



Hi folks,

Gosh, time just flies! I've finished my last online fiddle class in March and the Lismore fiddle camps in April/May are now sold out. I think I'll pick up the online fiddle classes again in the Autumn, but in the meantime the group plans to keep connected and meet up every week or two to work on their fiddle, so that's great.

I'm looking forward to hosting the fiddle camps here on Lismore - especially as we're trying to foster a few local children from Lismore Primary learning the fiddle. Maybe they'll join us at the house ceilidh on the Saturday night. I picked up another 7 or 8 fiddles a few weeks ago when I was back in Edinburgh. This means the school has a collection and the students have one they can take home and use. We're very grateful for the help from all those who have offered violins.

Just a few things to let you know about including Kath Burlinson's upcoming workshops, [Pomegranates 2023 festival](#) at the end of April and some news about [Laura Newbury's book](#).

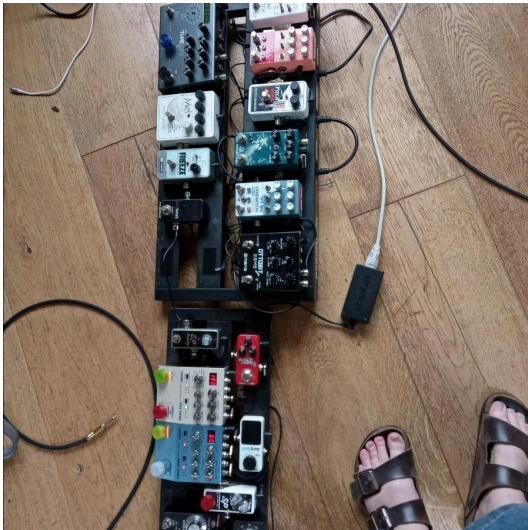
This week [the Big Society](#) band were recording at our Carnie Cottage studio. We had a hiccup on the first day on realising that the mics had been left behind in Manchester. Eek. So a huge thanks to Dave Gray and Nick Turner who kindly offered a full set of replacement mics. They've now turned the studio into a den for drums and imaginatively used the loo as a vocal booth. I'm also getting to spend some precious time with Ada and discover her awesome cooking skills!

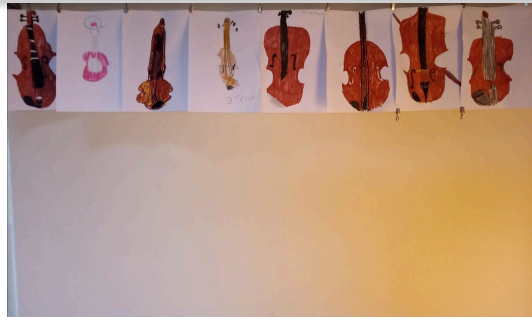
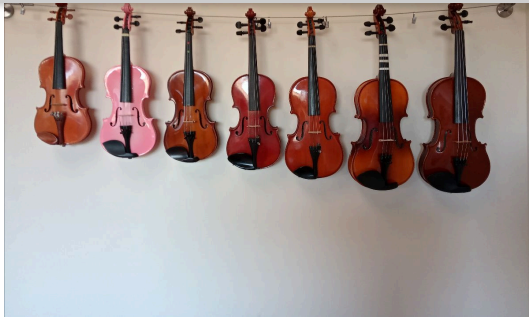
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Pictures: Ada up for a visit to Lismore, the Big Society's kit for their recording, the violins and the students' drawings of their instruments at Lismore Primary School.

Creative workshops

Dawne McFarlane and I attended a week long course with Kath Burlinson and Nigel Hollidge. It was a deep dive into ensemble and individuality in creativity. I call Kath a creative midwife, and you don't have to be professional to attend one of her workshops, just curiosity and hunger to experience what you've got going on.

There are two of Kath's [Authentic Artist workshops](#) coming up in May and June in England so I invite you to jump for a very special experience!

May 26-28 at the Big Room, Macclesfield

June 9-11 at Asthall Manor, Oxfordshire

Prices for AA workshops are not being increased in 2023, in recognition of the extra financial challenges we are all facing. They are offered on a sliding scale dependent on your earnings.

More about Authentic Artist workshops

Pomegranates 2023 festival

Pomegranates festival hopes to sow the seeds of international traditional dance across Edinburgh this spring

The annual festival, initiated and curated by the Traditional **Dance** Forum of Scotland, will once again mark [UNESCO's International Dance Day](#) on 29 April 2023. This second iteration of the festival will spread across three days – 28-30 April 2023. Again, it will be hosted by both the Scottish Storytelling Centre and St. Leonard's Dance Studio at the University of Edinburgh.

I'm not taking part myself but it will form part of [Edinburgh Tradfest](#) – a festival of longer tap roots in the Edinburgh Folk Festival, launched by TRACS in 2013, then curated by Soundhouse in collaboration with Transgressive North since 2019 and with Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland since 2022.

[More info about Pomegranates 2023](#)

Laura Newbury's new book

My dear friend [Laura Newbury's long-awaited book](#) "Earth's Voices: messages for Our Times from Nature's Guardians" is the culmination of 10 years' work collecting the messages of Nature's Guardians from the Angelic realm.

Laura and I have been hosting weekly live Zoom prayer meetings to which you are very welcome. Please let me know [via email](#) if you'd like to attend our Tuesday afternoon sessions (3-4.30) or (without music) on Wednesdays.

[More info about the book](#)



Photo: Dawne McFarlane, Laura Newbury and I met up last week before Dawne headed back to Canada.

Upcoming concerts, retreats and classes

Apr. 27 - 30, 2023 – Fiddle retreat | Isle of Lismore | 2023

May. 11 - 14, 2023 – Fiddle retreat | Isle of Lismore | 2023

Sat, MAY 20 – Mairi Campbell's Lismore Dance Band

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May. 25 - 28, 2023 – Fiddle retreat | Isle of Lismore | 2023

Keep an eye on the 'What's on' page for the latest ticket links etc.

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As always, all the best till we meet again.

Mairi and the team x

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