

Music Entertainment Programme

Bargoed Summer Music Festival

Saturday 12th July 2025

Music Area 1 (Hanbury Square / Miners' Heads)

A new location for 2025 this area will be host to a great selection of artists from 10am until 5.30pm as listed below!

Time	Artist
10.00am - 11.00am	Andrew Darby
11.15am - 12.15pm	James Jones Solo
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Juno
1.45pm - 2.45pm	She Died in Coventry
3.00pm - 4.00pm	RecRock
4.15pm - 5.30pm	We Are Zero

(See below for full artist information)

On Hanbury Square / Miners' Heads, there will be a bar serving alcohol for onsite consumption. From cider and lager to spirits and cocktails, there will be something for everyone. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, and these will be located in a secure area so that alcohol can be purchased and consumed here from the onsite bar only.

Any alcohol purchased must be consumed in the designated barriered areas and cannot be taken out of the area for consumption on other parts of the event site. No alcohol can be brought onto the event site. All alcohol must be purchased and consumed in the designated drinking zones.

Music Area 2 (Lowry Plaza by Greggs)

This area will be jam-packed with a variety of solo/duo artists and bands from 10.00am – 7.00pm as listed below! An opportunity to have a dance and let your hair down! Look out for the headliners this year – The Airedales.

Time	Artist
10.00am - 11.00am	RecRock
11.15am - 12.15pm	Ruby Kay
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Midnight Hour Band
1.45pm - 3.15pm	Albino Frogs
3.30pm - 5.00pm	The Brotherhood
5.15pm - 7.00pm	The Airedales

(See below for full artist information)

On Lowry Plaza, there will be various bars serving alcohol for onsite consumption. From cider and lager to spirits and cocktails there will be something for everyone. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, and these will be located in a secure area so that alcohol can be purchased and consumed here from the onsite bars only.

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Area 3 **(Cross Street)**

A new location for 2025 ... From 10.00am until 5.00pm enjoy some fantastic performances from the following acts. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, but no alcohol can be consumed in this area.

Time	Artist
10.00am - 11.30am	Markham & District Brass Band - Ensemble Group & Junior Band
11.45am - 1.45pm	Oakdale Silver Band
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Delicious Dee
3.15pm – 5.00pm	Rebecca Richards (Duo)

(See below for full artist information)

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Area 4 **(Capel Street)**

From 10.00am until 5.00pm, enjoy some fantastic performances from the following acts. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, but no alcohol can be consumed in this area.

Time	Artist
10.00am – 11.00am	Delicious Dee
11.15am - 12.15pm	Delicious Dee
12.30pm - 2.45pm	Gums n Noses
3.00pm - 5.00pm	Russell Jones

(See below for full artist information)

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Music Area 5 **(Outside Square Royale)**

From 10.00am until 7.00pm enjoy some fantastic performances from the following acts. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, and these will be located in a secure area so that alcohol can be purchased and consumed here from Square Royale only.

Artist	Time
11.00am	Mike & Mitchell Jenkins
12.15pm	Emily Farr
1.30pm	Hugh & Angharad Davies
2.45pm	Daniel Quinton
4.00pm	Arran Pearce
7.30pm (Inside)	Neon Ballroom

(See below for full artist information)

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Music Area 6

(Outside Bourton's Live Music Café Bar)

From 10.00am until 7.00pm enjoy some fantastic performances from the following acts. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, and these will be located in a secure area so that alcohol can be purchased and consumed here from Bourton's Live Music Café Bar only.

Artist	Time
Huw James (Americana)	10.00am
James Oliver Band (Rock and Roll)	11.00am
Ross Hicks (Jazz Piano)	12.30pm
Bargoed Male Voice Choir	1.00pm
Ross Hicks (Jazz Piano)	1.30pm
Bargoed Male Voice Choir	2.00pm
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Tom Murray and Kevin Potter (Alt Folk)	
Rockwood Taylor (Americana)	3.30pm
Alys Hardy (Folk)	4.30pm
Gone Kickers (Bluegrass)	5.30pm

(See below for full artist information)

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Music Area 7

(Outside Emporium Snooker Club / Murrays)

From 10.00am until 7.00pm enjoy some fantastic performances from the following acts. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, and these will be located in a secure area so that alcohol can be purchased and consumed here from Emporium Snooker Club and Murrays only.

