

**Lunchtime
concerts**
at
St John's Church, Boxmoor

MUSIC AT

ST JOHN'S
a community project

Fridays at 12:30pm

1st October 2021

PUPILS *of* WESTBROOK HAY SCHOOL

Led by **Chris Wagstaff** *head of music*

A programme comprising items by the school choir and solo vocal and instrumental items

See over for details of the performers.

Admission by donation (suggested minimum £3).

Net proceeds from these Friday lunchtime concerts will be used to support the charitable aims of Music at St John's: promoting music in the church and the local community, including provision of bursaries for local young musicians.

Please ensure that mobile phones are silenced during the concert.

The induction loop (setting "T") will be used for programme and announcements. Applause is welcomed.

Lunches are available in the church hall after the concert (suggested minimum donation £2).

Please obtain lunch tickets before the concert starts, so that the correct number of plates can be prepared, and hand in tickets when collecting your lunch.

Next Friday's Concert will take the form of an *organ* recital given by **Benjamin Weitzmann**

If not already on our mailing list, please give us your email address so that we can keep you informed – email it to us on masj@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk

Today's performers

Westbrook Hay School

Westbrook Hay Prep School was established by Augustus Orlebar, a former housemaster at Radley College, as a boarding school for boys in Bedford in 1892; it moved to Hinwick House near Wellingborough shortly thereafter and then to Gadebridge House in nearby Hemel Hempstead in 1914. It remained there until it was forced out of its old premises by the Commission for New Towns as part of its development of the new town in 1963. It took on its present name at its present site that year. It is now an independent Prep school which educates boys and girls from rising 3 –13 years.

The school is in a rural location on 26 acres of parkland overlooking the Bourne valley, off the A 41 between Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire.

Music at the school

The music department has the aim that every child in the school will learn to play a musical instrument whilst at Westbrook Hay. Many are encouraged to join the school choirs, play in the school orchestra, wind ensemble and perform at Evensong at school and also music concerts. There are also opportunities for more informal band ensembles. Music lessons for most instruments may be booked with qualified music teachers.

There are also a broad range of music trips for the children to attend as well as competitions.

Music at Westbrook Hay has hugely benefited from the wonderful Performing Arts Centre that offers so much for our children. It has 6 music practice rooms as well as a 300 seat auditorium.



Instrumental Music Lessons

Qualified peripatetic staff visit the school to teach musical instrumental lessons. Guitar, piano, brass, violin, drums, flute, clarinet, cello, trumpet, French horn, trombone, horn, oboe, bass guitar, double bass, electric guitar, music theory and singing. Over 120 pupils from Year 2 upwards are learning to play an instrument.