



**PYM Meeting  
with Clair McColl of DMS and Pili the Purbeck rep.  
October 6th 2022  
Former DCC office Wareham**

Attendees: Clair McColl; Tim Arnold; Jay Buckle; Dilys Thomas; Maris Araujolopez (Pili)

Tim, Dilys and Jay have all expressed their personal response to the meeting in earlier emails.

Tim has highlighted the following points from the meeting:

- Pili is a real asset as a point of contact who is really in touch with Purbeck and our needs.
- Clair will support financially any properly described venture, including anything modelled on our 3-part brass package, ie for woodwind.
- Clair has a fairly unlimited supply of instruments which we can call on.
- We could be tapping DMS for support for a brass ensemble asp.
- We could be looking for a 'music centre' venue (URC?) which DMS will help fund (for other ensembles and possibly as a lessons / group lessons location)

Some other points made:

When questioned about peris, Clair admitted that there is a deficit. She also admitted that specialist Instrumental teaching was no longer a priority and that the National Plan of 2011 had not been successful. Covid and the cost of living crisis had created a 'perfect storm'. DMS cannot fix this.

Music in schools would now be about on-line musical experience and also singing, where possible. Each District would have to make its own plan and apply for funds to implement it.

The take home message was really that DMS is happy for PYM to continue to fill the musical gaps in Purbeck schools and will support when possible.

Dilys Thomas  
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