



*Musical Director*

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## **Newsletter - February 2010**

### **JOY Ceilidh**

I think those who came to this year's Ceilidh on 5<sup>th</sup> February at the Stanley Club will agree that it was a stunner! The hall was comfortably full; there was plenty of hot-pot to go round; and we almost out-danced the band! We owe a big thank-you to those who brought raffle prizes: they must have been the best-value raffle tickets ever sold! And we made almost £500 profit on the evening to help to subsidise the Summer Course.

### **Lost and find?**

We've lost a lot of orchestral players over the last few years so that, on a week-by-week basis, JOY is now running at a loss. The fees have remained the same for many years; we don't want to increase them. But the only alternative is to find some more players. So bring a friend to a Wednesday rehearsal and see how they like it.

### **2010 Term Dates**

Spring Term: 24.02 - 31.03  
Summer Term: 21.04 - 26.05  
9.06 - 14.07

### **Easter Course and Concert**

We're having real difficulty finding suitable dates for the Course and Concert. We'll let you have details as soon as we can.

### **Summer Course and Concert**

Due to the popularity of last year's course at **Ellesmere College**, we are returning there this year - and extending it to five days: **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July**. The Concert will then be at **St. Walburge's Church, Preston** at 7.30pm on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**.

Brochures are enclosed, with Standing Order forms for those who prefer to spread the cost over five months. More copies of the Brochure will be available at Wednesday rehearsals.

### **JOY Committee**

Administration of JOY is managed by an Executive Committee elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. If you have any concerns about the way JOY is run, please come along and talk to us at the next Committee Meeting on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** at Ormskirk School:

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