

# What's On 2025 – Music Programme



## Saturday 30th August & Sunday 31st August 2025

The music programme takes place between 12 and 7pm on Saturday, and between 12 and 5pm on all stages. From 10am until 12am, there will be music played over the PA system on the smaller stages, and community performances on the main stage for visitors to enjoy until the live acts start!

### Area A - The Green Lady Stage - Cardiff Road / Kings Arms

#### Saturday

12.00pm - 1.00pm	Secret Postal Society
1.15pm - 2.30pm	Gypsy Flower
2.45pm - 4.00pm	Act. Happy
4.15pm - 5.30pm	Livestock Davies (Solo)
5.45pm - 7.00pm	Wrenna

#### Sunday

12.00pm - 12.45pm	Late to the Party (Duo)
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Two Twin Pony
2.15pm - 3.15pm	Two Hats (Duo)
3.45pm - 5.00pm	Rebecca Richards Trio

### Area B - Castle Moat Stage - Crescent Road

#### Saturday

12.00pm - 1.00pm	Juno Acoustic
1.15pm - 2.30pm	Ragsy (solo)
2.45pm - 4.00pm	The Orphic Blue
4.15pm - 5.30pm	Cadence Acoustic Duo
5.45pm - 7.00pm	Moonstorm (Duo)

#### Sunday

12.00pm - 12.45pm	Acoustic Notation
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Louis & Ella Music Show
2.15pm - 3.15pm	Post Modern Shoebox
3.45pm - 5.00pm	Omega Two (trio)

## **Area C – The Leaning Tower Main Stage – Twyn Car Park**

### **Saturday**

10.30am - 11.00am	Kinetic School of Performing Arts (community performance)
12.00pm - 1.00pm	The Blues Sisters
1.25pm - 2.25pm	Juicy Lucy & The Jokers
2.50pm - 4.00pm	No One Knows
4.25pm. - 5.35pm	Albino Frogs
6.00pm - 7.00pm	<b>HEADLINERS: THE SWITCHTONES</b>

### **Sunday**

10.00am. - 10.30am	Sound of Hope (community performance)
12.00pm - 12.45pm	St Louis Express
1.10pm - 2.00pm	Monkjack Funk
2.25pm - 3.15pm	NOOKEE
3.45pm. - 5.00pm	<b>HEADLINERS: BIG MAC'S WHOLLY SOUL BAND</b>

## Artist Information



### Secret Postal Society

Secret Postal Society is a musical project by singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Craig Mapstone. Conceived at the tail end of 2020 Craig challenged himself to write, record and release a brand-new original song every week throughout 2021. By the end of 2021 Craig had not only released 53 tracks but had also created music videos and artwork to accompany each song. In 2022 Craig began playing live as Secret

Postal Society with gigs at the Brecon Jazz Festival and EastFest in Port Talbot, plus support slots with Revolution Rabbit Deluxe and BBC Radio Wales A-listers Kaysha Louvain. When Craig is not writing and recording as Secret Postal Society he hosts the Welsh Connections Playlist radio show which is broadcast on stations in the UK, US, Canada and Spain to a global audience of over 200,000 weekly listeners. Craig also works as a session musician, tutor and is a director of music PR & Promotions company TIWN Media.

Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SecretPostalSocietyOfficial/>

Link to music:  
<https://open.spotify.com/artist/6wJMvP0mHXmNpGiYaX7DWW?si=r3VYXTASTASPfc0pZYwavg>



### Gypsy Flower

Jade and Tom have been in music business for over 30 years!! After Jade did her own thing in talent shows, on tv and had her own show 'Jade's Journey' on ITV she decided she wanted to try and be cool – that's where Tom come in. Jade met Tom in 2002 when she joined his original band Levin. They wrote songs together, played around the country and fell in love. After forming covers band Kozmic Drive and spending 10 years playing venues and holiday camps around the UK,

they took a break to start a family.

