



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

So here it is at long last the 3rd edition of the TOTALEIGH MUSIC Newsletter. To be honest it should have been with you at the end of 2022, but Covid finally got me and in its' wake delayed my admin planning for the end of the year.

2022 has been a crazy busy but also "Totaleigh" wonderful year. We have welcomed 7 new teachers, seen Studio 2 up and running and successfully launched several new music ensembles. In addition to this we have performed at many community events, taken part in fund raisers, and collectively continued to raise the profile of live music in our local area.

In June, Bob and I qualified as Emergency First Aiders in the workplace thanks to the fabulous teaching of 'Simply the Best' Spotlight Award winner Nick Aitken, and more students have seen success in their ABRSM music exams.

This newsletter is more lengthy than previous editions...note to oneself that maybe more frequent newsletters each with lesser content is the way forward for 2023!

Keepin' Music Live!

Leigh Matthews (Totaleigh Music)


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ENSEMBLE START DATE
FEBRUARY 5th
MAIN HALL
YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN
 Rehearsals are the 1st Sunday of
 every month throughout the year
 (Feb - Dec)

OPEN MIC NIGHTS
 at
THE MAGIC LANTERN
CINEMA
TYWYN

The 1st **FRIDAY** of
EVERY MONTH

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MEET THE TEACHER

Leigh Matthews

Guitar, Ukulele, Mandolin, Banjo, Flute,
Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Recorder,
Piano, Violin, Cello, Music Theory, GCSE,
A-Level & BTEC Music Level 2 & 3



Leigh is a multi-instrumentalist and music teacher with over 30 years experience in teaching both instrumental and curriculum music. She was born in 1971 in the West Midlands where she participated, during her school and college years, in youth orchestras, chamber concerts and solo performances with considerable success. She began her advanced music studies in 1990 at the **Birmingham Conservatoire** and graduated in 1993 with an **A.B.S.M. and G.B.S.M. Music Degree**. As a solo guitarist she has performed in music festivals at Cheltenham, Lichfield and Tamworth and her ensemble playing has taken her to the **Royal Festival Hall** in London.

Since graduating, Leigh first taught instrumental music at independent schools and for music services in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Staffordshire. She moved to Tywyn in 2005 and worked as **Head of Music at Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn** until 2012 when she moved to Wiltshire to take up post as **Director of Performing Arts and Cluster Lead** over two large academy schools, **Swindon Academy** & it's cluster school **Nova Hreod** facilitating the music, dance and drama curriculum for over 3000 pupils ages 2 to 18 years. In 2021, Leigh returned home to Tywyn in Wales to start her long-time dream of running her own music business, aptly named **Totaleigh Music**, providing music tuition to all ages and abilities in strings, woodwind, brass & keys, music theory, GCSE, A-Level & BTEC Music. Also providing links for instrument repairs, & live music for weddings & events, lessons are hosted through online tuition & face to face lessons in the highly resourced music studios. More recently Leigh began teaching for **Cerdd Gwynedd a Môn** at **Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn & Ysgol Pen Y Bryn**.

As a performer, Leigh is a founder member of **The Molino Duo**. In 1998 she joined forces with her friend Sarah Fletcher, with Leigh playing classical guitar and Sarah playing flute. Their aim, to bring the broad repertoire of flute and guitar to a wider audience has proved successful for over 20 years. The instruments are an enchanting combination and have a proud history together giving rise to a wonderful repertoire from Baroque through to Contemporary. The duo are regularly booked for recitals, weddings and formal functions. Engagements have taken them to **Shugborough Hall** in **Staffordshire**, **Wolverhampton Civic Hall**, **Trentham Gardens** in **Stoke** and **Polesworth Abbey, Warwickshire**. **The Molino Duo** have two CDs in the public domain.

