

About Leila

I first started in the training band with my daughters when they were 8 and 10. The 10-year-old is now 23 and playing cornet in a band in Brighton, and the 8-year-old is no longer 8 and is playing cornet on the front row here at Dunchurch Band.

Although I started as a 40-something year old, I found that I really loved it. There's something very special about playing music with other people.

Despite the fact that I don't really have a musical background, (well, I had *some* piano lessons when I was a child) I found that I could follow the score and actually play some fun music. It just goes to show that you can have a go at any age and with any amount of prior experience!

The band has a lovely, relaxed atmosphere, and is very welcoming too. It has been a fantastic education in music for my daughters, and has widened my musical horizons too, helping my own familiarity with music, my confidence, and my ability to teach music to children where I work as a HLTA. I would recommend anyone coming and having a go with our extremely friendly training band.