normal. **By using the fsyo link however, any purchase you make will generate valuable extra income for the Friends – towards instrument purchase for example – without costing you an extra penny!** There are more details on the site.

Jane Warren (newsletter editor)

Bridge Teas - Can you help?

I would first like to thank all those who have provided cakes for these teas. If you would like to be added to the list of cake makers (called upon once or twice a year) please contact me as below. It is a very effective way of raising funds for the orchestras. Since I took over the job in 2002 these teas have raised **£3,210**.

However, I would like to ask for volunteers to take over this job before September 2007 when I shall have to give it up.

- Two people
- Four or five teas a year (Sept - June) on a Sunday
- Crossfield Hall, Romsey

I collect cakes at the SYO Saturday rehearsal and make the sandwiches at home on the Sunday morning. We then serve them to the Bridge players (with tea & coffee) in the afternoon. The expense of making the sandwiches is reimbursed from the sale of the teas. The figure given above is the net profit over four years.

It would be good to work alongside new volunteers for the last two teas of the 2006/2007 season to 'show them the ropes.' This is a very practical and enjoyable way of raising funds for the orchestras. We desperately need to hang on to this means of raising money, so are there a couple of people out there who can volunteer? Please contact me to find out more:

- email ann@wfenner.freemove.co.uk
- telephone 023 8070 5164.

Ann Fenner



Committee members 2006-2007

At the AGM on 14 October 2006, the following committee members were elected.

POSITION	NAME	ENSEMBLE(S)
Chair	Sally Boxall	SYO
Treasurer	Miyuki Archibald	SYS
Vice Chair	Ann Smith	SYO
Secretary (inc. membership)	Sue Wilkins	SYCS, SYS
Newsletter Editor	Jane Warren	SYS
SYO Transport	Peter Gosney	ex SYS
SYO Librarian	Linnet Evans	SYO
Assistant Librarian	Eun-Ha Kang	SYCS
	Richard Boardman	SYO
	Anne-Marie Zimmermann	SYO, Elgar

Ensembles and Directors 2006-2007

Ensemble	Director	Venue	Time
Purcell Strings	Helen Bullas	Sholing Junior	Wednesday 4-5 pm
Finzi Strings	Vanessa Jarvis	Shirley Warren Primary	Monday 4-5 pm
Holst String Orchestra	Zoe Hunting	Shirley Junior	Monday 4-5 pm
Elgar String Orchestra	Christa Porter	Sholing Junior	Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 pm
Southampton Youth Sinfonietta	Joan Male (asst. Karen Hatton)	Cantell School	Saturday 9:30 – 11:45 am
Southampton Youth Concert Sinfonia	Martin Felton (mgr. Joy Tricklebank)	Regent's Park School	Saturday 9:30am -12 noon
Southampton Youth Orchestra	Jane Higgins	Taunton's College	Saturday 9:30 – 12:30

Southampton Music Service scoops top award

For six consecutive years Southampton Music Services has been identified in the top six music services nationally. This year we have been identified as the best service in England and Wales and will jointly receive the overall award with East Ayrshire from Scotland. The award recognises the outstanding commitment from the City Council to promote music making in the City and in ensuring that all children have the opportunity to succeed in music. Well done to all pupils, parents and teachers in achieving this. You can all hold your heads up and say, "we're simply the best". (from SMS website: www.southamptonmusic.org.uk/)



Concert Diary 2006-7

Date	Ensemble	Venue	Time
27/11/2006	Finzi Strings*	Shirley Warren Primary School	4:15pm
27/11/2006	Holst String Orchestra *	Shirley Junior School	7 pm
29/11/2006	Purcell Strings*	Sholing Junior School	4 pm
09/12/2006	Southampton Youth Sinfonietta Carol Service	St. Michael and All Angels, Bassett Avenue	3 pm
16/12/2006	Southampton Youth Sinfonietta Carol Service	Avenue St. Andrew's United Reformed	5 pm
03/02/2007	Southampton Youth Orchestra Tea and Cake Concert	Turner Sims Concert Hall	3 pm (tbc)
16/03/2007	Southampton Youth Concert Sinfonia Spring Concert	West Totton Centre	7:30 pm
17/03/2007	Pyramid Concert All ensembles	Central Hall, St. Mary St	7 pm
	*parents and friends only		

Instruments for Sale**Strings for sale:**

Jargar Medium (blue packet) cello strings. Full set - £50.

