

# *Everyone Matters*

*~ Music for a while shall all your cares beguile ~*

*Patron: Howard Shelley, OBE*

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## *The Big Update!!*

*Everyone Matters* is launching a major intergenerational project in Bromley, funded by the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund. We are absolutely thrilled that we are now embarked on a year of activity, mounted in collaboration with Bromley Youth Music Trust, that will see some of Bromley's most talented young musicians visit nursing homes and day centres to perform alongside professional musicians.

The project is entitled "Conversation Pieces - words and music uniting young and old". It is our aspiration to bring the generations together in a shared enjoyment of music, and to build strong links across the community so that many of Bromley's older residents will be able to look forward to continuing visits from schools and young people's groups even after our project has finished. Above all, as the title of our project implies, we hope that music will act as a catalyst for conversation.

This month a trio of clarinet, viola and cello (Margaret, Mickey and Julia) are visiting eight venues around Bromley to offer preliminary concerts and to explore with residents and staff ideas for programmes that everyone would most like to hear over the coming months. We already have as strong contenders requests for "Brahms", "cello music", "Gilbert and Sullivan" and "anything with a tune!" At least this last request gives us plenty of scope!

Community links are already beginning to emerge, and a particularly exciting development may be the possibility that *Everyone Matters* can become a member of "Time Bank", an initiative organised by Age UK Bromley and Greenwich. Today we visited the Prince George (Masonic) Duke of Kent Home in Chislehurst that is a Time Bank member, and tomorrow we visit the St. Edward's Day Centre in Mottingham thanks to an introduction by Liz Kent who runs the Time Bank initiative. It was also good to be hosted this afternoon at Elmwood (Mission Care) Nursing Home by Bettina Wood whose two children both play with BYMT and to meet there a resident now in her '90s who used to be secretary to the Bromley Schools' Orchestra.



## *Surbiton Neighbourhood Grant*

Many months ago the Surbiton Club for the Blind requested a concert to help the club celebrate its “birthday” on 19 March 2013. This prompted an application to the Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee for a grant and *Everyone Matters* has now been offered funding that will enable us to provide concerts next year in six Surbiton nursing homes and day centres to complement that special “birthday” event. Katie and Margaret are hoping to perform and are already taking requests for concert items.

## *Concertina Charitable Trust*

The Concertina Charitable Trust exists, as its web page so movingly puts it, to “brighten up lives”. *Everyone Matters* is very grateful to the Trust for sending a cheque that will supplement our existing work in line with Concertina’s stated aim to provide partnership funding to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. Simon Baynes, founder of the Concertina Charitable Trust, has said, “I have always thought that we owe a debt of gratitude to the generation which has handed down this great nation to us. Yet so many of the elderly lead sadly impoverished lives. Through Concertina we can say thank you by bringing a little joy back into some of their lives.”

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Don’t forget to be at our fund-raising music night in Croydon on...

*Saturday*  
*15 December 2012*

UPSTAIRS

at

**THE GREEN DRAGON**

**58 - 60, High Street, Croydon, CR0 1NA**

<http://goo.gl/maps/AfZ2L>

**Entry £2.00**

...flyer attached.