Artist	Time
It Takes 2	10.00am
Kai Stephens	12.00pm
Arran Pearce	1.00pm
Emily Deaves	3.00pm
Zak Connors	5.00pm

(See below for full artist information)

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About the Performers

Rebecca Richards



Singer songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Pontypool in South Wales, Rebecca Richards writes songs that are instantly relatable to the everyday as she sings “of love and life and luck” and creates that sweet spot of unique yet familiar feeling melodies - you’ll be humming along in no time. Her love of music is heavily steeped in country, infused with dashes of blues with a sprinkling of rock and folk. Rebecca was thrilled to be invited play at The Cavern Club, Liverpool in Feb 2024 as part of the BCMA Awards showcase session. Other venues include The Camden Club, London and is the host of the South Wales Country Music Festival, Newport. Her songs have generated radio play all over the world with her single “Aces Are High” reaching number 2 in the British and Irish Hotdisc Top 40 and number 9 in the European charts and featured a play on Bronwen Lewis's Country Show on BBC Radio Wales. In both 2023 & 2024 she was shortlisted for the UK Country Music Radio Song of the year Award for “I love it when you smile” and “New Yesterdays” respectively where she played live at the grand finales. Rebecca was honoured to have won best Country / Folk artist at the Newport Love Live Music Awards in June 2025. You can find out more about where Rebecca is playing next by taking a look at her website www.rebeccarichardsmusic.com

Facebook: Rebecca Richards Music

Andrew Darby



Andrew Darby - a singer-songwriter, rapper and producer from Ystrad Mynach, Wales. His multifaceted discography defies genres with a unique blend of Post-punk, Melodic rap and EDM influences. Since 2020, he has made it his mission to use music as a journal of feelings and an outlet for emotions, documenting his life experiences in every song. This resulted in raw and honest music that he hopes will connect with people as he shares his faith in Jesus and how this has brought him out of the dark and into a new life. Andrew's music takes listeners on a journey of his mind using imaginative lyricism and introspective storytelling, making songs in nearly every type of genre imaginable.

<https://linktr.ee/andrewdarby>

James Jones



James Jones first started performing in public as a pop violinist at the age of eleven when he was invited to play his first solo performance to an audience of five thousand by the National Symphony Orchestra of London at Cardiff International Arena. At the age of fifteen, James supported the late fiddler, Dave Swarbrick on Dave's last tour. In the same year, James became influenced by jazz legend, Stephane Grappelli and released an EP of jazz standards on the violin. James competed and won the 6th China-UK International Music Festival, competing on the ukulele. James began producing for himself and other artists during lockdown, leading to his EP, Landscapes. James won the Music Producer Award at the Youth Music Awards 2023 and was presented the award by electronic duo, Bicep. In January 2024, Amazon Music recently sponsored James to record at Metropolis Studios. James' recent Bloc Session at the Norwegian Church in Cardiff has garnered over six million views across socials. "James is a very talented man" - Eamonn Holmes "One of these days, I'll be the one supporting him!" - Dave Swarbrick "We just sat there and cried because he was so amazing, wonderful!" - Chris Needs

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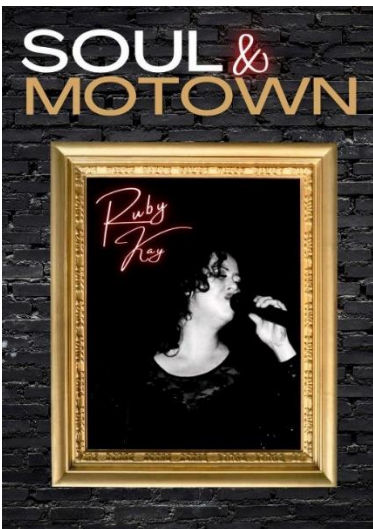
<https://www.tiktok.com/@thewelshviolinist>

<https://www.facebook.com/people/James-Jones/100063685565608/>

<https://jamesbjones.bandcamp.com/>

<https://open.spotify.com/album/0mhaJbYSTV0LXiqdMikgk5>

Natalie Kay



This sensational Motown and soul singer is a local lady who performs tribute nights to Gladys Knight – a real talented performer who will have you tapping your feet and singing along to some classics through the decades.

