



## NEWSLETTER NO.2 – AUTUMN 2014

### A new year begins!

The year has begun with a number of changes to our members. Some have left, some have moved from Rock One to Rock Two and some new members have joined Rock One. We still have a few vacancies for Rock One – that's 10-13 year olds – but be quick!

We have asked all our members to identify three things they would like to achieve during the term. As this is important to mark our progress and the value of our service to our funders, we hope everyone takes this seriously and works hard.

### Bonfire songs – Round Table Bonfire Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November



We recently had a call from the Winchester Round Table asking if WRS would like to contribute to their forthcoming Bonfire event. Our Rock One members have been devising, and are in the process of recording, two new songs to be played at the event. If you hear them announced on the night then be sure to give them a cheer!

### Get ready for the Christmas Show – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December!

As always, the success of our Christmas Show depends not only on the musical talents of our members, but also on the behind-the-scenes help with organising publicity, the hall, the raffle (and other fundraising), the food and the clearing up afterwards. If you could help us in any way then please give us a call or email us.



### Making donations



As a service provided largely free to users, the continuation of the WRS is ultimately dependent on the grants and donations we can secure. As we have officially achieved charity status, we now have the ability to benefit from a range of things, including Gift Aid.

Your donations are always welcome. However, if you are ever involved in any fundraising activities or sponsored events, we would like to ask that you consider promoting WRS as a worthy cause. Get in touch if you need more information.

## Old instruments available to members

We have recently acquired a few 'new' instruments and amplifiers as replacements for those that are past their best or just unused. Before we donate these old instruments to local charities, we are giving members the chance to take them so they can practise at home. Please get in touch if you are interested.



## Tutor news

The news that our Project Coordinator Chris Woodsford had got a new job in London was tinged with sadness for us, as this meant he would be leaving WRS. Chris has been associated with Winnall Rock School since it began in 2004, and has helped over 400 children get a taste of being in a band. We all wish Chris and his partner the best of success in their new ventures.

## Wanted - Parent to join our committee

The ongoing success of Winnall Rock School relies on the dedication of a small band of people on our committee who meet once a term to help devise and steer our plans and ensure we have and can stay on budget. Lisa Hatt has been kind enough to give her time to us over the past three years and give us that all-important perspective as the parent of a Rock School member. As Lisa and her son have now moved on, we'd really appreciate a new face to join us. Could that be you? Get in touch if you would like to be part of our team.



## Now adults can join in the fun at WRS

Don't let the kids have all the fun! We are pleased to announce the launch of two new services available for adults. 'Rockers' is an adult version of our Tuesday workshops so people can get together in bands and be coached by our tutors to develop their playing and performance skills. 'Strummers' will nurture the playing of acoustic instruments and perform covers of some favourite songs.

## Hire our studios!

Our purpose-built and fully equipped studios are a great facility and we are keen that they are put to more use. If you know of anyone who would like to use our studios for rehearsals then tell them to get in touch. Our prices start at around £15 per hour. For more details, see our website or contact us.



All the best,

**Chris Redmond**  
Music Leader at WRS