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Dear Members, Friends, Music Lovers,

First of all – we say a very warm **THANK YOU** to all those who have kindly renewed subscriptions, or sent donations, helpful comments and encouraging messages. Your support is very much appreciated as we continue to press for better music services in East Sussex Libraries. (For past history please see earlier newsletters on the website.)

MULAG has been quiet during this last year, but now we are mustering our forces again because we have some **GOOD NEWS!**

A NEW LIBRARY for HASTINGS

East Sussex County Council has decided that Hastings should have a **NEW LIBRARY**, and we have heard that a budget of £6.5 million has been allocated to build it (to be confirmed), so now we must make sure that a really good music section will be included. The Press Release from Mulag that appeared in the Hastings Observer last week is copied at the end of this letter.

We hope that a group of **Hastings Library Friends** can be set up very soon, so that **MULAG** can work closely with them to support, monitor and offer advice on the planning and building of the new library, as we did recently for the New Lewes Library, opened in September 2005.

How can Hastings people help?

Please contact Michael Short: Tel 01424 436379
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Or Marrion Wells Tel 01424 437518
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Please encourage all your music loving friends to JOIN MULAG - use, copy or download the form below - and pass on or photocopy this newsletter.

For more information about MULAG, and advice on using the Music Library Service please refer back to Newsletter no. 4 on the website, www.mulag.org.uk , or request a copy to be sent to you by post.

Other matters: 1. Eastbourne Library is currently being refurbished but is still open; we are seeking information on plans and progress. 2. Our discussions on improvements to the E-Library are still ongoing. We plan to raise both these issues at our next meeting with East Sussex Libraries and Information (ESLI) officials on 20th May. NB - Please let us know if there are any points YOU would like us to raise at this meeting.

Thank you very much for your past, present and future support in saving and promoting our County Music Library Service.

With best wishes for your enjoyment of music making and listening,

Yours sincerely,

Cynthia Eraut (Hon. Secretary)

PRESS RELEASE from MULAG 29th February 2008

Musicians are on the march here in Hastings, and it's the new library they are heading for!

MULAG, the Music Libraries Action Group, is a county-wide organisation, and the minute it heard the county had decided to build a new library for Hastings, it asked a prominent group of Hastings musicians to form a working party to make sure music was not forgotten when the plans were being drawn up. Michael Short, is a composer and ex-librarian, Louise Denny is a composer and working musician, while Marrion Wells is a music presenter and concert reviewer.

The working party is already meeting and is looking to work closely with the County Library Service to ensure there will be plenty of printed music and books on music as well as recorded music, when the new library opens. Said MULAG chair John Webber, 'Whether it's classical, pop, folk or rock there's always something musical going on in Hastings, and yet musicians and music lovers alike have had nowhere to research or to browse since the old music library closed in 2002. That's far too long. We have been successful in getting music back into Lewes and Eastbourne libraries, and now it's Hastings' turn. Those of us from the rest of the county will be with Michael and his team every step of the way.'

If you'd like to help by joining MULAG, please email the secretary, Cynthia@eraut.eclipse.co.uk

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