Facebook: RUBY KAY TRIBUTE TO SOUL & MOTOWN

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, Will Palmer 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

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

RecRock

RECROCK

RecRock is a social enterprise based in the Caerphilly area. They have been running since 2012 and have worked with many people to improve their skills and confidence through music and other creative activities. See one of their groups perform with a variety of singers and instruments.

Facebook: [RecRock](#)

Markham & District bands ensemble group, MAD10



Join Markham & District Brass bands ensemble group MAD10 performing music through the decades! Hits such as Brown Eyed Girl, Sweet Caroline and even a bit of Baggy Trousers (a crowd favourite!)

Facebook: Markham and District Brass Band

Midnight Hour Band



One of South Wales' longest established and most experienced bands, playing pop covers from the '60s to the '90s, covering the likes of Billy Ocean, Shania Twain, Tina Turner, and many more. Featuring the fantastic vocals of Natasha Kus, and on guitar, Bargoed's own Pete Hurd.

Facebook: Midnight Hour Band

Huw & Angharad Davies



Huw & Angharad Davies are a musical couple that will get your feet tapping without a doubt! Singing songs from the 60s to the 00s such as Hi Ho Silver Lining, Hey Jude, I Am A Cider Drinker, Amarillo, Sweet Caroline and She's a Belter to name but a few.

Social Link – None available

Juno



Juno are a 2-piece music machine - covering all your favourite songs from every decade, and every genre! Maddie on vocals, Fitz on guitar. And yes, they do take requests! Fun fact: 'Juno' comes from people asking, 'excuse me, junos this song?'

www.facebook.com/junothissong

www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2379697082126602

Oakdale Silver Band



Oakdale Silver Band is a 4th section contesting band based in Oakdale. They are always on the lookout for new members, rehearsing twice a week at Oakdale Presbyterian Church.

Facebook: Oakdale Silver Band

Daniel Quinton



Daniel Quinton is an emerging indie-folk singer-songwriter based in Bristol, England, known for his soulful melodies and deeply personal lyrics.

Facebook: Daniel Quinton music

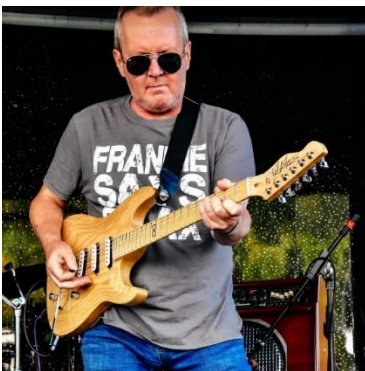
Emily Farr



Emily has been inspired by many musicians, and after jamming with a band she was finally able to get on the stage and play her own music live.

Facebook: Emily Farr

Mike & Mitchell Jenkins



Information TBC

<http://soundcloud.com/mitchell-jenkins-7>

Arran Pearce



Upbeat acoustic singer with a range of songs including lots of fabulous covers!

Social Link - TBC

Gums & Noses



Gums 'n' Noses are a local duo comprising of Terry on lead vocals and (mainly) acoustic guitar and Steve on electric guitar and backing vocals. They were formed about two years ago following a chance meeting and subsequent get together, where the idea of playing a few tunes was born. They are not a tribute act and play mostly upbeat popular covers which are broadly country rock based but with something for everyone thrown in. Their sound is enhanced with the use of drum and bass backing equipment, this saves any argument about who's turn it is to buy the beer – drummers are well known for avoiding their round.

Facebook: Gums'n'Noses

Gone Kickers: Bluegrass



The Doc is on guitar/mandolin, lead vocals and is the frontman of the band, bringing many years of experience with fun and laughter. Sean on lead vocals and guitar is a multi-instrumentalist with expertise in all popular musical genres from rock to classical and everything in-between. Chris on the banjo is one of the finest players steeped in both the traditional and modern bluegrass styles. Edward is a talented violinist with sublime backing vocals who has been involved with Celtic and folk music since childhood. Steve on the double bass has brought his knowledge and skills from jazz and rockabilly scenes to complete an exuberant five piece and playing exciting music to a diverse audience.

Facebook: Gone Kickers - The National Hillbilly Sound

Bargoed Male Voice Choir



The present choir re-formed in 1961, under the baton of Alun John. Since then the choir has been fortunate in having Musical Directors and Accompanists of outstanding ability, and the incumbent ensemble is no different. As with most Welsh Choirs, Bargoed Choir has travelled extensively, with concerts throughout the USA and Europe and many concerts all over the United Kingdom. We have seen many television appearances, weddings, events, and services, and have built up an extensive repertoire of traditional male choral items, operatic arias and modern light music to cater to most, if not all tastes!

Facebook: Bargoed Male Voice Choir

James Oliver Band – Rock & Roll



James Oliver is one of the UK's busiest acts playing over 300 gigs a year all over the UK, Europe, and the USA! He has performed over 3000 gigs and shared the stage with many acts including Albert Lee, Bill Kirchen, Deke Leonard, Greg Koch, Walter Trout, Steve Gibbons, Billy Bremner, Geraint Watkins, and many others. In 2020 James won the UK Blues Awards Emerging Artist of the Year and has since been nominated 3 additional times. James Oliver released 2 studio albums 3 live albums and his album Twang was #1 on Amazon Blues Charts for 3 weeks. James is currently working on a new record with legendary producer, John Leckie. James' YouTube channel has over 20,000 subscribers with over 9 million views.

Facebook: James Oliver Band.

Ross Hicks: Jazz Piano



Ross Hicks is a Cardiff Based professional jazz pianist and graduate from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. As a freelance musician he's played with numerous bands spanning many genres in and around South Wales. He has just released his contemporary jazz album 'Three Elms' which you can stream on most streaming platforms and is a sideman on several other albums and EP's.

Facebook: Ross Hicks - Pianist

The Airedales



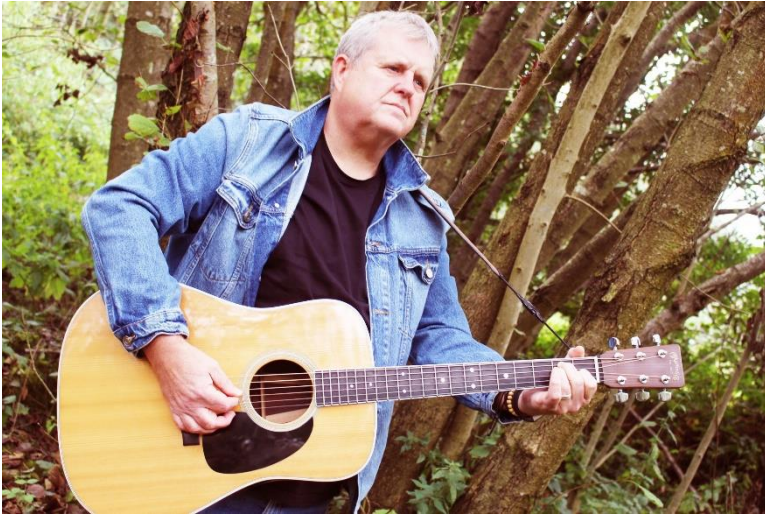
Introducing The Airedales! This fun-filled, energetic 3-piece are set to impress with their dynamic show of hits - expect to hear rock'n'roll classics, modern pop and everything in between! Boasting talent, charisma and a whole lot of good vibes, these guys will get everyone dancing 'til they drop.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ck-NdatscmE

The above act and information are courtesy of Entertainment Nation - www.entertainment-nation.co.uk

Facebook: Entertainment Nation

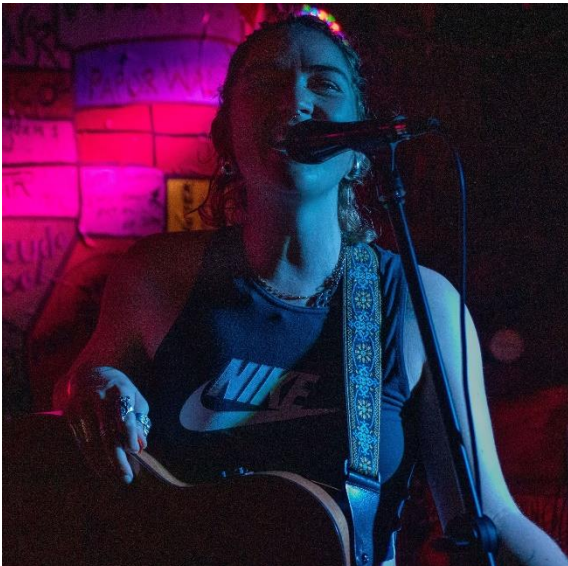
Huw James



After many years of being a member of the highly acclaimed covers band, Flashback (twice invited to play the Queen's Birthday Ball at the British Embassy in Cairo, Egypt) Huw hung up his electric guitar and returned to his first love of acoustic guitar and began composing his own songs. He formed the band 3MPH and recorded an album of his originals entitled 'Life in the Slow Lane' in 2013. Since the pandemic, Huw has concentrated on being a solo performer and has recorded and released an EP (Never Too Late) and an album (Challenges) of more of his original songs, which, along with a more recently released single entitled 'Unlock My Heart' are available on all major streaming/download platforms. Huw is currently working on new material and hopes to go back into the studio later this year to start recording.

Facebook: Huw J Music

Alys Hardy



Alys Hardy is a soulful singer-songwriter from Cardiff. Her talent has recently been recognised by Newport City Radio, winning Best Female Solo in their awards. Also coming 3rd in Best Solo Female in the Wigwam Radio Awards and being nominated for the prestigious Snack Mag's Single of the Year Award, it has been a good year for Alys. Following the release of her debut album In Retrospect last April, she has gone from strength to strength, touring around the UK and most recently in Normandy, France. Alys will electrify you with her folky infused rhythms and passionate vocals.

Facebook: Alys Hardy

Tom Murray & Kevin Potter



Singer/Songwriter Tom Murray and multi-Instrumentalist Kevin perform a medley of original alt folk songs and traditional Americana/Bluegrass songs. From sweeping ballads to foot tapping jigs. They're performances are upbeat and fun

Facebook: Irish Tom Music

The Brotherhood



The Brotherhood are a collection of singers and musicians who have performed at “thousands” of weddings, parties and corporate events. One of their number is Newport’s Jon Lilygreen, who performed Cyprus’ song in front of millions of viewers at the 2010 Eurovision Song Contest. Matt Sage, from The Brotherhood, said: “We are a party band. Our job is to bring the party to an event. It will be a wide range of genres and styles, ranging from modern stuff to classics. “It’ll cover all kinds of styles, there’ll be soul, funk, rock. “We’re fun, upbeat and lively, just the sort of thing for a party or festival! The south Wales-based band bring a different number of singers and musicians depending on the type of event. Bargoed festival will see a five-piece group on stage at Cwmbran Stadium. Matt said: “We’re a covers band. Lots of us write original music in other projects, but for this particular band we play covers- rather well. “There will be lots of mash-ups, fun and interesting arrangements that everyone knows and loves. For example, the audience might find themselves thinking, ‘I know this song’, but it’s with a reggae beat. This type of interpretation is really popular now, but we’ve been doing it for years. We play interesting versions of songs that people love.”

Facebook: The Brotherhood Wedding & Party Band

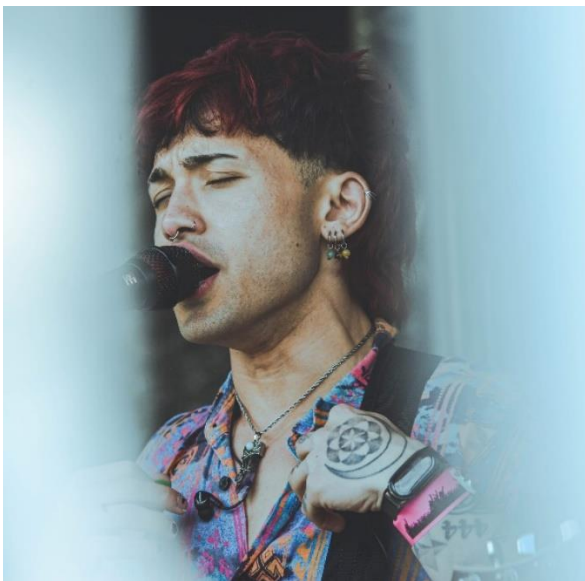
Neon Ballroom - Wales



Formed in 2013 from the ashes of local bands Jaded & Parody, Neon Ballroom are a fun & upbeat four piece who try not to take themselves too seriously whilst bringing their own thing to classic songs from just about every decade gone by. This rock and pop cover band will play big hits by artists such as Blink 182, Rick Astley, Guns 'N' Roses, Elvis Presley, Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran and so much more!

Facebook: Neon Ballroom - Wales

Delicious Dee



Delicious Dee is a full-time busker, live looping vocalist, guitarist and percussionist, having been recently playlisted on BBC Radio Wales, awarded The Newport Now Award in 2025, Best Male Artist 2024 from the National Entertainment Awards, and Best Original Artist of 2023 from Music Wales. Choosing to perform with a homemade custom loop station, he has a unique performance creating backing tracks live and from scratch combining, drum machines, layering guitars and vocals, various percussions, beatboxing, and harmonies to create bespoke covers of feel good hit music throughout the decades, spanning pop, rock, folk, R&B, reggae and more, from the 80's to modern day, as well as original music spanning multiple genres. His show is different and dynamic, creating full and wide soundscapes to bring an almost band-esque sound with live DJ effects. He has a wide repertoire to get people singing and dancing along, tailoring his sound to fit the environment, takes requests and throws his own spin on them, tells awful jokes, and loves to put on a memorable show.

Social Media: @itsmedeliciousdee on Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, YouTube
Original music on Spotify under Delicious Dee

We Are Zero



A queer emo post-hardcore band from South Wales. We Are Zero is a MUST-SEE live band, with heavy riffs plus screaming about issues that affected the band in 2020 when the lockdown began. And the band began the adventure into making music. The band has undergone a name change and a few member changes since 2020, but they have always tried to create music that brings something new to the emo scene.

Facebook: We Are Zero (We Are Zerø)

Russell Jones



Russell Jones Jr is a jazz swing singer from Pontypool appearing on Britain's Got Talent in 2012 as part of the group, 'Only Boys Aloud'. In 2017 Russell auditioned for The XFactor as a solo singer wowing judges with his rendition of "I Wanna Be Like You" from The Jungle Book, getting him four yeses! He's performed for Kate Middleton and cast members of Towie. He performs regularly for residents at Welsh care homes because he wants to "make a difference".

Facebook: Russell Jones Jr

She Died in Coventry



She Died in Coventry have been described as a Gen-Z throwback to the golden era of 1970s blues-rock, but with a bold and modern twist. Based in Cardiff, the high-energy three-piece band is made up of Morgan Turner on guitar, James Jones on violin, and Ka Long Tung on drums. With live performances and distinct sound driven by soaring violin and soul-drenched guitar solos, the band evokes comparisons to the likes of Dire Straits and Thin Lizzy while infusing elements of jazz and folk into their sets. Morgan's guitar style has been described as a fiery cross between Carlos Santana and Gary Moore, while James brings a unique flair on violin, drawing from influences as varied as Stephane Grappelli and Dave Swarbrick, Ka Long's explosive drumming blends groove, power and precision, giving the band its relentless energy on stage. Following a busy year of gigs and a growing fanbase, their next single, "A Girl Like You", drops July 2025.

Facebook: She Died In Coventry

Kai Stephens



Kai is local to Bargoed and currently attends Heolddu School, he cover's a mix of artists including Zach Bryan, Catfish, Wunderhorse and many more!

Social Link - TBC

Emily Deaves



Emily is a singer/musician from Pontyclun who brings a smooth, folky tone to many well know songs. She is influenced by Eva Cassidy, Christ Stapelton, Ray Lamontagne and Bruce Springsteen to name a few.

Social Link – TBC

Zak Connors



Zak is a well-established artist across south Wales and brings a great mix of rock covers and anthems to get everyone singing along!

Social Link – TBC

Rockwood Taylor



Charlie Rockwood Farr and Lynne Taylor are multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriters and veterans of the New England music scene who combined forces in 2018 to form Rockwood Taylor. Their styles cover a broad brush of folk-country-rock ranging from Steve Goodman to Steve Earle, from Patti Smith to Patty Loveless. This edgy Alt-folk/Americana duo have amassed a collection of rootsy, gutsy, honest songs that transcend genre boundaries, taking the listener on a gritty journey through our collective human experience. Based out of Newburyport, MA USA, their debut EP, "Finding Home," was nominated for 2019 Album of the Year by New England Music Awards. The duo tours regularly throughout the Eastern US performing an entertaining mix of originals and covers, traveling as far west as Ohio, and as far south as Mississippi and North Carolina. This summer, they will be touring the UK in support of their 2025 full-length release, "Folk-N-Roll for the Soul." "...a perfect mix of Shovels and Rope rusticity and singer/songwriter emotion..." -Michael Witthaus, Hippo Press

www.rockwoodtaylor.com

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The information is correct at the time of production.