23 years and 2 children later they are back as the duo Gypsy Flower. They are currently performing whenever and wherever they can, writing together, entertaining folk and remembering why music has always played such a big part in their story.

**Link to Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/gypsyflowerduo>



## *Act Happy*

Act Happy are an award-winning acoustic folk duo based in Newport, South Wales. They have a distinctive dark folk style with rock and pop influences. The soft female vocals and deep male vocals contrast yet complement each other. Their original songs range from gentle Celtic style folk to an upbeat sea shanty to a vengeful murder ballad. Act Happy regularly play gigs in the local area and are branching out across the UK. They will be making their debut on the UK festival scene over the summer of 2024. If you want to stay up to date with their latest gigs and news, make sure you subscribe to their mailing list. If you have any booking enquiries, please use the contact form on their website: <https://acthappymusic.com/bio>

**Link to Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/act.happy.2023>  
**Link to music:**

[https://open.spotify.com/artist/3LIYGMCSM6NCnKxMn7I4RV?si=hIrdTbN-QqSmlgOC\\_idrdg](https://open.spotify.com/artist/3LIYGMCSM6NCnKxMn7I4RV?si=hIrdTbN-QqSmlgOC_idrdg)



## Livestock Davies (Solo)



Livestock Davies is back at the Cheese this year, flying solo! Usually the singer, songwriter and guitarist from Livestock Davies & the Lowdown Snakes - Welsh rockabilly band formed in early summer 2009 - this year, Rob will be entertaining you with some sing-a-longs and a more laidback set, but with the same jivetastic energy he always has!

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LivestockDavies>  
Link to music: Youtube: Livestock Davies & The Lockdown Shakes (Congress Theatre & Virtual Studio)

## Wrenna



Wrenna is a pop singer-songwriter from Caerphilly, South Wales who's inspired by the likes of Birdy and Florence + the Machine. She's currently working on new music to release this year, writing about topics people don't like to speak about in society. Keep an eye out for her set at The Caerphilly Cheese Festival on the 1st September!

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ffionwrenn>  
Link to music:

<https://open.spotify.com/artist/0vCSJUx2XNcoXMSVN1oaHY?si=PT5FVm3uTGykGG9eqM07wg>

## *Late to the Party (Duo)*



Two parts of the five piece original band 'Late to the Party', Sarah (vocals) & George (keyboards) will be performing some soulful songs to start your Sunday off on a high! Sarah; backing vocalist with Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band, and ex-lead vocals with Mike Harries Root Doctors. George; hailing from a plethora of punchy performances including Nearly Steely and Monkjack Funk. You'll enjoy a blend of both original and cover songs, you can expect a nod to those most tuneful and soulful: Stevie Wonder, Al Green and Amy Winehouse, to name a few!

Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61573532174106>

## *Two Twin Pony*



Twin Brothers, Joel & Sam Bird from Caerleon, Newport will kick the day off by entertaining you! Expect a mix of their own songs, and a plethora of pop and rock songs from the 60s to present day! They play covers from artists such as The Beatles, Bruce Springsteen, Queen, and The Killers to name a few. Two Twin Pony perform in numerous venues on the South Wales music circuit and are really looking to performing at the festival again, this year!!

Link to Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/twotrickpony1975>  
Link to music:

[www.facebook.com/watch/?v=872050216560020](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=872050216560020)



## Two Hats Duo



*They can Rock and roll you: Indie, pop, folk and soul you. A major music menu, fit for any venue!*

Richard Dinning is back once again, this year with a friend in tow! You can expect the usual offering of a wide range of numbers with vocals and acoustic guitar; both covers through the decades and quirky originals that offer an insight into Richard's life. All done with a great deal of humour and a harmony pedal!

