

# What's On 2026 - Music Programme



## Saturday 29th August & Sunday 30th August 2026

The music programme takes place between 12pm and 5pm on both days in both performance areas. From 10am until 12pm, there will be music played over the PA system on the smaller stage, and where possible community performances on the main stage for visitors to enjoy until the live acts start!

### *The Main Stage on Crescent Road at the rear of Caerphilly Castle*

#### **Saturday**

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| 12.00pm - 12.45pm | The Midnight Hour Band           |
| 1.10pm - 2.10pm   | The Oldfield Brothers            |
| 2.40pm - 3.40pm   | Xempa                            |
| 4.00pm - 5.00pm   | <b>HEADLINERS: MONKJACK FUNK</b> |

#### **Sunday**

|                    |                                                         |
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| 10.00am. - 10.30am | Sound of Hope (community performance)                   |
| 12.00pm - 12.45pm  | Jane Williams Band                                      |
| 1.10pm - 2.10pm    | Moonstorm                                               |
| 2.40pm - 3.40pm    | Casual Six                                              |
| 4.00pm - 5.00pm    | <b>HEADLINERS: DIONNE BENNETT &amp; THE PEPPERSEEDS</b> |

### *Town Centre Performance Area - Opposite the Castle / Sports Direct*

#### **Saturday**

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| 12.05pm - 12.50pm | Russell Jones Jr                   |
| 1.10pm - 2.10pm   | Frankie Wesson Duo                 |
| 2.30pm - 3.30pm   | Gypsy Flower                       |
| 4.00pm - 5.00pm   | The Stamford Hillbilly Street band |

#### **Sunday**

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| 12.05pm - 12.50pm | Bryony Sier         |
| 1.10pm - 2.10pm   | Mic & Fins          |
| 2.30pm - 3.30pm   | The Kingman Project |
| 4.00pm - 5.00pm   | Hot Gin Swing Duo   |

## Artist Information Saturday

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### *The Midnight Hour Band*



Midnight Hour Band are one of South Wales 'longest-running and most beloved pop cover bands, bringing decades of feel-good music to audiences across the region. With a setlist packed full of iconic hits from the 1960s through to the 1990s, they deliver a lively, toe-tapping journey through some of the greatest moments in pop history. From the timeless sparkle of ABBA to the soulful grooves of Billy Ocean and the powerhouse energy of Belinda Carlisle, their performances are guaranteed to get

audiences singing along and dancing from the very first note.

Midnight Hour Band create an atmosphere that is as nostalgic as it is electrifying. Whether you're reliving cherished memories or discovering these classics for the first time, the band's polished musicianship and vibrant sound make every performance a celebration of pop music at its best. Their ability to connect with audiences of all ages has made them a firm favourite on the South Wales live music scene. This performance will bring together a talented lineup of seasoned performers who each contribute to their signature sound and dynamic live show: **Peter Hurd** – Guitar & backing vocals. | **Pawel Synowiecki** – Bass | **Ian Williams** – Drums | **Lisa-Marie Wall** – Vocals.

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### *The Oldfield Brothers*



The Oldfield Brothers are the sound of grit, groove, and uncompromising originality—an all-original outfit delivering a sharp, genre-bending edge that refuses to sit still. At the heart of the band is songwriter Baz Oldfield (of The Abs and Dr Bison), whose raw, instinctive writing drives a sound that's both rebellious and deeply melodic. Alongside him is brother John "The Rev" Oldfield on drums, laying down powerful, driving

rhythms that give the band its relentless pulse.

Completing the lineup is a formidable trio of musicians: Richard Glover (DubWar) on bass, bringing heavyweight low-end and dub-infused depth; and Richard Jackson on guitar—an accomplished player and respected producer in his own right—adding texture, bite, and sonic precision to the mix. Together, they form a band that thrives on contrast: tight yet unpredictable, polished yet rough around the edges.

Described by the band as *“melodic punk”*, their sound is anything but one-dimensional. It’s a restless fusion pulling from country storytelling, rock attitude, punk urgency, and beyond—blending genres into something that feels both familiar and strikingly new. There’s a raw honesty running through every track, matched by an energy that feels urgent, alive, and completely unapologetic.

