

## TEN WEEKS to go .....



*September Newspaper Editorial...*

*Vale Young Singers of the Year 2004 (left to right):*

*Nicola Caldwell (Intermediate); Lisa Medi (Juniors); Natalie Sinnott (Seniors), Emily Langford (BrinleyEdmunds Memorial Cup)*

The prestigious "Music in the Vale" competition awards prizes to singers and instrumentalists of three age groups. Young Musicians of all levels of experience are encouraged to enter this friendly event, which is in its fourteenth year. It is open to all young people; living in the Vale of Glamorgan or otherwise. Do you have the talent to shine in this event?

The competition provides invaluable experience of performing in front of an audience and you will receive helpful, sympathetic adjudication and feedback on your performance from the experienced adjudicators, Jeanette Massocchi, Mair Roberts and Alun John, who

are welcomed back this year. Singers are grouped into ages of 10-13, 14-17 and 18-22; and Instrumentalists into ages of 10-12, 13-15 and 16-20. Trophies are awarded to the winners of each section and all finalists receive generous cash prizes and certificates. Special prizes are also awarded to the most promising singer and instrumentalist living in the Vale of Glamorgan.

This year the competition will be held over the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November; for singers on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and for instrumentalists on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. The competition consists of preliminaries during the day with an evening concert for the finalists.

In previous years the finals were of a consistently high standard. So don't be shy! Make a "note" to take part in one of the Vale's most important cultural events for young people!

After a very successful event last year, this year's venue will again be Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Colcot Road, Barry; and we again thank the headmaster, Dr Dylan Jones, for making his school available.

The closing date for entries for this year's competition is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. For further details and entry forms contact The Secretary, Music in the Vale, Six Wells Farmhouse, Vale Business Park, Cowbridge CF71 7PF, Tel: 01446 771911 or visit the website

[musicinthevale.org.uk](http://musicinthevale.org.uk)



*Vale Young Instrumentalists of the Year 2004 (left to right):*

*Leanne Cody (Piano - Intermediates); Benjamin Patel (Oboe - Cliff and Mary Wakeham Shield); Mali Llewelyn (Piano - Seniors), Rachel Patel (Clarinet - Juniors).*



## More Music in the Vale News

### Tickets for the evening concerts ...

This year these will be on sale in advance. To book your seats early, either contact the Secretary (listed below) or watch the press for information on where they will be on sale.

Again, if you know any people or organisations who may be interested in attending the concert, please spread the word. People who might be interested— anyone involved in a choir, a local amateur dramatics group or coaching/being coached for music or stage.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Membership News



So far this year we have been fortunate enough to have 34 Friends renew their membership. We are optimistic that when this year's event 'hits the press' in the weeks leading up to November, we shall be hearing from more of our 'old' supporters.

Unsure whether you have renewed for this 2005 year? Well, if you have not received a yellow 'Friends' card with your name on, either with this Newsletter or before, then you haven't.

Your contribution will be much appreciated and no, it isn't too late to make a difference to support this year's event. Just pop a cheque for a minimum of £5 per person along with a note with your name and address on to the secretary (listed below).

For any Friends out there who would

like their newsletter sent to them by email, please also provide an email address.

To end on a good note, we have just had confirmation that the Vale of Glamorgan Council will be sponsoring us again this year and we are also happy to have had confirmation from our other major sponsor, Fordthorne of Cardiff, that they will be supporting us for the 7th year running.

This good news means that, with the additional funds from our new membership, next year's Competition will go ahead and the Committee can start planning ..... well, no harm in being prepared is there?

See our web site for more information and updates on what is happening - [www.musicinthevale.org.uk](http://www.musicinthevale.org.uk)

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Please spread the word.....

If you know a person or organisation in the Vale of Glamorgan or surrounding area who would be interested in sponsoring or helping in any other way, we would be pleased to hear from them.

Thank you.