

## Notes for New Players

### Background

- We are a self-funding organisation and your subscriptions are very important to us. They help pay for running costs (currently around £4,000 annually) such as rehearsal venue hire, music purchase, instrument insurance for the larger flutes. Subscription income is augmented annually by our own fundraising and ticket sales.
- Gift aiding your subscription and subscribing to the easyfundraising scheme (advertised on our website) are painless but really helpful ways to give us more money with no cost to yourself.
- As a charity we have a committee of 8 volunteers to help manage Flutes & Co. This year these happen to be mostly players, but parents and others are very welcome, we are always looking for more help (website updating, writing off for grants, photography at concerts, poster design etc) so please contact us if you can assist in any way - or indeed offer any suggestions for improvement.
- Our annual AGM is always in February as our year runs from January to December and this is always held after one of the rehearsals.

### Rehearsals

- Rehearsals are from 6.30pm and usually finish between 8.30 and 8.45pm. A later finishing time of 9pm often occurs just before a concert.
- We have a break interval for refreshments at roughly 7.45pm in the Brew Room where players can get together to socialize. We ask for £1 minimum donation per player per term to cover the cost of biscuits etc.
- Music is always in photocopied form and is to be kept in a Black folder - (these can be obtained from 'Stationary Box' in Kendal and have black plastic outer covers and 40/60 pockets inside to slide the music into).
- Help is always required at the end of rehearsals with putting away of equipment. Both the music stands and the larger instruments have their own particular method of disassembly so beware.
- We do not insure your private instruments whilst at Flutes & Co. Please ensure you make your own arrangements.
- The Meeting Room is usually available for parents to use during rehearsals and a drink can be made in the Brew Room.

### Concerts

- There is usually a rehearsal beginning at 3 or 4pm on the day of a concert.
- On average we perform 3 times a year. Apart from the concert at the end of the summer term the others do not always occur at the same time of the year and can take various forms - from our own self-promoted concerts to busking or bookings for private functions. Dates for these are always posted on the website as soon as available and also emailed to each individual player.
- Concert dress is plain long sleeved red or orange or yellow or black tops and black trousers, with black shoes.