

# ROY WELLS' COLLAGE OF MUSIC

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*Another Bumper Issue!*

## TINGLE FACTORY NEWS

([www.myspace.com/tinglefactory](http://www.myspace.com/tinglefactory))

"Toad in a Hole" November 2010

Screening at the Old Nuns Head in Nunhead



## Movie Night

This screening was part of an evening of short films with an environmental theme, put together by Transition Town Peckham.

**Tenner Films** - who were part of another film evening earlier that month, curated this time by Tingle Factory (see Vol 1 No 4), went on to show one of their videos on a channel 4 news feature in March 2011, which discussed issues around nuclear energy.

**Christchurch Poetry & Acoustic evening** - Steve Barbe performed as Tingle Factory to a lively crowd in March 2011.

(To see the Toad videos please search Youtube - "stevebarbe toad")

## LETSwing news...

### Music in Hospitals (MIH)

MIH kept us busy through to Christmas and beyond into Spring, providing entertainment in health and care situations, including work with the **Active Hearts** program in Hampshire.



Christmas  
concerts

Photos by  
Julia Edgington

**Some very positive feedback from both audience & staff**  
*"The performers were wonderful. For people with dementia their communication skills and feelings of isolation can make social events stressful. However everyone thoroughly enjoyed LET-Swing and many participated in playing instruments and singing. They have asked to have them back again in the new year."*  
Lavinia House - Horsham.

LETSwing looking particularly well-groomed at Fernleigh Day Centre in January.  
Drawing by Francis Truesdale



"An enthusiastic mixture of Christmas songs all with their own interpretation delivered with flair, humour and energy. The music was well sung and played."



"The whole place was buzzing, people were laughing, humming... jingle-belling... and singing... 'LETSwing' are a thoroughly likeable and professional group who pitch their performance perfectly. Please come back in 2011!" Holy Cross Hospital.

Thanks to generous donors, the work of MIH continues despite Government cuts, and they have more work lined up for us.

## The wider community

LETSwing also played at events in the community at large. For example the **Surrey Magistrates Christmas dinner** at Surhill Golf Club in Surrey, and a private wedding function during May in Lewisham.

## Community Scrapbands (CS)



CS continue to provide junk percussion activities, for musical and resource awareness. In February, attendees at an open **Creative Therapies Project** event at The Copplestone centre in East Dulwich, joined in with gusto. Then, in the following month, sixth formers from **Claremont High School** in Brent worked in partnership with **Groundwork**, to run an environmental open-day in Roundwood Park, Harlesden. CS was invited to provide input and was very pleased with the high level of skill displayed when the young people joined in and bashed the stuff.

## Other RWCM community work...

### CoolTan Arts

RWCM doesn't normally get involved in fundraising (preferring, as it does, the "hands on" of music making) but makes occasional exceptions. Recently it secured funding for work with elderly people through CoolTan Arts.

### Cultural and Faith Groups...

#### Persepolis...

The Tingle Factory artist known as Steve Barbe assisted with activities leading up to and during the Persian new year festival "**Nowrooz**" at Persepolis (the wonderful "Taste of Persia in Peckham").



He had previously presented his CD to the shop, where it has been played, and he has told stories and performed songs at other cultural events there. The shop and warehouse proprietors were so impressed, that they invited him back for paid work around the aforementioned event at the Spring equinox. He was soon set busy around the place, providing **musical input** (dusting instruments), **maintaining artistic displays** (dusting shelves), and promoting an aesthetic and **spiritually pure environment** (cleaning the toilet).

This chimes with work at another delicatessen "Frog on the Green" (see newsletter Vol 1 No 3), where Tingle Factory presented:

## "Roy Wells' Collage of Music Multi-Media Extravaganza next to the fridge",

and thus won many privileges, including credit on yesterday's bread.

Tingle Factory are so buoyed up by these recent successes that they are considering approaching other food outlets in Peckham. Who knows? The artist know as Steve Barbe might even be seen in the near future stacking shelves at Morrisons!

### LWYCC Caribbean Community Choir

Steve provided harmonies and percussive accompaniment for one of their performances as part of **Telegraph Hill Festival**, at St, Catherine's Church in April, for the event "**Choirs Galore**" headlined by the Mike King Choir. This performance led to the choir getting some paid work.



### Churches

Work with Tiddlers (early years) at Christ Church in Barry Road continues. And the drumming group at the other Christ Church - in Clapham - played at the Mothering Sunday service. They also played at a performance of a modern passion play - "The Narrow Road" by Riding Lights Theatre Company from York, at St. John Clapham, during Lent.



Christ Church  
Barry Road  
East Dulwich

### Early Years work

Apart from work with Tiddlers, Steve is also currently running activities for early years groups around Shepherds Bush through "Music House for Children".



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