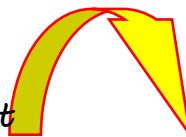


THE MOLINO DUO

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Lisa Cook
Keys: Piano,
Keyboard & Organ



Lisa is a professional piano & keyboard player working within the music industry, and teaching both instruments along side for a number of years. She has had a successful career within the music industry accompanying a variety of artists such as **American 4 Tops, The Drifters, Elvis Tributes, Odyssey** and many more across the world. She has also toured with theatre shows and worked on cruise ships performing cocktail sessions and as part of the ship's house band. Lisa has experience of a variety of musical genres ranging from light classical through to jazz, funk, soul and Motown. She is an extremely versatile player and has performed at a variety of events including weddings, festivals and concerts to name just a few.

In addition to this, Lisa has worked for a **Sandwell Music Education Hub** as a peripatetic piano and keyboard teacher for the last 20 years. Her responsibilities have ranged from 1 to 1 teaching to full class keyboard sessions and GCSE / BTEC support. She has been responsible for the running of various bands with a range of music styles including rock, pop and jazz, lead vocal groups and provided composition workshops and sound scape sessions for bands.

Lisa is proficient in the use of Logic Pro which is a digital audio application that provides software instruments, audio effects and recording facilities for music. She has used this to support students in developing and improving their musical skills and ability throughout the last few years of teaching,

Lisa is able to offer piano and keyboard lessons to all ages and abilities with sessions tailored to meet the requirements and requests of the pupil. She can support people in progressing through nationally recognised music qualifications, assist in learning how to accompany oneself whilst singing, help people to learn the instrument for fun or even how to play by ear using social media platforms.


As well as keyboards and piano, Lisa is also a competent organ player which was her first instrument when beginning her musical training. Therefore, she is also able offer organ lessons for those wishing to learn this instrument.

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Morgan Lumley
Drum Kit




Having played drums since the age of 11 , Morgan has gained musical knowledge and experience through playing with other musicians and local bands, performing most recently at the annual prestigious **Sesiwn Fawr** music festival in Dolgellau. In addition to working as a freelance musician, Morgan works as a peripatetic drum teacher for **Cerdd Gwynedd a Môn** at **Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn**, **Ysgol Pen Y Bryn** and **Ysgol Craig y Deryn**. Morgan's approach to teaching drums is with a focus on techniques and musicality and imparting knowledge to those who choose to learn the drums, whilst having a fun time making music. As a musician he says he is constantly learning new things, and through playing drums he has learnt to understand music on a whole new creative level. Morgan plans to teach more students at **Totaleigh Music** which caters for all ages and abilities, and he is hoping to inspire drummers young and old, whilst pursuing an ambition to study towards a degree in music.

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Connor has been singing for as long as he can remember and his passion for music has continued to grow throughout his life. During his time as a student at secondary school, he picked up an acoustic guitar to accompany himself singing in a music competition and he has played the guitar ever since. Music and Drama were his main focus throughout his years in education from primary to secondary school and through to sixth form. After achieving the highest grades in his Level 3 qualifications, Connor went on to study at **Liverpool Hope University** where he graduated with a **Joint Honours Degree in Popular Music and Drama**.

Connor Newdick Song writing & Vocals

Following his degree success, Connor pursued a music teaching career at a secondary school in Liverpool. This experience highlighted his love for helping others and passing his musical knowledge on. However, he also realised during this time that he has many more years ahead as a performer and a vocal and guitar tutor before settling into a full time classroom teaching role.

As a teacher, Connor has experience working in both secondary schools and primary schools and at specialist schools for those with additional needs. As a performer, he has performed at festivals and events in Wiltshire, Liverpool and Sussex, and more recently is making a name for himself here in Tywyn and the surrounding area as a local performer, taking the stage at **Tywyn Live** during the Summer and being the support act at various venues for local band **The BOMS**. Connor is a regular performer at **The Magic Lantern** open mic nights and at local pubs, and he assists with running the ukulele club at **Aberdyfi Drop in Centre** at **The Neaudd Dyfi**. Giving his time also to voluntary performances, Connor has entertained residents in care homes and has worked as a music tutor in facilitating extra-curricular activities. He shines at caring for his students and enjoys teaching his specialist knowledge. The attributes that Connor possess are a perfect fit for 1:1 teaching. **Totaleigh Music** recognise this and are delighted to have him here in Tywyn teaching and performing as part of the **Totaleigh Music** team of musicians.

An enthusiastic teacher with a passion for singing and song writing, Connor has experience working with students of all ages and abilities, and he is currently enjoying planning a community song-writing workshop series with fellow musician and teacher **Chris Pomeroy**. Connor states that his interest in music is extremely expansive, but his favourite musical genres are pop, indie and rock.

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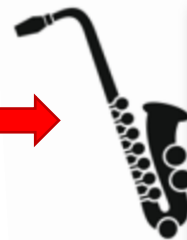
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Saxophone tutorials with SAM AITKEN can be arranged for one-off sessions.

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Kai Oakley
Guitar



Kai has been playing guitar for nearly 15 years. His interest in music intensified during his 6th form college days whilst studying a **Level 3 Diploma in music** and designing and building an electric guitar as part of his EPQ course. At this time Kai also discovered some of his all time favourite bands which fuelled his pursuit to learn more about the music industry.

He began by working on a voluntary basis tutoring younger guitarists in the local community. This led to an opportunity working as a music workshop leader for a residential activity week tutoring and preparing students to take part in a small scale music festival, where he also performed with his band as the headline act.


Following a successful audition process, Kai secured a place to study at the prestigious **British Institute of Modern Music in Bristol** for a year, following which he headed to **Hereford University at the College of Arts** campus to continue his education studying towards both a **Degree and Diploma in Popular music**.

In terms of notable achievements in music Kai states that he is “fresh out university and ready to start working towards some worthy goals including performance and guitar technician opportunities already in the pipeline”. He is looking forward to the opportunity of working with **Totaleigh Music**, teaching and encouraging those who would like to play guitar, whether they are just starting out or have been playing for a while, and he hopes to be able to share his musical knowledge and passion for the guitar with his students. Kai has a keen interest in heavy metal and jazz harmonies and is well versed in many different styles of playing.

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Chris Pomeroy
Vocals & Song
writing



Chris Pomeroy has a very strong interest in musicianship, he loves to sing and accompany himself on guitar. He believes that the best way to teach is to be an active musician performing live, bringing back the experiences to the classroom; practise what you preach.

Having not long returned from touring the world including countries such as **China** and **Singapore**, there is no doubt that Chris follows his mantra. He has been performing on stages around the world for over a decade and has experience that covers all styles; from country music to metal. Chris studied at **Hereford College of Arts** where he gained a **Diploma in Popular Music**. He then went on to study at the prestigious **Academy of Music in Guildford, London** where he graduated in 2017 with a **Degree in Music Performance & Song-Writing**. Combining his musical knowledge, vast experience and teaching techniques with explosive and entertaining performances, Chris ensures he has students and audiences alike coming back for more.


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Paul Fenton
Guitar



Paul has been playing guitar since his early teens. Originally studying classical guitar, he graduated to folk music and eventually rock and pop. He is a founding member and songwriter of *'The Rhythm Methodists'*, a post punk new wave band that has been performing on and (mostly) off since 1979. Locally he can be found playing with party band *'The BOMS'*, where he enjoys playing a range of material from disco and soul to country and blues. Paul always likes it funky!

In 2004 Paul began teaching guitar, bass and ukulele with the *Cerdd Gwynedd a Môn music service*. Mainly working in primary schools, he has gained considerable experience in introducing young students to playing, and also most importantly, having fun whilst doing so! He is a great believer in the value of performance, and seeks to build up his students' confidence to perform in front of others, whether it be in front of their class mates or at school concerts. He has steered students through the graded exam system, in both classical and rock and pop modules. Paul always tries to tailor lessons to the student and is keen to follow their musical interest. His aim is to engage the student with the instrument, because experience has taught him that when this happens, students really start to achieve and become guitar players!

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COMING SOON.....
BRASS LESSONS with
BOB POUNTNEY
aka BOB the HORN

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Sue Griffith
Violin & Viola



Sue is a local multi-instrumental musician specialising in violin. Currently grade 5 standard, Sue is working towards ABRSM grades in a diverse range of instruments. As leader of Tywyn Symphony Orchestra and assistant teacher in the Trainee Ensemble, Sue has a passion which she loves to share with others to inspire them to take up or improve playing a musical instrument.

In her younger years Sue played violin in the musical production *The Tempest* and was part of *Leeds Intermediate School's Orchestra*. As an adult, Sue has performed as a chorister in *The Chester Music Society* and *Festival Chorus*, singing major Choral works in *Chester and Liverpool Cathedrals*, *The Bridgewater Hall* in Manchester in its opening week, and *The Royal Albert Hall*. More recently Sue has performed, playing her electric violin and ukulele, at local open mic evenings and *The Tywyn Live Music Festival*.

Moving to Tywyn several years ago, Sue has been searching for musical opportunities. Since joining the *Totaleigh Music School* as one of the founder members just over a year ago, Sue has progressed to lessons with a professional violinist who has performed world- wide. With the ambition of growing the string instrument presence in the local area, Sue believes everyone should have the opportunity, should they wish, to learn to play violin and other string instruments.

Always wanting to improve standards Sue has achieved *ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory* and has completed the *ABRSM course "Becoming a better music teacher"*, as well as a *Level 2 teacher training course*. Sue's teaching philosophy is to facilitate learning, giving students the opportunity to learn in a relaxed environment at their own pace, adapting her teaching style to student individual needs.

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STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to these students for well-deserved exam success in their Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music instrumental exams.



ZOE MURFIN age 12, achieved a **DISTINCTION** in her Grade 2 Classical Guitar exam.



8-Year-old pianist CAI DAVIES was commended by the examiner who wrote "Well done on a successful Prep Test".



13-year-old LEONORA NESBITT achieved a **PASS** in her Grade 2 piano exam just 6 months after achieving a **MERIT** in her Grade 1 piano exam.



Mature student SUSAN GRIFFITH achieved a **MERIT** in her Grade 2 flute exam

MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

JUNE 2022

Leonora Nesbitt



JULY 2022

Archie Kendall



AUGUST 2022

Katie Collinswood



SEPTEMBER 2022

Elin Williams



OCTOBER 2022

Sara Williams



NOVEMBER 2022

Martha Griffiths



DECEMBER 2022

Chris Elsley





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CONGRATULATIONS TO the following students who have all completed BOOK ONE during their music lessons this year!

Dexter Smith



Emmi Roberts



Beth Jones



Olivia Wilkes



Mollie Griffiths



Ben Rosamilia



Reggie Crowther



Sienna Hughes



Tomos Griffiths



Daisy Moss



FASCINATING MUSICAL

FACT

The world's largest performing rock band included 953 musicians.

The Beijing Contemporary Music Academy achieved this record on June 16, 2016. They performed in the city of Tianjin, China. The band included 349 singers, 154 guitarists, and 151 drummers. 100 bassists also took part in the performance, along with 100 keyboard players, and 98 players of wind instruments.



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LIVE MUSIC AT THE
MAGIC LANTERN CINEMA



OPEN MIC PERFORMANCES


Well done to ELIN WILLIAMS, KATIE COLLINSWOOD, JAMIE GOODE, HARRI DAVIES, ANNE-SOPHIE TRONET, NIGEL WHEELER & RUBY PARSONS with tutors CONNOR NEWDICK, CHRIS POMEORY, LEIGH MATTHEWS & PAUL FENTON for their performances at The Magic Lantern Cinema Open Mic Nights.


These take place on the first Friday of every month. Please contact Leigh for more information.



THE BOMS live at
THE MAGIC
LANTERN CINEMA
on January 20th
after the film



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DOLGELLAU MUSIC CLUB AWARDS

TOMOS GRIFFITHS

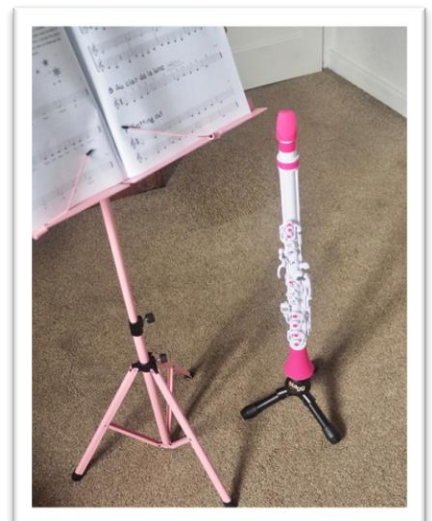
HARRY KENDALL

A few weeks ago Harry and Tomos were lucky enough to each be awarded a youth development grant from Dolgellau music club. This followed completion of



successful applications and collaborative workings between Totaleigh Music and Dolgellau Music Club. Tomos chose to purchase a new electric guitar, pedal and amplifier and Harry invested in a new amplifier, guitar case and tuner for his electric guitar. Harry's mom Tiff said "To say he is chuffed would be an understatement! Huge thanks to the club." Tomos's mom Kat said "He's got an amazing upgrade on his guitar and amp and has been rocking the house down since." Harry and Tomos are both looking forward to using their new equipment in their guitar lessons with teacher Kai in the new year!

A further student who receives clarinet lessons with Leigh at Pen y Bryn School through 'Gwasanaeth Cerdd Ysgolion Gwynedd a Mon' was also successful in her application. Congratulations to **EURWEN MORTIMER** who was able to purchase a lovely pink and white Clarinéo with the grant awarded. The NUVO Clarinéo is a clarinet ideal for young starters ages 4 to 12 years. It is much lighter and smaller than a Bb clarinet which means the finger stretches are shorter and the tone holes smaller. A great way to start learning to play the clarinet!



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COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	MUSICIANS
28/05/22	An Audience with John TyDu at Woodlands Holiday Park & Country Club	John TyDu, Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
05/06/22	Party in the Park, Llwyngwriil	Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
21/06/22	World Music Day at Margaret Barnard Trust Nursery – Workshops for Pre-School Children	Leigh Matthews
12/07/22	Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn Year 11 Prom Woodlands Holiday Park & Country Club	Chris Pomeroy, Connor Newdick, Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
03/08/22	Morfa Cadfan Housing, Tywyn - Afternoon Tea Party	Elin Williams, Katie Collinswood, Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
06/08/22	Llwyngwriil Summer Fete	Sue Griffith, Connor Newdick, Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
09/08/22	Talyllyn Railway Floral Train at Abergynolwyn Station	Connor Newdick, Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
26/08/22	The Bay Nursing Home, Tywyn	Holly Morris, Elin Williams, Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
28/08/22	TYWYN LIVE on Tywyn Seafont	Totaleigh Music Ensembles: SWN SAMBA BAND SOUNDS THE UKULEIGHLEIGHS Soloists: John TyDu, Bob Pountney, Elin Williams, Gaynor Cook, Lisa Cook, Connor Newdick, Holly Morris, Kai Oakley, Sue Griffith, Polly Richards, Chris Pomeroy, Ruby Parsons, & Leigh Matthews
29/08/22	Bryncrug Country Fair, Y Ganolfan Bryncrug Community Centre	Kai Oakley, Holly Morris, Connor Newdick, Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
29/10/22	Ynysmaengwyn Ghost Walk and Fright Night	Sue Griffith, Lisa Cook & Gaynor Cook
31/10/22	The Whitehall Pub, Tywyn - Fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support	Connor Newdick
26/11/22	Tywyn Christmas Market & Lights Switch On	Totaleigh Music Ensembles: SWN SAMBA BAND SOUNDS FLUTE TROUPE CLARINET CHOIR THE UKULEIGHLEIGHS Soloists: Elin Williams, Leonora Nesbitt, Sara Woodward, Ella Woodward, Ruby Parsons, Zoe Murfin, Elin Vaughan-Jones, Molly Hodges, Amelia Wyre, Polly Richards, Cai Davies, Ava Betts, Jac Jones, Chris Pomeroy & Connor Newdick
17/12/22	Deryn Bach Nursery, Christmas Grotto at Y Ganolfan Bryncrug Community Centre	THE TOTALEIGH MUSIC XMAS BAND: Soloists: Connor Newdick & Leigh Matthews
17/12/22	Talyllyn Christmas Carol Train	THE TOTALEIGH MUSIC XMAS BAND Soloists: Holly Morris Kai Oakley Connor Newdick Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
22/12/22	The Bay Nursing Home, Tywyn	Sue Griffith, Lisa Cook, Gaynor Cook, Adrian Bennett, Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews

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A HUGE thank you and a big well done to students, teachers, and guest musicians of Totaleigh Music who gave their time to perform at these community events between May and Dec 2022 (since the publication of the last newsletter!) It was a pleasure and a privilege to perform with you all-



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PROFESSIONAL BOOKINGS

DATE	VENUE	MUSICIANS
25/06/22	The Magic Lantern Cinema	The BOMS
02/07/22	Tallylyn Railway	The BOMS
10/07/22	Private Function at Tywyn Ex Service & Workmen's Club	Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
10/09/22	The Dovey Inn, Aberdovey	The BOMS
08/10/22	The Peniarth, Bryncrug	Chris Pomeroy
16/10/22	The Garth Pub, Llwyngwriol	The BOMS
29/10/22	Neaudd Dyfi, Aberdyfi Private Function	The BOMS
02/11/22	Pendrell Hall, Codsall Wood, Wolverhampton Private Function	Leigh Matthews
18/11/22	The Dovey Inn, Aberdovey	Chris Pomeroy & Connor Newdick
19/11/22	Tywyn Ex Service & Workmen's Club	Chris Pomeroy
19/11/22	Neaudd Pendre, Tywyn Private Function	The BOMS
09/12/22	Wedding at Portmeirion	Chris Pomeroy
10/12/22	Aberdyfi Rowing Club Christmas Party at Dovey Yacht Club	Chris Pomeroy
11/12/22	The Whitehall Pub, Tywyn Private Function	Chris Pomeroy & Connor Newdick
23/12/22	The Victorian Slipway Pub, Tywyn	The BOMS
24/12/22	The Whitehall Pub, Tywyn	Chris Pomeroy, Kai Oakley, Ruby Parsons & Leigh Matthews
31/12/22	Sunbeach Holiday Park, Llwyngwriol	Connor Newdick
31/12/22	Neaudd Dyfi, Aberdyfi	The BOMS & Connor Newdick
31/12/22	The Peniarth Arms	Chris Pomeroy

Chris Pomeroy also works as a professional *Singing Waiter* and *Wedding Singer*. This role takes him to perform at weddings at various venues throughout the length and breadth of the UK all year round!

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WORKING THE PRO CIRCUIT



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CHRIS & CONNOR

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 Corporate events



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Connor Newdick
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 Connor Newdick




MUSIC WORKSHOPS




Leigh has been running Ukulele/Music Workshops for visitors to the Aberdyfi Drop in Centre at The Neuadd Dyfi on the first Friday of every month 11:00am - 12:00pm.

These workshops will continue this year with the assistance of other tutors from Totaleigh Music. Ukuleles are available from Totaleigh Music for FREE hire for those wishing to attend the workshops.



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THE SPOTLIGHTS Tywyn & District community Awards
Hosted by The Magic Lantern Cinema



On the 24th September 2022, The Magic Lantern Cinema hosted the annual awards ceremony to celebrate people, groups and businesses within our local community. It was a spectacular evening - Well done to The Magic Lantern!


CONGRATULATIONS to the following TOTALEIGH MUSIC winners:


- Susan Griffith - THE KINDNESS & CARE AWARD*
- Katie Collingswood - YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR*
- Elin Williams - A BRIGHT LIGHT OF TYWYN*



I was delighted to win the award for ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTION and accepted it with thanks to my Bob, without whom none of what we do here at TOTALEIGH MUSIC would be possible.

Our congratulations of course also go to all the other winners and nominees.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT





My name is Holly and I'm 13 years old. I started playing the 3/4 cello just over a year ago after having a go on my friend's cello and loving it! I live in Shropshire and we looked far and wide for a teacher but I didn't find one I liked until my friends in Tywyn told me about Leigh. I had some lessons at the Totaleigh Music studio and then we went online so I could have lessons from home too!



I'm so glad that I found Leigh as I love my lessons and I have exceeded my own expectations about what I would be able to accomplish in a year!

I had to upgrade to a full size cello after a few months and I'm now pushing myself to learn pieces I never thought I'd be able to play, like the version of 'Paint it Black' featured in the Netflix show 'Wednesday'. I have also played a solo at my school Christmas concert and with the school String Group carolling in our Town Centre. I love playing for my family and my favourite pieces include: 'Beauty and the Beast', the 'Harry Potter Theme Tune' and 'Jupiter'. Leigh has inspired me to challenge myself and she lets me learn at my own pace. So far I have chosen not to take any exams as I didn't want the stress, but I might decide to take some in the future as I get more confident. Thank you Totaleigh!!

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Hello, my name is Valerie Nordan and I would like to tell you about my musical journey. First a bit about my back ground. On the whole I had been an active outdoor sports woman. I now enjoy walking and until recently I was a keen competitive golfer. I also enjoy lawn and indoor bowls, photography, music and singing.




I am now a retired senior citizen having spent 36 years in the nursing profession with 16 of those years spent serving as an officer in the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service. After leaving the RAF I re-trained and set up and ran my own Aromatherapy and Beauty clinic here in Tywyn for 10 years, amongst other ventures. Leaving the services was a huge transition for me, adjusting to a civilian life when so much had changed in those 16 years. I certainly did not find it easy and still struggle with it at times.

My musical journey really began in the early 60's. I had three school term's worth of clarinet lessons. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints my parents had to withdraw my clarinet lessons at school. However, luckily for me my mother was a brilliant pianist so we purchased some clarinet music with piano accompaniment parts and from then on until I left school to start my nursing career, my mother accompanied my clarinet playing on the piano. Those were such precious times we shared together and my love of music just grew.

Once I started my nursing training I stopped playing the clarinet and did not touch it again for 10 years. Then, on one of my postings to Ely in the late 70's I was told there was a local silver band, so I joined them to play live music once more. Sadly it only lasted a few months because I was then posted abroad and once again the clarinet was put into storage.

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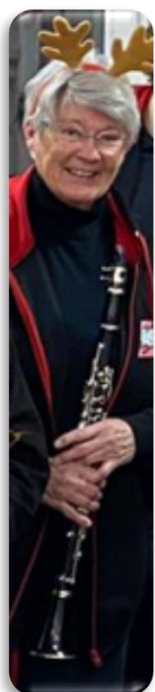


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Fast forward to June 2022 and I am living in Tywyn. I had to give up my golf for medical reasons and was at a loss. I did not know how to fill that void, and was getting quite depressed about it. One day after a game of bowls, I was chatting to my friend Dave. I am not sure how the topic of music came about but he told me he and his wife Caroline had joined the newly formed Tywyn music ensembles and they were both also having music lessons with Leigh at Totaleigh Music. I was very interested as I had been looking for someone to teach me the clarinet and guitar. Dave gave me Leigh's contact details and I plucked up the courage to get in touch and meet Leigh who was so welcoming and professional and put me at ease. It had been a long time since I had met such a multitalented motivational musician and I knew straight away I would continue with lessons. After having had a free 30 minute clarinet taster session with Leigh I joined the Orchestra in July.




During a conversation with Leigh, she asked me if I had ever fancied playing any other instruments. I replied that I had always wanted to try to play the flute, so Leigh loaned me a flute free of charge to try out and I fell completely in love with it. I have since purchased my own flute and I am thoroughly enjoying learning to play it. The added challenge of learning a new instrument, did not end there as I am also learning to play the viola with Sue Griffith. Sue is so patient with me and also a good multi-talented musician and violin/viola teacher. I am now also learning to play guitar, alto saxophone and ukulele and hopefully soon I will be starting trumpet lessons with Bob! More recently I started having singing lessons with Chris Pomeroy, a wonderful singer and guitarist in his own right.

I would highly recommend Leigh and the team of Totaleigh Music teachers to anyone of any age and encourage everyone to give playing a musical instrument or singing a go. It's fun and keeps your mind active. Being a multi musician is a challenge but I absolutely love it and I am proof that you are never too old to start!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE IN A FUTURE EDITION OF STUDENT SPOTLIGHT, PLEASE CONTACT LEIGH AT TOTALEIGH MUSIC.

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In the 10 days leading up to Christmas 2022, musicians of TOTALEIGH MUSIC entertained with live music between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon daily. The event was organised and directed by Leigh Mathews, founder of Totaleigh Music, and hosted by Dan Wyre, guitar student of Totaleigh Music and proprietor of TYWYN FOODS in Tywyn High Street. During the daily hour of live music, customers to the shop were treated to a complimentary hot chocolate, whilst enjoying the festivities and purchasing their produce for Christmas.


Together TYWYN FOODS & TOTALEIGH MUSIC successfully raised several hundred pounds for Air Ambulance.




Here is a link to some snippets of the performances throughout the 10 days:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2C5b5uMfxg&t=440s>



Many thanks to Dan Wyre and the staff at TYWYN FOODS for hosting this fund raiser. Thanks also to the musicians of TOTALEIGH MUSIC for giving their performance time this Christmas to raise funds for Air Ambulance: Connor Newdick, Holly Morris, Kai Oakley, Ruby Parsons, Lisa Cook, Gaynor Cook, Susan Griffith, Sam Aitken & Chris Pomeroy.

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CURRENT STUDENT NUMBERS

ONLINE TUITION:

- 8 x guitar
- 2 x piano
- 1 x cello
- 1 x flute
- 1 x saxophone
- 1 x singing

FACE to FACE TUITION

- 36 x guitar
- 45 x piano
- 6 x music theory
- 5 x violin
- 1 x viola
- 1 x cello
- 6 x flute
- 4 x clarinet
- 3 x saxophone
- 3 x recorder
- 2 x banjo
- 1 x mandolin
- 14 x ukulele
- 13 x singing
- 7 x drum kit

INSTRUMENTS IN STOCK FOR FREE HIRE

WHEN BOOKING LESSONS:


- TRUMPETS
- FLUTES
- CLARINETS
- SAXOPHONES
- PRACTICE SAXOPHONES, DOODS & FIFES
- TREBLE & DESCANT RECORDERS
- VIOLINS (ALL SIZES)
- CELLOS
- UKULELES
- ACOUSTIC GUITARS (ALL SIZES)
- ELECTRIC GUITARS
- BASS GUITARS
- ELECTRONIC KEYBOARDS




MUSICAL JOKE

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Because she broke the record !



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**9.00am - 9.45am –
Tywyn Trainee Ensemble**

**9.45 am - 10.30am –
THE UKULEIGHLEIGHS**

**11.00 am - 12.30pm –
Tywyn Fretted String Orchestra**


**1.00pm - 2.30pm –
Tywyn Symphony Orchestra**


**2.45 pm - 3.30pm –
FLUTE TROUPE**


**3.30pm - 4.15pm –
CLARINET CHOIR**

**4.30pm - 5.30pm –
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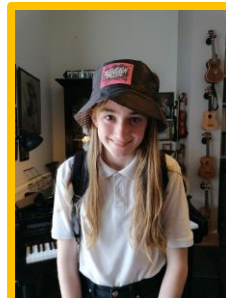
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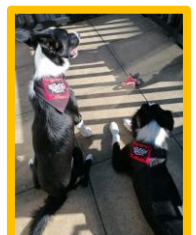
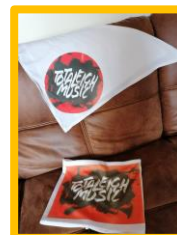


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Pencils £1.00

Bookmarks 50p



Jibbitz for Crocs

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Thank you to student **Harry Kendall** for your design for **TOTALEIGH MUSIC Crocs**, which gave us the inspiration for these wonderful **Jibbetz!**



GREAT IDEA

Thanks also to student **Polly Richards** for suggesting we stock **TOTALEIGH MUSIC bucket hats!**



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