

# Musical Connections

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*'If you want to change the world...start singing when you're up to your neck in mud'*

One of our choir's founder members, Mary Coughlan (pictured in the lime green cardigan above) shared this inspirational quote from Admiral William H McRaven of the US navy with us recently. Wise words indeed, and as may be seen from the other photo above, something that the choir clearly believes in - these hardy members gamely sang through wind and rain at a fundraiser last year, and will be taking the stage yet again in aid of Musical

Connections at our next concert fundraiser. This is being organized by one of our regular musicians, Emma Dickinson, and will take place at Acomb Church on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.30pm. The choir will be joined by other Musical Connections groups, Barstow House and Honeysuckle Singers, along with Fulford school choir and Emma's choir from York Music Centre. It promises to be an amazing evening - do come along!

## A huge thank you to the Garfield Weston Foundation!

We are delighted to have received a 3-year grant from the Garfield Weston Foundation in the year of their 60th anniversary. We are hugely grateful for their support, which enables us to look forward with increased optimism and confidence in our ability to keep our groups growing and developing in the future.

## Singing, ukuleles, parachutes, ribbons and crafts - something for everyone!



Haxby Hall residents welcomed children from Pollyannas nursery once again for a wonderful afternoon of music and games, based around The Three Little Pigs, while children from Burton Green enjoyed a fun-packed session with residents of Morrell House.

Members of our group at Glen Lodge independent living community and children from St Aelreds primary school embraced the Eurovision vibe with a wonderful 2-week project covering music, art and dance from across the world of Eurovision.



We have loved having 2 students from York University volunteering at our group based at Barstow House independent living community. This week, Sofia brought along several ukuleles for our participants to have a go at playing. As you can see, everyone had a great time - including Charlotte, our other volunteer!

## Thank you and farewell to Morrell House

Morrell House dementia care home is where Musical Connections began several years ago. Sadly, Morrell is about to close and so we have to say goodbye, albeit very reluctantly. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the residents, staff and relatives who have taken part in the music group and supported all the additional events and projects that have taken place over the years. Here are a few photos to take us back down memory lane...



Thank you for reading! May 2018