

Christmas Message from the GFW Chair

GFW Classes

This year we had more students in Term 2 than Term 1, with almost 300 players taking part. GFW classes finish on **14/16 December 2020**.

Unfortunately this year we will not be able to have our usual communal end of term session or junior concert and no Santa. However I am sure your tutors will end your Term 2 class with some Christmas cheer.

(Santa hats/Christmas jumpers/mulled wine/mince pies optional!)

Christmas Vouchers

Looking for ideas for presents? Vouchers for GFW classes (for any amount) are available from our GFW office. Email Donald at gfwoffice@gfw.scot. Give your friends the gift of musical fun!

Charitable Donation

Normally at this time of year, GFW raises funds for local East End charities. In current circumstances we would only be passing on donations, which you can make directly to your preferred charity.

Juniors

We have contacted parents of our Junior members and plan to offer Zoom classes from February.

Celtic Connections

GFW has been offered the chance to link with Celtic Connections 2021 (CC2021) providing community workshops and classes during the three weekends of

- 16/17; 23/24 and 30/31 January

We are urgently finalising details before end of term, so watch this space. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote GFW classes. Celtic Connections will advertise these workshops/classes. If any member has expertise in PR or advertising to assist in our CC advertising please contact Donald by email gfwoffice@gfw.scot

Warm Up/Thursday Sessions

Finlay's Wednesday and Thursday Sessions will continue throughout the break. There may be some changes to the dates due to the festive season. Please check the GFW website, Facebook and Twitter for details. Keep up your spirits and practice by joining these valuable sessions.

Thanks

I know you will join with me thanking:

- GFW tutors who have worked tirelessly providing classes;
- GFW Board members; and
- Donald, GFW Administrator

and of course yourselves, our members, for your continued support of GFW.

Festive Season and hope

Life is taking on a new, more positive phase with the promise of a vaccine. Let's hope we can meet together soon and play music face to face! Keep safe and have a great festive season.

New Term

Term 3 will begin on Feb 15/17 2021, for seven weeks with no breaks.

Best regards

Marie Therese Allison (GFW Chair)

On behalf of the GFW Board