



PYM Meeting Notes

May 17th 2021

Present: Tim Arnold, Richard Brown, Jay Buckle, Joan Ingarfield, Dilys Thomas

Guest: Pili Araujo Brown.

Tim explained PYM to Pili and in return Pili explained her rôle to us. She is Purbeck's Area Leader for the Dorset Music Service. She manages music provision in the Purbeck Schools so knows all the school music leads and the peripatetic teachers who visit. She was very pleased to be in touch with PYM and is very willing to work with us to make more music happen in our local schools.

Schools' Tours: 'Focus on Music'

There followed much discussion about what we hope to achieve in the immediate future.

Ali Kay's offer to come to Purbeck to do school tour with Sally Aiko Dando, Lewis ? and Joe Berry before the end of term was welcomed.

Discussion ensued regarding timing of such an event....before or after summer break?.....and also scale. How many musicians to involve and how many schools to target? Schools are still not using their Halls for Assemblies (Covid rules) so only small groups (bubbles) would be reached.

Chris Avison (BSO trumpet) is also keen to do a brass day.

It was thought that as Ali and her group are ready and willing to fix something now, we should try to press on with that and then have separate Brass and Wind days early in the Autumn Term.

If the String day was in July, it might be possible to involve peris also so more schools could be reached. Three schools in one day in a tour would be possible but not more.

Instrumental teaching:

Jay reported that two cello students at St Mary's had decided to give up which was a disappointment. She would ask them what secondary schools they were hoping to go to in order to encourage them to continue.

It was agreed unanimously to pay Caroline Buxton £110 to continue teaching at St Mary's until the end of term.

PAW event September 17th.

Richard is seeking young performers for the PAW concert in Emmanuel Church on September 17th. The possibility was mooted of having one of the Focus on Music days on that date.

It was agreed that all school music leads including the Purbeck, Swanage School and Lytchett should receive a notification of this event so that performers can be selected in good time and possibly before the end of this term.