**Follow on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076234178589>

**Link to music:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076234178589>

## Rebecca Richards Trio



Classically trained pianist and singer-songwriter from Pontypool in South Wales, Rebecca Richards started songwriting during the pandemic years after joining online song writing forum “Talent is Timeless” and is already making a name for herself with her gorgeous chord progressions, melody creation and beautiful voice, often compared to the likes of Carole King, Katie Melua and Karen Carpenter. Songs are uplifting, empowering whilst maintaining a bittersweet edge. “Unluckiest of Hearts”, her debut single released in October 2022 was acclaimed as “stunning” and “beautifully aching vocals” and enjoyed radio play all over the world.

Major influences include The Eagles and Fleetwood Mac. Her music is heavily influenced by blues, country and rock. She has recently learned to play mandolin and tenor guitar which she says helps with creating wide

variety songwriting. Rebecca has written countless songs and has won several monthly songwriting competitions as voted by her peers and twice long listed for international song-writing competitions. This year she will be joined by another two musicians, to bring her fabulous songwriting even more to life!

**Link to Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Becmusician>

**Link to music:** [https://open.spotify.com/artist/53JnoVogpi4pu5n7Zb4zg3?si=puN8Ae\\_iSv-Zqbi9M4ISQw](https://open.spotify.com/artist/53JnoVogpi4pu5n7Zb4zg3?si=puN8Ae_iSv-Zqbi9M4ISQw)

## *Juno Acoustic*



Juno Acoustic features Maddie & Dan (RecRock/The Pandas). Called Juno as people always say "d'you knooooow anything by this artist?", an expansive repertoire of anything from the 60s to the present day. Performing in bands such as the Pandas, Slipped Disco, The Bandaoke Show, Maditronique, Dan & Maddie have experience performing all over the country at festivals and parties for the last 15 years. A 2 piece powerhouse guaranteed to get you dancing from the very first second.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/junoacousticduo>  
Link to music: <https://getittogethermusic.co.uk/>

## *Ragsy (solo)*



Ragsy is a passionate Welsh singer-songwriter from South Wales, known for his heartfelt acoustic style with a rock-edged, alternative folk sound. 'Have guitar, will travel!'

This year marks 13 years since Ragsy appeared on *The Voice UK* and the start of his music journey. Notable achievements include performing at major festivals, including Glastonbury,

and supporting for the likes of James Dean Bradfield, Hue & Cry, Steve Balsame and Max Boyce.

Two years ago, Ragsy was diagnosed with hereditary heart disease after experiencing chest and arm pains, breathlessness, and fatigue. In March 2025, he had a double heart bypass at the University Hospital of Wales (UHW) in Cardiff, and praised the hospital staff as "magical superheroes" for their care and compassion. WE can wait to see him once again, raring to go!

Link to Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Ragsy](http://www.facebook.com/Ragsy)

Link to music: [www.facebook.com/watch/live/ref=watch\\_permalink&v=650118015622835](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/ref=watch_permalink&v=650118015622835)



## *The Orphic Blue*



Welsh Folk & Country Duo Featuring Fin Humphries & Michaela Warne, 'The Orphic Blue' are an acoustic duo, emerging from the shared love of music of two university students who decided to merge their talents. Michaela with her soaring vocals, and Fin with his blend of strumming and finger style virtuosity, quickly discovered that their musical styles

harmonised flawlessly. Their music is a distinctive fusion of folk, indie, and pop.

The Orphic Blue pour their shared experiences and emotions into their self-penned songs, and are passionate about using their music to bring cathartic, healing and comfort to their listeners. They are carving out an online presence by sharing covers and originals on Spotify, YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, and Instagram.

Follow them on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/theorpicblue/>

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheOrpicBlue>

Link to music: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/7mEtUnOwTW0ZdpOLdNmG3n?si=dBjU3sfaQ06E6oQS9KZjIQ>

