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# MUSIC TRAIN HITCHIN NEWS



## TAKE A PEEK!

FRANCES CELEBRATES 10 YEARS  
AT MUSIC TRAIN

LIVE LISTENING COMES TO  
HITCHIN

NEW BABY COURSE STARTING  
JANUARY 2020

MUSIC TRAIN IS 25 YEARS OLD!

Welcome to the first edition  
of this newsletter.

Read on to catch up on all  
the Hitchin Music Train news

## Ten Years at Music Train



Christmas 2009 - Music Train teachers have Christmas lunch together.

This term marks 10 years since I joined the Music Train team and I have enjoyed every single one of them! I started my Music Train journey before then as a mum at our Welwyn Garden City branch with the lovely Louise, who celebrates 20 years as a teacher this term. I began teaching in Hatfield, moved to our Stevenage branches and finally came to Hitchin on September 2017 taking over from Ros Woddin who had run the branch so successfully for many years. The cover picture shows teachers in London recently – we had a delicious meal and a trip to see Hamilton to mark my 10th and Louise's 20th anniversaries.



## LIVE LISTENING

This scheme is coming to Hitchin classes and starts in the second half of term. The idea is to provide quality short listening experiences on a variety of instruments in class. Parents, family and friends are invited to play in class and will 'earn' a free class for a nominated child for the following term.



## NEW Baby Class

### The Music Train

#### Nurturing Babies' Musicality

A two part course for babies 0-12 months

**Part A First Musical Steps**

- Wk 1 What can a baby do musically?
- Wk 2 Musical peek-a-boo
- Wk 3 Punchlines and their importance
- Wk 4 How will I know my baby is benefiting?
- Wk 5 Matching the beat
- Wk 6 Developing social skills through music

**Part B Future Musicality**

- Wk 1 First steps in singing
- Wk 2 Child-led music
- Wk 3 General learning and formal education
- Wk 4 Learning through listening
- Wk 5 Playing an instrument
- Wk 6 Beyond Music Train

To book your place, contact your local branch of The Music Train  
[www.musictrain.co.uk](http://www.musictrain.co.uk) or phone 07944 759007

Nurturing Babies' Musicality, our popular baby course is coming to Hitchin on Tuesdays in the New Year. Aimed particularly at young babies it will be a combination of musical experience for the babies and also sharing "know how" for parent/carers helping them to get the best from any musical group they attend and teaching some useful songs/activities to use at home. Please let your friends know about this course. Booking is open NOW.

## Send a Friend – a great scheme!

Did you know that you can let a friend come along to class if you have to miss a week? All you need to do is make sure Frances knows who is coming and when, and also that your friend knows how to find us at Woodside Hall.

## Music Train @ QMT

For one week only in October we made the journey across the car park to the Queen Mother Theatre for classes in the foyer area. We enjoyed the new surroundings and I was grateful to staff at QMT for accommodating us during the week when our usual room at Woodside Hall was out of action due to Hitchin Thespians' successful show ANYTHING GOES.



## 2020 – our 25th Anniversary Year!

If you were around for our 21st anniversary you will remember our celebrations. Watch out for details of how we will be marking 25 years of Music Train. There will be events and activities spread throughout 2020 for all families past and present to join in.

# Christmas Tree Festival



We are all signed up and ready to enter a tree in this year's popular festival. I'll be asking for current families to send me a picture of their child at Music Train. This will be turned into a tree decoration to be used at the festival and then given to you for your own tree. If you visit Holy Saviour church on 6th, 7th, 8th December look out for our tree.

# Advent Calendar

Watch out for our popular Music Train Advent calendar on facebook starting 1st December. Here are some from last year.



I hope you have enjoyed catching up on all things Music Train. Booking for Spring 2020 is now open and I am looking forward to meeting some of my favourite topics in January – Sea and Instruments from around the world. It is going to be an exciting year for us as we celebrate 25 years. Watch out for more information in the next newsletter.

*Frances and Tuneful Ted x*

## Coming Soon ...

