



The Silver Bugle

Spring 2018



Special events coming up this term



Silver Choral Showcase

Wednesday 21st March **Tickets: £5**
Barbour Room, 4.30pm – 6pm

Silver Divas, Shades of Silver and Silversmiths

Join us for an evening of beautiful singing performances from a range of vocal groups. The show will bring together a mix of pop, gospel, blues, classical and musical theatre styles and aim to offer something for all.

*Please take advantage of our fantastic drinks offers available to anyone with a ticket.

Silver Steel Pan and Percussion Show

Friday 23rd March **Tickets: £5**
Northern Rock Foundation Hall, 6pm – 8pm

All Silver Steel Pan groups, Tambours d’Afrique, Percussion Ensemble and Sambanistas.

Come along for an evening of energetic percussion music! With beautiful tones from an array of Steel Pan groups as well as pulsating traditional rhythms from Brazilian and African instruments, this show is sure to get you up and dancing!

*Please take advantage of our fantastic drinks offers available to anyone with a ticket.

Silver Fretted Instruments Show

‘Canny F(r)ettle!’

Wednesday 28th March **Tickets: £5**
Barbour Room, 5pm – 8pm

Silver Mandolin Orchestra, Bluegrass Band, Ukulele bands and Pick & Mix.

Join us for an evening of acoustic ensembles playing a huge array of styles using various fretted instrumentation; from Ukulele, Mandolin and Guitar. Expect to hear an eclectic mix of genres including Folk, Rock & Pop and Traditional.

*Please take advantage of our fantastic drinks offers available to anyone with a ticket.

Singing Special Workshop

‘Fleetwood Mac’

Monday 16th April **Tickets: £7**
C9, 11am – 1pm

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn the back catalogue of the fantastic Fleetwood Mac!

Highly experienced leader and performer Cath Stephens, will teach some of the biggest and most well-known hits, including Don’t Stop, Little Lies, Go Your Own Way and Everywhere.

This will be a great opportunity to sing great songs in 3 part harmony, in a large and informal group.

Open to all abilities.

No need for any prior singing knowledge.

Watch this space for more events coming up after Easter.

The Great Exhibition of the North will be starting soon. All will be revealed on Tuesday 27 February.

Sage Gateshead Ticket Office: 0191 443 4661

Opening hours

Non-performance days 12noon - 6pm.

Performance days remaining open for 30 minutes after the start of the last performance.

On Sundays & Bank holidays phone booking closes at 6pm.

Term Dates

Spring 2018

Monday 8 January - Friday 23 March

(Half Term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February)

Summer 2018

Monday 23 April - Monday 9 July

(Half term: Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June)

Early Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 7 May

BUILDING CLOSURES AT SAGE GATESHEAD

On the following dates Sage Gateshead will be hosting conferences which will mean restricted entry to the building for the general public.

February: Monday 19th from 8pm & Tuesday 20th all day and evening.

March: Thursday 1st

We will still be open for classes however you will need to enter from the West side of the building, where you will follow a route directed by our staff down to the Music Education Centre.

There will be a cafe operating in the MEC on these dates which will be a scaled down version of our usual offer. Should you have any specific access requirements or any questions regarding access during building closures please do contact us.

- *Entry from West side doors only (Tyne Bridge side).
- *Green route in operation for participants.
- *Temporary cafe in the MEC for participants & staff.
- *Ticket Office access via the East doors only.
- *The shop will be closed during the day.
- *Concourse access closed to general public.
- *Members of staff will be available to guide you.
- *The car park may be busier than usual.**

BUSY BUILDING AND CAR PARK

On the following dates Sage Gateshead will be host to special events which will mean the building and the car park may be busier than usual and certain areas of the building may have restricted access.

February: Monday 19th & Tuesday 27th

March: Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th, Saturday 17th, Sunday 18th, Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

Customer Feedback

Sage Gateshead have introduced a new Customer Feedback procedure for all feedback correspondence. Your feedback sent by email or letter will be handled by our Customer Experience team who will respond to you directly. This new procedure has been designed to ensure that Sage Gateshead responds to customer feedback in a timely and consistent manner to meet the expectations of our customers.

Your Silver Programme general questions, enquiries and apologies for absence will continue to be replied to by the Silver team as usual.

News from Silver Angels

FUNDRAISING

Huge thanks are due to all who helped make our Autumn fundraising efforts such a success:

- Jewellery sales raised a total of £369.50, making a total of £1.029 since 2015. Thanks to Joyce, who donates her time and materials.
- The sold out Fundraiser on 25 November was enjoyed by all who I spoke to. We also made a profit of over £620 (plus £35 from jewellery). Especial thanks are due to the fabulous Juke Joint Blues Band and Black 'n' Blue who entertained us so well and kindly gave their services free of charge.

FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS

The Committee are considering the scope for future social events. Any feedback on how a repeat of the November Fundraiser could be improved would be much appreciated (in a bigger venue of course!). Suggestions for other types of social event are also welcome.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Finding a suitable date at the end of the Summer term has proved to be a problem, especially in 2017. It can clash with Silver performances and rooms at the Sage can be difficult to obtain at that time. The Committee has, therefore, decided to change the end of the financial reporting period from 31 March to 31 December. This will also enable the preparations to be less rushed and a date to be set earlier in the Summer term. Suggestions on attracting more Silver participants are welcome.

Please send any feedback to me as follows:

E-mail - windadmusic@outlook.com

Phone - 07792-198-558

Or simply bend my ear at Sage Gateshead (most Mondays and Wednesdays)

Dave Winder

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the weather looks 'challenging' and you wonder if a group will take place, please call the Silver answer phone on **0191 443 5034**.

We will leave a message by 9am on days of bad weather so that you can hear confirmation as to whether your session will still be running or not.

If the message doesn't mention the weather this means that sessions will be taking place as usual.