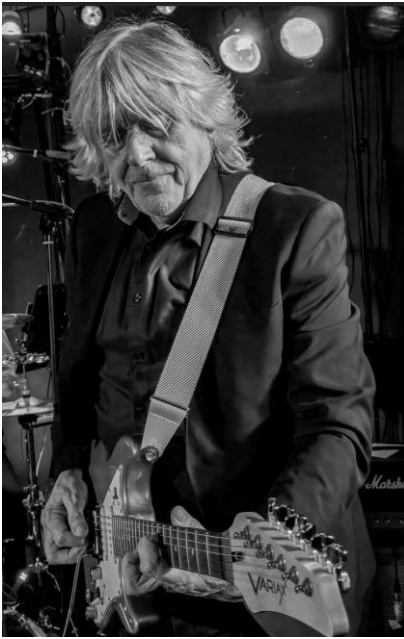
## *Cadence Acoustic Duo*



CADENCE are a male/female duo, with two guitars and plenty of harmonies performing popular songs from the 1960s right up to date: across many genres from Abba to Zeppelin. They are experienced performers with a great on-stage chemistry and engage with audiences well, making gigs interactive and fun.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CadenceAcousticCoversDuo>

Link to music: <https://www.facebook.com/CadenceAcousticCoversDuo/videos>



## ***Moonstorm (Duo)***

Moonstorm Duo is Amanda Seed on vocals/guitar and Viv Lock on lead guitar. A rock live music experience playing covers from the sixties to current charts including Tom Petty, Heart, AC/DC, Dua Lipa, Fleetwood Mac, Queen, Neil Young and more. This set will be an acoustic set that includes the lighter side of Rock.

**Link to Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069346655412&sk=about>

**Link to Music:** YouTube/Moonstorm band

## *Acoustic Notation*



Acoustic Notation are made up of husband and wife duo, David and Leanne. They bring a stunning blend of vocals, guitar and violin using their own arrangements of songs from a wide range of genres. With years of combined musical experience performing nationally, internationally and on the West End, their captivating vocal harmonies can melt a room, whilst their distinct voices result in unique versions of all your favourite songs from the last few decades.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acousticnotation>

Link to music: <https://www.acousticnotation.com/>

## *The Louis & Ella Music Show (Duo)*



Sarah Meek and Dave lead **The Louis & Ella Music Show**, a vibrant tribute to jazz legends **Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald**. The show features timeless duets and solo classics from the Great American Songbook, with arrangements inspired by the Oscar Peterson Quartet and infused with the duo's own creative touches. Backed by a

rotating lineup of top-tier jazz musicians, their performances are known for their warmth, humour, and musical excellence—regularly selling out venues across the UK.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LouisandEllamusicshow>

Link to Music: [www.louisandellamusicshow.com](http://www.louisandellamusicshow.com)

## *Post Modern Shoebox Duo*





Vintage pop with a twist of swing!' Think Joe Pass meets Bon Jovi, George Benson meets Guns n Roses and Wes Montgomery meets Meghan Trainor. Graduates of the

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Susie Webb & Craig Webb have performed across the British Isles playing as many as 250 concerts a year in music festivals such as Brecon Jazz, venues such as The Royal Pump Rooms and have been featured on BBC TV (Brecon Jazz).

*'One wishes some of the American bands had their groove' - Birmingham Post. 'Some of my favourite musicians' Andy Roberts BBC.*

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/chatnchoons>

Link to Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bluesysusie/>

## Omega Two (trio)



Omega Two are Jane Williams (Van Morrison, Wild Willy Barrett) on Vocals/Ukelele/Piano and Pete Mathison (Ray Davies in 90's) on guitar. Omega Two play a blend of smooth jazz, easy listening tunes and singalongs, to get you in the festival mood! They play at various residencies in the area - The Dead Canary, The Book Club, Rummer Tavern and Cafe Jazz alongside well-established festivals such as Brecon Jazz and Aber Jazz in Fishguard.

Follow on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/omegatwoduo>  
 Link to music:  
<https://www.facebook.com/omegatwoduo/videos>

## Kinetic School of Performing Arts (community performance)

Kinetic are a Theatre School, Musical Theatre Company & Youth Academy working throughout Cardiff and the surrounding areas.