Dogal Green Label (smooth bronze wound) cello strings for full or ¾ size cello. Strings C, G and D - £14 for the three strings.

Dominant (Thomastik) violin strings for ¾ size violin. Full set £18.

email: sue@wilkinsfamily.plus.com
Tel: Wilkins 023 8055 5252

For Sale

Full-size violin £120

Please call 023 8032 4322



For Sale

Full Size Cello
Handmade Chinese
£2,000 ono
Owned by Debbie Allen, former SYO
Email: debbiepacker@hotmail.co.uk
Mobile: 07739022982
Home: 01489 505079

A very big thank you from SYO

A huge **thank you** to Pam Please and her dedicated group of parents and members of SYO who have provided *home-made* cakes for refreshments each Saturday morning throughout the year. This was especially profitable when refreshments could be sold to the Open University tutees: what a shame that Health and Safety regulations have put a stop to that! Thanks also to those parents who come along, sometimes at short notice, to help out at the break during rehearsals. I shall be very grateful for continued support and baking now that I have taken over from Pam!

FSYO would also like to thank everyone who has generously supported all the orchestras during the past year.

Ann Smith (new 'catering manager')

Committee contacts:

Chairman: Sally Boxall

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Vice-chair: Ann Smith

- ann_smith@lineone.net

Newsletter editor: Jane Warren

- jane@squirle.net

Secretary: Sue Wilkins

- sue@wilkinsfamily.plus.com

We would be delighted to hear from local business people who would be interested in advertising in our concert programmes. Enquiries about options and rates should be addressed to Ann Smith, FSYO Vice-chair.

- Email: ann_smith@lineone.net

- Tel: 07973 167914

The logo for the FSYO website features the text "FSYO website:" in a bold, sans-serif font, positioned above the website address "www.fsyo.org.uk" in a larger, bold, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a stylized, black, curved shape that resembles a wide, shallow 'C' or a pair of curved lines meeting at the ends, creating a frame for the text.

FSYO website:
www.fsyo.org.uk

More website news

A major achievement over the summer was the re-cataloguing of all the music held at Taunton's College. There is a very wide range of material – orchestral and chamber - to suit all abilities. It is freely available for Southampton Youth Orchestras and, in many cases, for hire to outside ensembles. You can now search the database online from our website: follow the Music Library link.

SYO in Poland—July 2006

The summer tour to Poland was not only one of the highest peaks in the SYO's musical skills but also an amazing social trip for the orchestra as a group. With great accommodation lined up and chances to go to many new and exciting places in Poland, as well as venues for concerts that none of us could have ever imagined playing in, not only was the tour a success but unforgettable.

Despite Jane's wishes, that sadly were never granted, that everyone would be in their own rooms asleep at a certain time, and for the brass section to be quiet in rehearsals, she never once showed her annoyance and so the orchestra's mood remained high...

After an incredibly emotional trip to Auschwitz camp, Jane had arranged for us to play a concert, our last concert, in a converted warehouse that was now a modern art gallery. With low morale and a depressive feeling after the earlier excursion, few people expected the concert to be a success, except Jane. However, after an absolutely awesome speech that meant something to everyone, the orchestra went on to play their best concert of the tour and probably ever! This was a great way to end the tour and left the orchestra on a real high, which lasted until we got back to England and realised it was time to go home!

Emily Boxall SYO