This is not background music—this is a band that demands attention. Expect driving rhythms, sharp hooks, and a live performance that hits hard and lingers long after the final note.

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## Xempa

Emerging from South Wales, XEMPA are a genre-blurring collective redefining the boundaries of contemporary sound. Fusing soul, hip-hop and spoken word with elements of R&B, funk and rock, the band create music that feels both deeply personal and powerfully expansive.

Formed organically from a group of accomplished Welsh session musicians, XEMPA’s journey began in rehearsal rooms and studios where a natural chemistry quickly took hold. What started as collaboration soon

evolved into something more intentional: a shared vision to craft music that celebrates creativity, individuality and authentic expression.

At the heart of XEMPA’s sound is a rich musical interplay—tight rhythm sections, groove-led basslines, dynamic instrumentation and expressive vocals—woven together with lyrical storytelling rooted in lived experience. Their work spans introspection and empowerment, blending poetic spoken word with melodic hooks and vibrant arrangements that translate seamlessly to the live stage.

With a sound that refuses to be confined and a message rooted in authenticity, XEMPA represent a new wave of independent artists—collaborative, fearless and creatively driven.

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Link to Music: <https://linktr.ee/Xempamusic>

## HEADLINERS: MONKJACK

Monk Jack are a Cardiff-based funk band known for their raw, high-energy performances and deep grooves.



Monk Jack are a Cardiff-based funk powerhouse, renowned for their raw, high-energy performances and irresistibly deep grooves that demand attention from the very first beat. Proudly describing themselves as an *“uncut funk band who bring the fun & funk”*, they live up to every word—delivering a bold, uncompromising sound that fuses the very best of

classic funk, soul, and rhythm & blues into one electrifying live experience.

With driving bass lines, a tight rhythm section and infectious hooks, Monk Jack create a sound that is both nostalgic and refreshingly alive. Their performances are more than just gigs—they’re full-throttle celebrations of groove, where audiences are swept up in a wave of rhythm, movement, and pure musical joy. Whether it’s a laid-back head nod or a full dance-floor takeover, Monk Jack know exactly how to get a crowd moving.

Firm favourites on the Cardiff live music scene, they’ve built a loyal following through standout performances at popular venues such as North Star Cardiff. Their reputation for tight musicianship, effortless chemistry, and undeniable stage presence means every show feels like a special occasion. Blending original material with expertly reworked, funk-infused covers, they bring a fresh edge to familiar tunes while showcasing their own distinctive style.

Living up to a name that evokes both wild energy and irresistible groove, Monk Jack are all about connection—between the band, the music, and the audience. Expect bold rhythms, soulful energy, and a feel-good atmosphere that lingers long after the final note.

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## Artist Information Saturday

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### Russell Jones Jr:



A standout Jazz Swing artist, Russell first captured hearts as a member of Only Boys Aloud, who stormed their way to the finals of *Britain's Got Talent* in 2012.

And he didn't stop there — he's recently taken the stage on *The X Factor*, where audiences fell in love with his unforgettable take on the Disney classic "*I Wanna Be Like You*."

Russell has shared the spotlight with some of the biggest names in music, including Ellie Goulding, The Saturdays, Conor Maynard, and Becky Hill, and has performed for television favourites Amy Childs and Gemma Collins from *The Only Way Is Essex*.

More recently, he's been lighting up prestigious stages like the RHS Malvern Flower Show, appearing alongside legends such as Alan Titchmarsh, Monty Don, and Mary Berry, as well as bringing energy to Cheltenham Pride Festival with acts like Big Brovaz and Booty Luv.

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### Frankie Wesson Duo



Multi award-winning Singer-songwriter Frankie Wesson started writing songs and performing in her hometown of Abergavenny at the age of 16. Her cinematic songs draw inspiration from her personal experiences of bitter-sweet nostalgia, unrequited love, teenage angst and the complicated reality of growing up LGBT+.

Raised on artists like Alanis Morissette, Eva Cassidy and Stevie Nicks, Wesson also takes inspiration from a mix of

contemporary artists such as Deaf Havana, Taylor Swift, MUNA and Gabrielle Aplin. Frankie's original songs have been featured on BBC Radio 6, BBC Radio Wales A-List and BBC Introducing as well as Spotify's 'Chilled Pop Hits' and 'New Music Friday' playlists.