Kinetics' aim is to equip performers with the skills and experiences needed to enter the performing arts industry with the ethos of training whilst performing. Providing our performers with a vast range of performance opportunities enables them to put into practice a wide range of skills whilst nurturing their confidence, stage awareness and ability.

Each year across the company Kinetic stages a range of productions & projects at our resident performance venues at The Richard Burton Theatre at the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama & The Atrium (University of South Wales). As well as staging our own full scale musicals we perform at concerts, charity events, festivals & work with other companies & organisations collaboratively.

**More information:** <https://www.kinetictheatrearts.com/>



### ***The Blues Sisters***

The Blues Sisters are a dynamic South Wales band known for their infectious blend of swing, rhythm & blues, and rock 'n' roll. Originally formed in the early 2000s, the group gained popularity performing at festivals and venues across the region. After a hiatus to focus on family life, they reformed in 2017 with most of their original members, responding to

strong public demand for their return.

The Blues Sisters are celebrated for their high-energy performances, rich vocal harmonies, and a repertoire that mixes classic covers with original material. Whether at local venues or major festivals like the Caerleon Festival, they continue to captivate audiences with their timeless sound and joyful stage presence

**Follow on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/650683700309370>



## *Juicy Lucy and the Jokers*



Juicy Lucy and the Jokers are a vibrant blues and soul band based in South Wales, fronted by powerhouse vocalist Lucy Hames. Known for her rich, emotive voice and commanding stage presence, Lucy leads

the band through a dynamic mix of classic blues, soul, funk, and rock 'n' roll.

The Jokers—seasoned musicians from across the Welsh music scene—bring tight grooves, sizzling solos, and infectious energy to every performance. Together, they've built a loyal following through appearances at local festivals, live music venues, and community events, delivering sets that blend timeless covers with original flair.

Whether performing a sultry Etta James ballad or a high-octane blues-rock anthem, Juicy Lucy and the Jokers never fail to get audiences moving and singing along

**Follow on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552590055598>

## *No One Knows*



No one Knows is a 4 piece cover band from Cwmbran with over 15 years experience, covering hits from the 60's to present. Often working in local venues entertaining at weddings and cooperate events, the band have also shared stages with You, Me At Six and have performed in a variety of locations and shows, include the Cwmbran Centre Christmas Lights Switch-on, Cwmbran CrowFest, Caerphilly Cheese, Great British Bake off Festival, and a host of holiday parks up and down the country!

**Link** **to** **Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/nooneknowsofcwmbran>  
**Link** **to** **music:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0osWQXmqbYSLPBO7rr7IYw>

## *Albino Frogs*





Simply known as “The Frogs” to their ever growing number of followers supporting their smiling and original upbeat music, this four piece band from the South Wales Valleys appeals to all ages, as they deal out plenty of funky Latin rocky grooves, which get your foot tapping and the body swaying. It doesn’t end there, there’s also some jazz and country thrown into the mix for good measure. The song writing is top draw; it gets you going with instantly hummable melodies and memorable hooks, so much so that by the second chorus you are easily singing along. Solid yet funky bass and drums are provided by Daryl Cook, Simon Stuart serving to underpin the slap and tickle guitar style, and powerful vocal of Ian Day, while Ric Lawton’s virtuoso

saxophone, puts the icing on the cake. With 3 part vocal harmonies in abundance, The Frogs generate a very full tight and inspiring sound. Its Steely Dan meets Huw and Cry meets Little Feat, for those who like comparisons, but for this band, truly original and quirky is what they’re about.

In the last few years they have been big hits at festivals such as Brecon, Raglan, Aber Jazz, Swansea international Jazz and Llanelli Jazz and Llandeilo and Reading music fest and the Hay in May music festival in Hay on Wye , just to name a few. They continue to do the bread and butter gigs throughout UK never failing to entertain, not only via their musicianship, but also their sense of fun, with little quips and jibes going on all through the set which audiences pick up on. They are currently working on a third album, and also there is interest from as far afield as Austin Texas. The frogs have had their music presented at the prestigious MIDEM Cannes music festival with favourable responses from as far afield as South America.

