



Musical Connections newsletter

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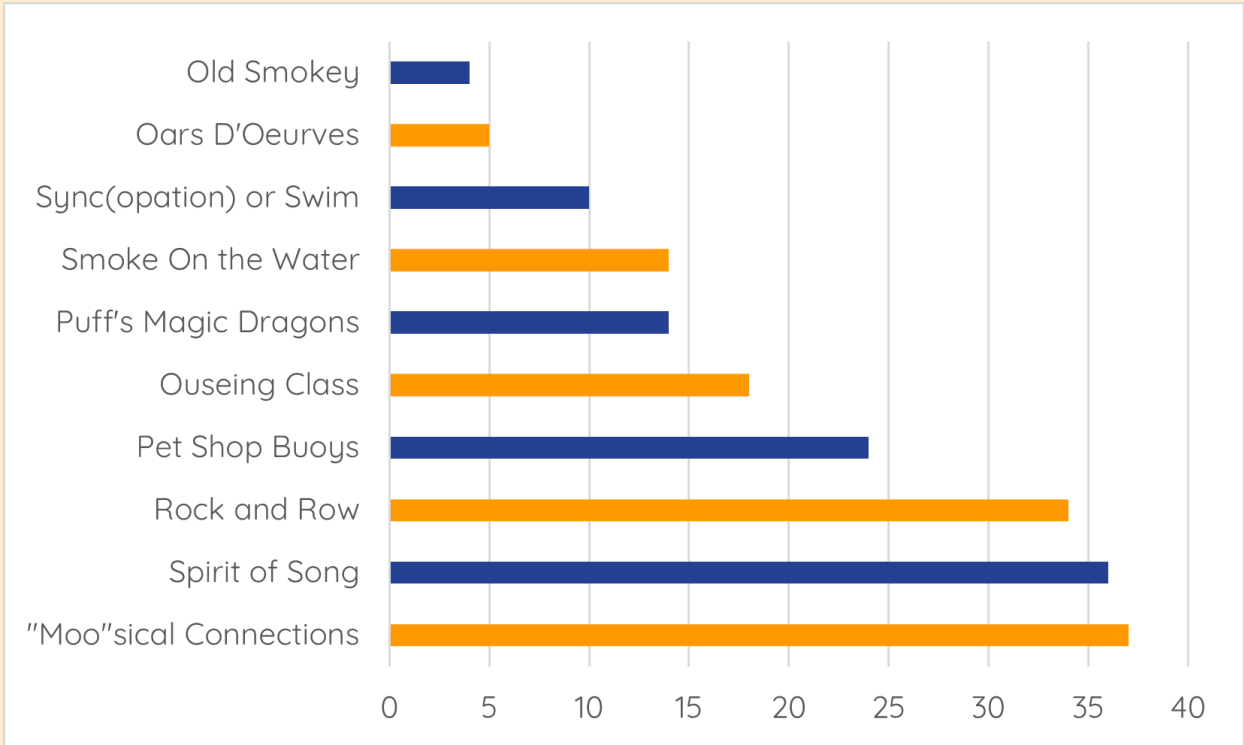


We "Udderly" Need Your Support!



We recently received the very exciting news that we'd been successful in our application to take part in York's Dragon Boat Race Challenge in July. This means that, not only will we have a North Bank fundraising stall similar to last year, but we'll also have a Dragon Boat racing in the water too. Given that most group members will be unable to take part in the rowing itself, we asked them if they'd contribute to the naming of the team instead - arguably, one of the hardest jobs! After a close-knit poll in which they voted for some of their favourites from a musical and humorous selection devised by MC musicians, members, and family members, we're very pleased to announce that we'll be racing as **"Moo"sical Connections**! As this event is all about raising both awareness and much-needed funds for many of York's local charities, we have also set up a [fundraising page in collaboration with the York Rotary](#), and are hoping to raise a huge £1,500 by July. Any support that you can give [via the page](#) would be greatly appreciated, and if you happen to be around on **Sunday 9th July**, then do pop along to the river to cheer us on! Meanwhile, Abby, Charlotte, Amy, and Danny are off to do some necessary rowing practice!

Donate to "Moo"sical Connections



As you can see, some fantastic team name suggestions, and very close between the final 3!



"When people sing together, community is created"

- Peter Yarrow

Our Rolling Tones group members are thoroughly enjoying preparing for their next concert at the Joseph Rowntree Theatre – **York's Community Choir Festival on Saturday 11th March**. An annual celebration of the power of community music, it provides the perfect opportunity to join together in song, enjoy performances from other York choirs, and share the pieces that we've been working on during sessions.

This year, we're fortunate enough to be the finale act in the matinee performance, and with music ranging from Madonna to Disney, it's definitely not one to be missed! If you'd like to support us, then please use the button below to purchase tickets, and enter the code FEST23 at the checkout for a £2 discount.

[York Community Choir Festival Tickets here](#)

The Wellness Choir are on the move - Thanks to The Hut!

Musical Connections group members were delighted to return to sessions after the Christmas holidays, and none more so than our Monkgate Wellness Choir who have recently moved to a new venue – The Hut! Both a building and a charity under the same name, The Hut was originally created in 2011 to support people in York with either mental health or learning difficulties. Whilst none of their beneficiaries currently attend the Monkgate group, their wonderful building has provided the perfect little haven for our MC members to thrive! If you would like to join them, sessions are held weekly on **Wednesday afternoons @ 3.15-4.30 at The Hut on Wigginton Road YO31 8HG**. Alternatively, if you want any additional information, or to see our other group times, please visit our [website](#).



Bags for life, and biscuits too!



At the beginning of February, we were overjoyed to receive a very kind donation from Jacqueline, the Community Coordinator at Tesco in Clifton Moor. A big shout out to Tower Court's Linda for putting us in touch and also, for sharing our flyers – it means that we now have a huge £100 to spend on teas, coffees, and biscuits, which of course, are almost as crucial as the singing!

Six - Not the Musical, Our Funders!

Without the very generous support of our funders, we'd be unable to sustain all of the wonderful things that happen day in, day out at Musical Connections, and so, with that in mind, we'd like to say a huge 'thank you' for both the new and existing grants which we have received from the following organisations:

[Arts Council England](#)

[Benenden Health Community Fund](#)

[The Brelms Trust](#)

[Garfield Weston Foundation](#)

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We're so grateful for your ongoing support.

Some recent favourites – Marjorie Waite certainly know how to throw a party!





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