Swansea's Soundboard magazine described Wesson's music as 'timeless; appealing to fans of Fleetwood Mac and Paramore alike without compromising or diluting any of the style that makes Wesson's music her own.'

She has performed at Pride Cymru at Cardiff Castle, How The Light Gets In - in Hay On Wye and London, Cardiff City Music Festival, Monmouth Music Festival, Swansea Fringe, Pride in the Port, Caerfili Pride, Down on the Farm and many more.

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## *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.

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## *The Stamford Hillbilly Street Band*



We're thrilled to welcome this exciting London-based act all the way from Hackney—a truly unique band bringing a fresh, global sound to the stage. Led by singer, guitarist, and songwriter Carlton, the group effortlessly blends an eclectic mix of influences, fusing bluebeat ska, calypso, Afro rhythms, klezmer, country, and soul into one rich, vibrant musical tapestry. The result is a sound that feels both timeless and boundary-pushing, rooted in tradition yet bursting with contemporary energy.

Their music creates a positive, uplifting soundscape—one that resonates deeply in today's world, offering a sense of unity,

warmth, and connection. Each performance invites audiences to come together, carried by rhythmic grooves, infectious melodies, and a spirit of inclusivity that transcends genre and background. It's music that not only makes you move, but makes you feel.

Behind the sound is a collective of veteran musicians whose impressive careers have seen them collaborate with some true legends of the global music scene. With connections to icons such as Lee "Scratch" Perry, Mad Professor, Rico Rodriguez, Vin Gordon, Roy Shirley, The Maccabees, Zion Train, and Bob Andy, their experience and artistry shine through in every note. This depth of musical heritage brings authenticity, soul, and an undeniable richness to their performance.

Expect a set full of colour, rhythm, and feel-good energy—an unforgettable journey across continents and cultures, delivered with passion, skill, and joy.

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## ***Artist Information Sunday***

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### ***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)**



### ***Jane Williams Band***

Jane is a highly accomplished musician and vocalist, performing solo engagements, with Duo's , has a Jazz Quintet, and collaborations with various bands, including Wild Willy Barrett. Notably, Jane has performed on an album with Van Morrison in 2016 and made a notable appearance on Channel 4's program “The Piano.”

The band was formed when Pete and Jane hosted an open mic night at a local Cardiff pub, where Spencer and Simon joined and became members. This provided an ideal platform for

Jane to present her original material, which received a positive response from the audience. Consequently, they decided to formalise the band and record an album.

The band's repertoire encompasses a range of original songs and popular covers, designed to engage the audience in dancing.

For the Cheese Festival 2026, Jane (vocals, keyboards, ukulele) takes to the stage alongside a stellar lineup of musicians—Pete Mathison (guitar), Spencer Hodges (bass), and Simon Groves (drums)—promising a vibrant and engaging live performance full of energy, musicality, and charm.

Jane's album, "Listen," is available on all major streaming platforms, including Spotify, Amazon Music, iTunes, and others. For more information, please visit:  
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## ***Moonstorm***



Moonstorm return to the stage as a dynamic five-piece band, expanding their much-loved duo into a fuller, richer live sound while keeping the heart and soul of their original style. Fronted by Amanda Seed on vocals and guitar, alongside Viv Lock on lead guitar, the band now brings an even bigger, more immersive rock experience, with the addition of bass, drums, and keys to elevate their sound.

Delivering a captivating journey through rock and pop history, Moonstorm perform an eclectic mix of covers spanning from the 1960s right through to today's charts. Their setlist features iconic artists

including Tom Petty, Heart, AC/DC, Dua Lipa, Fleetwood Mac, Queen, Neil Young and many more—each track reimagined with their own distinctive flair and musical chemistry.

For this special performance, the band will showcase a beautifully crafted acoustic set, highlighting the lighter, more intimate side of rock. Stripped-back arrangements, rich harmonies, and expressive musicianship combine to create a warm, engaging atmosphere that draws audiences in and keeps them hooked from start to finish.