**Link to Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/albinofrogs](http://www.facebook.com/albinofrogs)

**Link to music:** <https://soundcloud.com/albino-frogs>



## **SATURDAY HEADLINERS: The Switchtones**

The Switchtones are a high-energy five-piece covers band from South Wales, known for their crowd-pleasing performances at weddings, festivals, and private events. With a setlist that spans classic funk, soul, pop, and rock, they bring the party to life with hits from Stevie

Wonder, KC and the Sunshine Band, Jessie J, The Killers, and more

Beloved for their tight musicianship and infectious stage presence, The Switchtones have become festival favourites, regularly performing at events like the Tiny Rebel Brewery's charity summer party in Newport and Rock on the Rooftop in the Celtic Manor Resort

Their ability to get audiences dancing and singing along makes them a go-to act for any celebration.

**Follow on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/theswitchtones>



### ***Sound of Hope (Community Performance)***

Sound of Hope is a passionate collective of musicians and singers from churches across Caerphilly, united by a shared mission to bring contemporary Christian worship music into the heart of the community. Formed originally for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in June 2022, the group quickly found momentum and came together again for the Caerphilly Little Cheese Festival in September 2022.

Sound of Hope delivered a powerful 30-minute set that opened the festival on Sunday morning. Their performance drew a large and enthusiastic crowd, with many joining in the worship and celebration. The group's presence marked a significant moment for local churches—bringing faith, music, and community together in a joyful and public setting.

Pastor Steve Harris, one of the event's organisers, described it as “a great opportunity for the church to be out on the streets... sharing the good news of Jesus and presenting a message of hope to all who listened.”

**Link**

**to**

**Facebook:**

[https://www.facebook.com/connectlifechurch/about\\_details?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/connectlifechurch/about_details?locale=en_GB)

## *St Louis Express*



A 9 piece swing, and Jump Jive band that are full of energy, great entertainment and fun, and play sounds from the Golden era of music, 1920's to early 1960's.

They have developed our sound to suit all ages from 1 to 92 playing at various live music venues, weddings, hotels, restaurants, festivals, corporate and special events gaining great reviews.

The band perform songs from legends, Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles, Louis Prima, Dean Martin. Louis Jordan. Harry Belafonte, playing Jazz, (Swing standards most people will recognise) engaging with audiences with infectious, uptempo feel good music.

A totally live line up of saxophonist, clarinet, flute player, double bass, drums, guitar, lead and backing vocals, harmonica. We are top quality professional musicians, some of whom have performed at the Albert Hall, regularly at music festivals including Proms seasons.

**Follow on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057394603438>  
**For music:** YouTube/St Louis Express

## *Monk Jack Funk*



Monk Jack is a Cardiff-based funk band known for their raw, high-energy performances and deep grooves. Describing themselves as an "uncut funk band who bring the fun & funk," Monk Jack delivers a powerful blend of classic funk, soul, and rhythm & blues, guaranteed to get audiences dancing.

They've become a favourite on the local live music scene, with performances at venues like North Star Cardiff, where their infectious energy and tight musicianship have earned them a loyal following. Whether playing original material or funkied-up covers, Monk Jack brings a party atmosphere to every stage they hit. With a name that nods to both wildness and groove, Monk Jack is all about live energy, deep rhythm, and musical connection.

**Follow on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/monkjackfunkband>





## NOOKEE

Genre-Defying Funk, Soul & Psychedelia from South Wales, NOOKEE is a bold, genre-blending band from South Wales, fronted by identical twins Gemma and Violet Hunt-Humphries. With roots in Welsh, New Zealand, and Egyptian heritage, and a background steeped in music and art, the twins lead a dynamic ensemble that includes Ruben Kingman (guitar), Matthew Lee (guitar), Stefan Dale (bass), and Bryn Morris (drums).

