

Cornwall Music Service Trust

Newsletter Spring 2023



Coming out of Spring Term and heading into the Summer I am reminded of a saying that some of my family used to say to me: "N'er cast a clout till May is out". For those of you that are unfamiliar with this saying it is a reference to the fickle weather we experience in Britain where one day we can be bathed in glorious early Summer sunshine only to be battered by cold wind and rain that keeps reminding us of Winter the next. In fact there is also a misconception of the word clout in this saying where people interpret it to mean that we are clouted by adverse weather but you have to go back to the full saying to understand the full meaning: "Button to chin, till May be in, cast not a clout, till May be out." So what it actually means is, don't take off your winter clothing until May is over!

As we live in ever changing times with the various challenges that life presents us, much like our ever changeable weather at this time of year, I have always been able to draw on music making to offer escapism, consistency, joy and social connection. This is why I am so passionate that CMST continues to offer equitable, inclusive and accessible music education, within the challenges that we face as an organisation, to all those that wish to engage with it.

Furthermore when offering this musical education it must offer a depth of knowledge and rigour that allows our service users to be well informed and well equipped to embrace the art form they have chosen to engage with. As demonstrated in the above sometimes misconceptions and misunderstandings are all too easy to make and at an early stage of development can create longer term issues. At CMST through, the experience and skill of our staff, we aspire for strong, deep routed foundations that nurture a life long engagement with music.

Gareth Churcher
Head of Service



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Jaqui Scarborough
Interim Chair of
Trustees

Cornwall Youth Chamber Choir

CYCC were delighted to be invited to take part in the 'Hope for Ukraine' concert in February which took place at St Just in the Roseland church. It was wonderful to sing in a concert with the Ukrainian refugee women's choir. CYCC sang a variety of songs including a Ukrainian lullaby in Ukrainian with handbell accompaniment. The concert raised over £1800 for the children of Ukraine.

We have also been enjoying exploring 'Water' themed repertoire this term too to link with our current CMST theme! We will be beginning rehearsals for the Minack Theatre production after Easter and new members are welcome to join for this event.

Rehearsals take place on THURSDAYS FROM 6:30-8PM in the Old Cathedral School at Truro Cathedral. Please see cmst.co.uk for more details.



CMST and the Minack Theatre

We are excited to be working with the Minack Theatre again this Summer to present 'Lullaby of the Tides'. This collaborative project with the Minack will bring together singers from 10 primary schools alongside Cornwall Youth Chamber Choir and students from local secondary schools.



St Piran in Penwith Celebrations

Congratulations to all the schools who took part in this year's St Piran in Penwith events on March 3rd and 4th in Penzance. Primary school children from 6 schools presented a concert featuring a selection of Cornish songs old and new to a packed audience at St John's Hall on March 3rd followed on March 4th by the traditional St Piran's Furry Dance and Music through the streets. This year's parade involved 17 schools with musicians playing from yr2 to yr11 as well as adults and of course the wonderful Golowan Band! Playwest new children's ensemble were excited to be joining in for the first time this year! Thanks to ASONEhub for their support with this event.

CMST Annual Primary Music Conference

We enjoyed another action packed day of musical activities at our annual primary conference this month. Thank you to all the teachers and music leaders who came along and participated with such wonderful enthusiasm. We hope the children at school enjoy the activities you take back to share with them!



"A fabulous day was had at the Primary Music Coordinators' Conference on March 23rd. Organised by Christine Judge, Area Lead for Penwith, it featured a superb set of workshops ranging from teaching using the Kodaly method, promoting the Cornish language in music and working with GoCornish, a Charanga update, making the most of First Access and MusicEl and an insight into Early Years music education. The Sands Resort looked after us well and lots of networking, fun and laughter was had! We look forward to next year."

Sally Butlin

Brass updates

Perran-ar-worthal year 4 class gave a successful performance in the Spring Concert as the culmination of their First Access Cornet project.

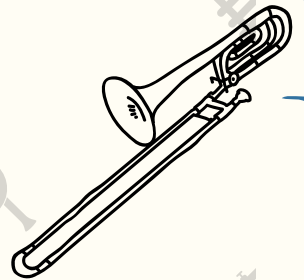
After Easter the newly formed Next Steps Ensemble encompassing Perran-ar-worthal, Kennall Vale and St Day & Carharrack Schools will be starting, and we are hoping to be able to give our debut performances at the respective school fêtes.

Also in new ensembles, a new brass ensemble will be starting at Truro High School, open to anyone with a term or more's experience playing a brass instrument.

CYBE gave a successful performance at the county festival, playing a tricky program made more difficult by my insistence that we split the ensemble across the different levels of the church.

If you are interested in joining any of these ensembles, or would like any more information please contact Joe Hamlen:

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Go Cornish

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Having fun with the Cornish language

CMST is working hard to promote Cornish language and sense of place through music. We are developing links with GoCornish to help children and young people access Cornish language and create music inspired by where we live. If you would like to get involved sign up to GoCornish and contact Christine Judge at CMST.