With their expanded lineup and signature style, Moonstorm promise a set full of nostalgia, musicianship, and feel-good energy—perfect for audiences who love their rock with a touch of soul and storytelling.

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**Link to Music:** [YouTube/Moonstorm band](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

## Casual Six

Casual Six are a covers band with a twist—taking familiar favourites and reinventing them in their own unmistakable, mashed-up, funky style. Blurring genres and expectations, they transform well-known tracks into high-energy, groove-driven performances packed with musical surprises and tongue-in-cheek flair.



Step into their colourful world and you'll find more than just great musicianship. With bold personalities, infectious energy and their trademark "silly suits", Casual Six don't just play gigs—they create an experience. Every set is a playful, genre-hopping journey, where funk, pop, rock and beyond collide in a way that keeps audiences guessing—and dancing.

The band is a vibrant mix of talent, featuring two proud Caerphilly locals alongside members hailing from as far afield as Manchester and Stroud. This blend of backgrounds feeds into their dynamic sound, combining tight musical execution with a sense of fun that never takes itself too seriously.

Regulars on the UK festival circuit, Casual Six have built a reputation for electric live performances that bring crowds together. Along the way, they've shared stages with an eclectic range of artists, including The Proclaimers, Kula Shaker and Basement Jaxx, highlighting both their versatility and wide audience appeal.

At the heart of everything they do is a simple ethos: music should be about joy, connection and not taking life too seriously. Whether it's a packed festival field or a local celebration, Casual Six guarantee a feel-good atmosphere that gets people on their feet and keeps them coming back for more.

Catch them live at the Caerphilly Cheese Festival on Sunday 30th August and discover why Casual Six have become a firm favourite on the live music scene—because in their world, fun and frivolity aren't just words... they're a way of life.

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## **HEADLINERS: DIONNE BENNETT & THE PEPPERSEEDS**



Fronted by the powerful and versatile vocalist Dionne Bennett, The Pepperseeds are a Cardiff-based collective delivering a vibrant fusion of soul, funk, jazz and reggae-infused grooves. Known for their infectious energy and polished musicianship, the band create a feel-good live experience that blends timeless classics with original flair.

The Pepperseeds are built around a tight-knit group of highly skilled musicians whose dynamic interplay underpins the band's signature sound. From groove-driven basslines and sharp rhythm sections to

expressive keys and guitar work, the ensemble balances precision with spontaneity—allowing each performance to feel fresh, engaging and deeply rooted in live musicality.

Together, Dionne Bennett & The Pepperseeds have developed a soulful and genre-spanning repertoire, drawing on influences from icons such as Nina Simone while weaving in elements of funk, Latin jazz and contemporary soul. Their performances celebrate the richness of Black music traditions while bringing a modern, accessible edge that resonates with diverse audiences.

Renowned for their high-energy live shows, the band have performed across South Wales and at notable events including the Brecon Jazz Festival, building a reputation for captivating audiences with their warmth, authenticity and musical excellence.

With a sound that is both timeless and contemporary, Dionne Bennett & The Pepperseeds embody the spirit of live music at its best—uplifting, collaborative and impossible to stand still to.

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**Website:** <https://www.simonkingmanmusic.com/the-pepperseeds>

## **Artist Information Saturday**

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### **Bryony Sier**

Bryony Sier is a neurodiverse folk-pop singer-songwriter from South Wales, blending heartfelt storytelling with a distinctive regional identity. While her vocal style carries the warmth, intimacy and narrative charm often associated with Nashville's country-folk scene, her unmistakable Valleys accent keeps her sound firmly rooted in Welsh culture—creating a unique and authentic musical voice.



With a growing reputation as a compelling live performer, Bryony has appeared at festivals across the UK, including The British Country Music Festival, FOCUS Wales, The Big Church Festival, Nozstock, Sŵn Festival, Brecon Jazz Festival, and Big Love Festival, among many others. Her performances are known for their sincerity, emotional depth and natural connection with audiences.

Expanding her reach beyond the UK, Bryony played her first international show in Madrid in January, marking an exciting step in her artistic journey and signalling her emerging global appeal. Alongside

this, she was recognised with a Best Jungle Band award, highlighting her versatility and ability to move across musical styles and creative spaces.

Bryony's songwriting reflects both personal experience and broader themes of identity, resilience and self-expression—shaped in part by her neurodiverse perspective. This authenticity resonates strongly in her music, offering listeners something both relatable and refreshingly honest.

With her debut album set for release this August, Bryony Sier is establishing herself as an exciting new voice in the UK's contemporary folk-pop landscape, combining storytelling tradition with a modern, genre-fluid approach.

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## *The Kingman Project*



The Kingman Project is a Cardiff-based collective that brings together generations of Welsh musical talent, built around the creative partnership of father-and-son duo Simon and Ruben Kingman.

Founded as a collaborative space to explore their shared musical influences, the project blends experience and experimentation, combining Simon's decades of performance, composition and teaching with Ruben's modern, boundary-pushing approach as a guitarist, writer and producer.

Simon Kingman is an established figure in the Welsh music scene, known for his work across jazz, soul, blues and funk, and for his roles in projects such as Zervas & Pepper, Melopark and The Pepperseeds. His expressive guitar style and deep musical knowledge provide a strong foundation for the group's sound.

Ruben Kingman represents the next generation of Welsh musicians, bringing a genre-fluid, experimental edge to the project. His work spans folk-blues, jazz-fusion, Latin influences and psychedelic soul, and he has performed with emerging acts such as Nookee and Black Elvis.

Together, they lead a flexible ensemble of high-calibre musicians—including rhythm sections and guest collaborators—creating a sound that moves fluidly across jazz, soul, blues, funk, folk and Americana.

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## *Mic & Fins*



Welsh Folk & Country Duo Featuring Fin Humphries & Michaela Warne, Mic & Fins are an acoustic duo, emerging from the shared love of music of two university students who decided to merge their talents. Michaela with her souring 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.

Mic & Fins put their stamp on cover songs, but all 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.

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**Link to original music:**

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

## *Hot Gin Swing Duo*



Hot Gin Duo, Mark and Louise, bring a sparkling blend of charm, talent, and timeless music all the way from Penarth, South Wales. With rich male and female vocals accompanied by smooth acoustic guitar, they deliver a vibrant set packed with feel-good favourites and unforgettable classics from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. From laid-back listening to full-on singalong moments, their genre-spanning repertoire guarantees something for everyone.

Seasoned performers with years of experience, Mark and Louise are also known for their work with the popular bands *St Louis Express* and *Hot Gin Swing*. Their musical versatility shines through in every performance, seamlessly moving between styles while maintaining a polished and professional sound. Their natural on-stage chemistry is infectious, drawing audiences in and creating an atmosphere that's as entertaining to

watch as it is to dance to.

With an impressive track record that includes performances for BBC News in Bristol, as well as regular residencies in restaurants, weddings, festivals, theatre shows, and special events, Hot Gin Duo know exactly how to captivate a crowd. They're also passionate about supporting live music at a grassroots level, hosting lively weekly open mic nights that bring communities together.

Warm, engaging, and effortlessly entertaining, Hot Gin Duo promise a performance filled with nostalgia, energy, and pure musical joy.

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## Weekend Comperes

### *Ali 'Shai 'Boksh (Main Stage)*



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.

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### *Richard Robling (Town Music Area, Saturday)*



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

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

### ***Susie Webb (Town Music Area, Sunday)***



Susie Webb is an award-winning singer (Post Modern Shoebox & Ampersand) vocal coach, choir leader and broadcaster with a lifelong passion for bringing people together through music. As the founder of Singergise Ltd and creator of the popular DJ4aDay CIC experience, she has spent more than 25 years helping people discover confidence, creativity and joy through performance.

Alongside her work as a peripatetic music tutor for Gwent Music, Susie directs choirs, leads workshops and has been entertaining listeners as a presenter and DJ on SW20 Radio for the past six years. Whether she's performing on stage, teaching in schools, or hosting live events, her enthusiasm and love of music shine through in everything she does.

Susie is delighted to have been invited to host the Little Cheese Festival in Caerphilly this year and is looking forward to helping create a fantastic atmosphere for visitors, performers and exhibitors alike. She can't wait to celebrate the very best of local talent, community spirit and, of course, great cheese!

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