NOOKEE's sound is a vibrant fusion of '70s soul vocals, samba rhythms, psychedelic rock, and theatrical flair. Their live shows are immersive experiences,

combining choreography, costume, and visual storytelling—drawing comparisons to the likes of Frank Zappa and Earth, Wind & Fire.

They've performed at major festivals including Green Man, Kendal Calling, and Sŵn, and recorded their debut release *"You've Got Your Story (And I Got Mine)"* at the legendary Rockfield Studios.

With a collaborative spirit and a commitment to creative freedom, NOOKEE continues to push musical boundaries while staying rooted in community and expression.

**Follow on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/NookeBand>. **Link to Music:**

<https://open.spotify.com/artist/5DqRdWa2NrISDsYNVJQ8x3?si=GloBsw08SWWLw3XnDcrEXQ>

## SUNDAY HEADLINERS: Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band are a 12 piece Classic Soul Band who have been together since 1990 and have played not only all over the UK, including The Marquee Club, The Café Royal, The Rock Garden, Boomtown Festival, Upton Blues, The Dorchester etc but in Vienna, Cairo, Tenerife, Germany and Dublin. They have supported or shared the bill with acts such as Billy Ocean, Edwin Starr, Jools Holland, Van Morrison, Earth Wind

& Fire, Jimmy James, The Real Thing, Odyssey, Craig Charles, Ruby Turner, Gwen Dickey (Rose Royce), The Commitments, Sheila Ferguson (The Three Degrees), Pato Banton, The Pasadenas, Jaki Graham and many more.

**Link to Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/21693080282>

**Link to music:** <https://www.youtube.com/@sarahcampbell2000>

## Weekend Comperes

### Ali Shai Boksh



Ali 'Shai 'Boksh is a respected youth and community worker, creative producer, and event host based in Newport, South Wales. He is a co-founder and director of Urban Circle Newport, a grassroots organisation dedicated to empowering young people through arts, media, and cultural engagement

With over 15 years of experience in both voluntary and statutory youth services, Shai has become a driving force in Newport's creative and community development scene. He played a key role in launching Newport City Radio (originally Urban Circle Radio) in 2007, which has since grown into a vital platform for local voices, reaching over 100,000 listeners

Known for his charisma, warmth, and deep connection to the community, Shai brings energy and authenticity to every event he hosts—whether it's a youth showcase, cultural festival, or community celebration.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ShaiUK>

### Francesca Dimech



Francesca Dimech is a bilingual actor, musician, voice artist, and tutor from Cardiff, South Wales, with Italian-Maltese heritage. A creative force across multiple disciplines, Francesca has worked extensively in theatre, music, translation, and education, and is known for her vibrant personality and engaging stage presence

She began performing music at the age of four, winning her first school Eisteddfod playing the glockenspiel. Since then, she has developed a rich career that includes live performance, voiceover work, subtitling, and community arts. Francesca is also a passionate advocate for inclusive and accessible arts, often working with organisations like Community Music Wales

Whether hosting a festival, leading a workshop, or performing on stage, Francesca brings warmth, humour, and professionalism to every event she's part of.

Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fdimech>

## *Richard Robling*

Richard Robling is a Musician, Community Publisher, and Local Treasure

Richard Robling is a singer, guitarist, and songwriter based in Caerleon, South Wales. Known for his warm vocals and acoustic guitar style, Richard performs a wide-ranging setlist that spans classic ballads, skiffle, folk, and contemporary favourites, often including a few of his own original songs. His performances are a regular feature at local venues like The Bell Inn during the Caerleon Festival

Beyond the stage, Richard has made a lasting impact on the community through his work with Music in Hospitals & Care, where he has been performing since 2015. His uplifting and nostalgic sets have brought joy to hospital wards and care homes across Wales, especially for people living with dementia. His performances are known for sparking emotional and often miraculous moments of connection

Richard also contributed to local life as the founder and long-time publisher of the Caerleon Community Times, a monthly magazine



he ran from 2008 until his retirement in 2024

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/richard.robling.9>

Link to music: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYvKrWKXmOs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYvKrWKXmOs)