

# Cornwall Music Service Trust

## Newsletter Autumn 2022



Seasons greetings to you all at the Cornwall Music Service Trust and a big hello from me, the Interim Chair of Trustees, Jacqui Scarborough.

We were all saddened at the passing of David Fryer, former Chair of the Cornwall Music Service Trust. He was inspirational in his enthusiasm and support for the Trust since its inception. So, stepping up as the interim Chair of Trustees, David will be an extremely hard act to follow!

By way of introduction, I've been involved in Primary Education for nearly thirty years before retiring and have always believed that the performing arts and music is as important as the core curriculum subjects of English and Maths. In fact, the more singing, dancing and music making in schools the better as far as I'm concerned! So, I feel privileged and humble to be a small part of such a great organisation, CMST.

I'm in awe of the talented and hardworking staff who are an integral part of the service as well as the inspirational leadership of our area leads and not least our Head of Service, Gareth Churcher.

The Trust is going from strength to strength which is down to the hard work and commitment of all the hardworking staff, led so ably by Gareth. The Service is in a good place and I'm hoping to learn more and meet more of you in the New Year. In the meantime, on behalf of all the Trustees, I wish you all a well-deserved rest over the Christmas period and all the very best for 2023.

Jacqui Scarborough

Interim Chair of Trustees



**Gareth Churcher**  
Head of Service



**Jacqui Scarborough**  
Interim Chair of  
Trustees

# Cornwall Junior Choir

It's been a busy term for our lovely Junior singers, starting with our involvement in the Creation Care service in October. We love any opportunity to sing in the beautiful cathedral, so really enjoyed this, and the choir were very engaged with the theme of looking after each other and our planet.

We were very privileged to be invited to sing at both the Artisan Market & the Made in Cornwall Christmas Fayre at the cathedral, where we brought our festive favourites back, including Winter Carol by Fiona Lander and The Bells of Christmas Medley by Greg Gilpin. The audience seemed to really appreciate having some live music to make them feel festive while they shopped.

Following our traditional Christmas party we ended the term with an informal concert for family & friends in the Old Cathedral School, where numbers were very depleted (mainly due to illness), but the four remaining singers performed beautifully, and were joined once more by some of the adults from Cornwall Choir Collective. Songs included Silent Night (with lovely solos from each Junior), Jingle Bell Rock and The First Noel (with audience participation). Despite low numbers it was a lovely occasion, with tea & mince pies afterwards and an array of Christmas jumpers!

If you have a child (age 6 - 13) who enjoys singing and would like to come along in the new year then we would love to welcome you! Contact Julia Carter - [julia@ccjc.org.uk](mailto:julia@ccjc.org.uk) - and you can also find us on Facebook.

Thank you as always to our singers for their commitment, efforts & wonderful singing, and to parents & friends for their continued support.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

Jo & Julia



## Music Therapy Team Update:

The music therapy team has had a busy term. 😊

In October, some of the music therapists were lucky enough to spend a day sailing on a beautiful tall ship called Irene with Sea Sanctuary. The day was planned to support the team who rarely spend much time together in person. We were thinking about how we use things like challenging ourselves, being in nature and connecting with others to boost our own resilience. The few spare spaces were offered to the wider CMST team and there were more people wanting to join than places available. So we were both very glad to share the day with those that came and sorry not to accommodate everyone. Post -trip feedback from one participant:

*Still glowing- thank you so much for organising the trip!*

We had our first big fundraising event for a while in November, a ceilidh with Spann Ceilidh Band raised a fantastic £493.65 for music therapy provision and we send them a huge thanks. Also to Emma Packer who was chief organiser of the event and did a great job of sorting out all the details. Including the best raffle ever!

We have some music therapy students on placement with us again, and a huge thanks to Carine Kelley for being the main contact for students from music therapy training courses at University of the West of England and the University of South Wales this term. Having students on placement can be fantastic for helping us reflect on why we do what we do with our clients. They are brilliant at asking questions and being enthusiastic and curious.







As you can see in our photo of an instrument tower made in a music therapy session Emma Packer did with a client in a school. We like to build things and play! We continue to build our service and have very few clients waiting, the team have been amazing at fitting in an extra bit of work here and there in already very full timetables and being flexible and creative in their practice. A huge thanks to the whole team for their hard work.

Early in 2023 we are both starting a collaborative project with the early years team funded by Youth Music and will be working towards the end of our Children in Need funded project with the early years team funded by Youth Music and will be working towards the end of our Children in Need funded project. It's a busy time but so much interesting and rewarding work continues.





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## St.Austell Festival of Music & Speech

St.Austell Festival had a great kick start to music week with a beginner string workshop run by Phil Montgomery-Smith and Karen Frost. 25 children from local primary schools attended and together they gave a concert to parents at the end of the morning. A Fantastic way to give v ery young players their first taste of playing in a large group.

**Watch the fun**



Restormel Junior strings took part in the Festival on Thursday 1st of December.

We had some fantastic feedback from the Adjudicator and some lovely comments from the audience. It was great to come First and win a Cup, even though we were the only competitors!





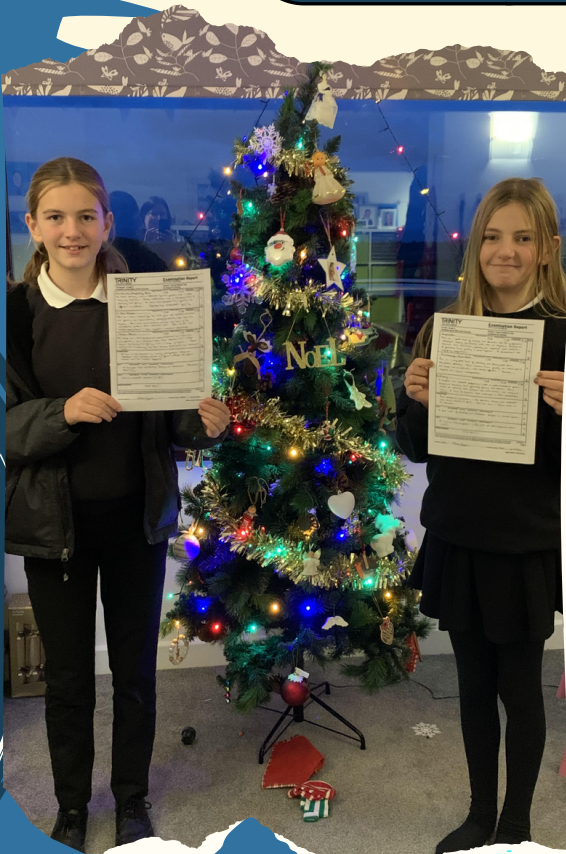
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## SuperStrings Christmas Concert

The amazing SuperStrings reunited on the 10th of December for their annual Christmas concert. It was an afternoon of outstanding Christmas music performed by a huge range of instruments. The students performed to the very best of their ability, and you can hear and see one of the songs performed right here:

[Watch it here](#)



## exam success

Huge congratulations to Maisy and Millie who passed their grade 5 exams with distinction this term. They are both members of CYWO and CYBE and taught at Penryn College by John Greaves.

## Carrick Strings Hit the Right Notes with Boom!

CMST's newly formed Falmouth based strings group may only have 3 rehearsals to get to speed in time for the upcoming SuperStrings concert but they have put down their bows and started off with a whacking bang of Bows and Holly; Carrick String's musical director - Lucetta Radcliffe - brought in her Boomwhackers creating a joyful childlike pleasure for all who participated!

Carrick Strings is an exciting new venture, replacing the much missed Fal River Strings; we may be small but we are dynamic and enthusiastic.

If you are interested in joining our group or joining us for a free taster session, please email [fparker@cmst.co.uk](mailto:fparker@cmst.co.uk)

## Sax is our business & Cornwall youth brass ensemble

Performed a very festive concert at the Burrell Theatre in Truro to finish off the term.



[Hear it here](#)



# King Charles Church, Falmouth

King Charles church always invite CMST ensembles to perform in their summer concert recital series. Saxatonic (led by Emily Garrod) and Tros an Hellys (led by Verena Watkiss and Lowenna Thrussell) were delighted to share a lunchtime concert in November as we are always treated to a warm response from a large audience. As we rounded off the season from them we were delighted to accept a generous donation from them and the Greenbank hotel. If you are interested in more information from either ensemble please contact the CMST office.



# West Cornwall Primary and Community Engagement

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Christine Judge has enjoyed working with 8 schools in the Crofty Trust this term on a Cornish music project. The children each took their own Cornish piece to work on with Christine and their teachers in school as well as learning two items for a massed choir. The project culminated in a fabulous concert held at Camborne Wesley Methodist Chapel with close to three hundred children taking part. Each school performed their own piece to a packed audience in the chapel, with children from age 6 to 10 taking part. They really raised the roof with all the children singing the Crofty Trust song and Cornwall My Home together. Congratulations to all the young people and their teachers!

## Pupil of the month - AUTUMN TERM



Florence is the model pupil! Since September last year, when Florence was a grade 2 flute and beginner piano, she has worked her way up to grade 5 flute and grade 2 piano! Besides this, since starting playing the saxophone not long ago, Florence is now almost ready for her grade 4. She is currently a member of the CMST woodwind ensemble "Carrick Breeze" and about to join "CYWO" – the Cornwall Youth Wind Orchestra; she is also an active member of the music department at school. It is very obvious she practices regularly and so pleasing that she won a CMST music award for her longer individual lessons. Florence is an absolute pleasure to teach and a superstar. One to keep an eye on for future stardom!



Holly is a year II student at Penrice Academy. Despite a heavy workload, and GCSE mocks looming, she has never wavered from her commitment to play the violin this term and has just passed ABRSM Grade 6. For Holly to have put herself in an exam situation, on top of all her other commitments, this is absolutely tremendous!

A more committed and conscientious pupil one couldn't wish for. Holly is a dream student, totally reliable, and has never missed a lesson in 8 years. She is a reliable member of a weekly string ensemble, 'St. Austell Chamber Orchestra' (for pupils in the St. Austell/Roseland area), supporting every concert and festival appearance. Holly is a result of CMST and the support she has received through the Award lesson scheme which has helped her enjoy playing and flourish on the violin.



Maisie has received lessons and Music Therapy from CMST which has enabled her to overcome and progress on her musical journey. You can hear Maisie's story on our website here...

<https://cmst.co.uk/pupil-of-the-month>



Olivia has only been learning the Cornet for the past year and she has already taken her Grade I exam. Olivia joined the St Keverne Youth band as a complete beginner alongside starting lessons and as well as home practice, Olivia takes her cornet down the road to her grandad and has regular practice sessions with him. Olivia is an extremely committed young lady who puts in a lot of work both at home, in lessons and in the St Keverne Youth band where she helps the other younger musicians during the rehearsal.



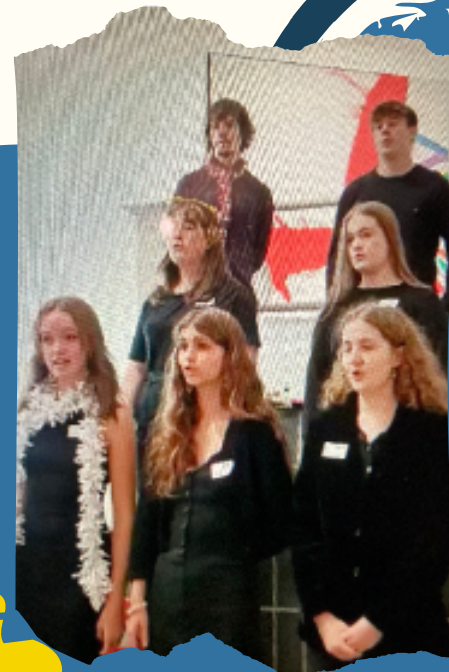


# Cornwall Youth Chamber Choir

The choir have had a super term of singing new repertoire and revitalising some of our old favourites for performances at the Tate Gallery and forthcoming concert with St Keverne Brass Band. We have been delighted to welcome quite a few new members this term who have soon become part of the team. We are really looking forward to singing with a Ukrainian Refugee Women's Choir in February next term for a fundraising concert in aid of 'Hope for Ukraine'.

We will be welcoming more new members in the Spring term and our first rehearsal will be on January 12th. New young singers are always welcome at both our Youth Choir and our Junior Choir.

Details can be found on [cmst.co.uk](http://cmst.co.uk)



## Tate St Ives Winter Festival

As well as Cornwall Youth Chamber Choir, Christine Judge brought together children from St Ives Junior, Nancledra, Trythall and Mousehole schools for a massed choir event as part of the Tate St Ives Winter festival. The choir of around one hundred children performed a selection of Winter and Christmas songs to a packed audience and certainly put everyone in the mood for Christmas! Huge thank you to the teachers at St Ives Juniors and Nancledra

for helping to prepare the children for this event and for their help on the day. Congratulations to all the children on

a wonderful performance!

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