



Minutes

PYM Trustees meeting

26 July 2021

Present: Tim Arnold (Chair); Joan Ingarfield (Treasurer); Richard Brown; Jay Buckle; Dilys Thomas (Secretary).

1. Reports of school visits/demos:

Ali Kay had visited Swanage Primary and Corfe Primary with Sally Dando, Lewis Lee and Joe (?). They had performed and then helped children try out the PILS instruments (violins). There had been an enthusiastic response from children keen to learn.

Peris (violin, cello and Double Bass) from DMS had also visited schools, playing for only the youngest age group.. too small to start lessons. The visits had been successful.

Karen Dando had also visited St Mary's with Sally, and had enlisted the help of Lily Fawcett (8) to play for the older age groups. This had worked well.

Follow up: in Autumn schools to be encouraged to seek out those keen to start instruments.

2. Lessons - Costs

Discussion followed about how to subsidise the first lessons....and continuing lessons if necessary. Joan felt that all families should pay something towards lessons however small the amount. Richard Ely Trust available to help fund promising students.

Size of groups an issue.....a violin class of 30 being an impossibility. 4/5 more do-able.

Teachers include Karen Dando and Rosie. Caroline Buxton cello.

Jay to prepare a document for schools describing the aims and intentions of PYM in encouraging instrumental lessons in Primaries and explaining how we might help. Parents then to be informed.

3. Brass

Negotiations with Chris Avison and ICB to be put on hold for now as too costly. Tim keen to have high-impact brass input to balance with strings and winds. Joe Arnold to check with trumpeter friends about some demos in schools possibly in January.

4. Lydia Bennet

Lydia (bassoon) has been in touch with Jay re performance opportunity in Corfe in September. She and her wind trio (Holywell) are playing in Corfe on September 18th and are willing to visit schools while they are in the neighbourhood. Corfe Primary already a possibility and also the Purbeck School. Jay to follow up. (See note below). If the Holywell Trio go into schools their fee should be invcreased from £100 to £120.

5. Purbeck School

Following the departure of Tom Davies from the Purbeck School, Marie Simmonds is gathering the reins of musical activities there until a new Head of Music starts in 2022. Approached by Jay, she seems willing to welcome performances there in order to inspire pupils.

6. **PYM Ambassadors**

The idea of keeping in touch with our local students now studying music at college and university and inviting them to become 'Ambassadors' for music in our local schools was considered to be an excellent idea with further engagement from them in schools an on-going possibility. Sally Aiko Dando, Miro Vesper and Lydia Bennet to be approached by Tim for these rôles.

7. **Website**

Tim asked to create a page 'News Update' on the website and keep up-to-date.

Also...Tim please remove minutes from site.

8. **AOB**

Gina...about prizes and PILS to handle (?)

Dilys Thomas

Secretary

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