

Introduce yourself!

My name is Louise Muir and I am part of #TeamFlute in the DCB.

How long have you been a member?

I joined in August 2007 after finding out about the band when I attended the BBC Play It Again event.

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I am a secondary school Science teacher and I love anything science, nature and conservation related. #sciencegeek. However I also love all things music and have played an instrument since I was 8, starting with the recorder, then treble recorder, clarinet and finally the flute. I have always loved music and it is a really important part of who I am. I didn't play after high school for 13 years and then my friend randomly took up the flute and encouraged me to have a try at her new flute. Just having a wee tootle on her flute made me realise how much I missed it and about 3 days after I had my own flute! Not long after, I found the DCB and have absolutely loved rediscovering my passion and love for playing. I love to do anything crafty too and love to sew and quilt.

**What other instruments do you play?**

I play the piccolo and used to play the clarinet before switching to the flute in first year in High School.

Is there another instrument you would like to play?

I have always wanted to be able to play the piano.

What do you enjoy most about DCB?

So many things that I love about the DCB since I have joined. The social aspect is brilliant, some of my close friends I met through band. I love the camaraderie of playing together, love making music and being challenged by the music we play, travelling abroad during the tours and I love how supportive everyone is of each other in the band.

Favourite concert venue – past, present..... or future?

I assume everyone will have the same answer to this - It has to be Kelvingrove. Magical! And of course Erskine Hospital. I love playing there.



Favourite DCB memory?

There are almost too many to choose from, but one of my favourite memories was when we were playing at the Mid-Europe festival in Schladming Austria. We played an outdoor concert in the main square in Schladming the morning after the “Lange Nacht” festival. It was lovely and sunny after the crazy rain, lightning and thunder that caused the festival to stop early (but didn’t stop the DCB party animals staying out and partying all night!). Our final piece was Burns on the March, some Scottish tunes, and while we were playing people in the audience all of a sudden got up and started dancing at the front of the stage, quickly roping Robert into the dancing too! It was just such a lovely moment seeing everyone dancing and I always think of it with a smile.

Favourite piece we’ve played?

Too many to choose! Some I have loved are - Journey to the Lion’s Castle, There’s No Business Like Show Business and of course ANY Christmas tune!



Any piece you’d like to play with the band in the future?

Love a good show tune.

Have you done anything exciting during lockdowns (other than lots of music practice – obviously!!) – learned a new skill or decided to get back into an old hobby for example?

I have done lots of crafting during lockdown, I love to sew and spent lockdown making facemasks for friends and family and also quilting and making bags. I started cross stitching recently after being inspired by Alison (in the oboe section) – who does amazing cross stitch, and also my sister. I am really enjoying learning how to do something different.

Looking forward to getting back to rehearsals?

I cannot wait to see my band family, play music together in person again soon and gossiping at break!