News from our Primary and Community Engagement Lead

On Sunday 26th March over 30 CMST pupils of mixed abilities were invited to play their favourite pieces in 'Let's Play'- a celebration of North Cornwall's young musicians. The concert took place in the beautiful church of St Endellion to an enthusiastic audience of over 150. Thomas had previously seen his teacher playing for Holsworthy Pantomime. At the end of the pantomime, it is tradition to play the National Anthem and for the audience to stand and sing. Thomas took this to heart and really wanted to learn 'God Save the King.' He put in a lot of practice and played calmly and with composure and everyone stood and sang. Thomas achieved what he set out to do. Some comments from other performers: "I would really like to play the piano like Finnely one day. I liked the sound of the flutes." Also "I don't like the feel of the school keyboard anymore, I wonder if my mum could get me a grand piano!"

The primary-age pupils were asked if they would like to perform next year, and all said it was really scary but... "Yes, we would!"



Watch Let's Play.
HERE

Thomas, who closed the concert.

It's been another busy term in the east of the region with children at Antony Primary learning Djembe drums and ukuleles, children at Pelynt learning Djembes, children at Trenode working on Samba percussion, Trewidland pupils learning Djembes and pitched percussion, Polruan and Carbeile pupils learning ukulele, Polperro children learning ukulele and recorder and children from Looe learning keyboard, all as part of the First Access programme. There were some fabulous performances and recordings sent home to parents; a particular highlight being Carbeile's Year 3 Celebration Assembly where all 86 Year 3 children performed on their ukuleles for their parents and friends. Well done everyone!

Polperro and Polruan Schools worked on some songs and a ukulele performance that were included in online services for the Church of England and led by Rev Richard Allen of Trelawny Benefice - a wonderful experience for the children. Lots of exciting music is planned for next term, including a performance at the Polperro Festival and concert with Looe's Keltique Choir for the children at Polperro and visits/workshops for the children at Pelynt and Torpoint with their local Male Voice Choirs. Lots to look forward to so please watch this space!

Sally Butlin - Primary and Community Engagement Lead - East



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Superstrings

52 players proudly wearing our new CMST T-shirts wowed the Mentors with their performance at the Music for Youth festival in Truro on March 3rd with high praise indeed for their energetic performance of the Final Countdown. You can watch their next concert, which will include woodwind and brass friends will be on July 9th at Truro Methodist Church starting at 5.30, everyone is welcome.



Carrick Breeze

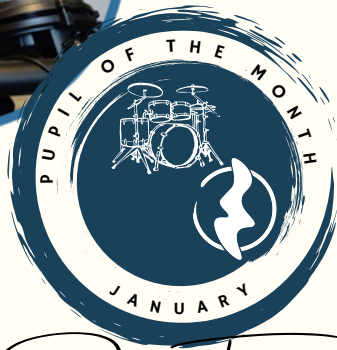
Carrick Breeze also gave a great performance at the Music for Youth festival in Truro



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Pupil of the month - SPRING TERM



Patrick Thurston

Stanley has worked consistently since the start of the academic year to build on skills and competencies, allowing him to make great strides in learning the Grade VIII repertoire for classical guitar.

Patrick is developing into a great young player. He is keen, enthusiastic and always well prepared. This year he has begun to make considerable progress and approaches his lessons with determination and energy. He practises extensively at home (no doubt helped by a new drum kit for Christmas!) and is supported by his parents. He is working towards his grade 1 exam, which he will hopefully take in the summer term.



Stanley Fletcher



Eddie Newham Dewhurst

Eddie has been committed to learning the Piano and Singing since lessons started in September 2021. Always well-prepared, on time and open to trying different warm-ups and song styles. Eddie has never missed one lesson and so in a very short space of time, we are working on Grade 5 Trinity Rock and Pop Vocals. The perfect student!

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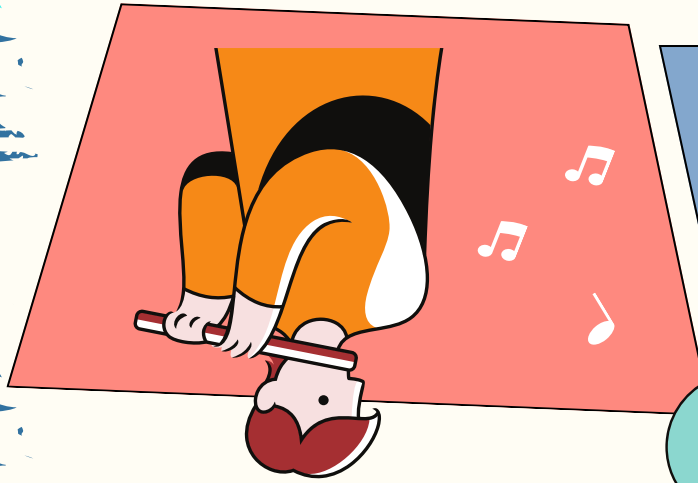
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Helston music centre (based at Parc Eglos school) has been a great success for hosting lessons for those in the community who cannot access CMST lessons at their school. We have brass, percussion, woodwind guitar and keyboard lessons currently, as well as two ensembles.

Tros an Hellys has been running for 5 year now, and surviving the pandemic is going from strength to strength. Open to anyone who can make a sound on their instrument we have a great selection of players including strings, woodwind brass and keyboards.

More recently we have started a ukulele group which is already proving to be popular. Please do contact those mentioned in the poster for more information if you are interested in either.



TROS AN HELLYS

BEGINNER BAND

**ALTERNATE SATURDAY
MORNINGS, 10:30-12
PARC EGLOS SCHOOL, HELSTON**

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