

Come lime with me

Tina

Do your band members have a nick-name for you?

No

When did you begin to play steelpans?

Adult, I have been playing for about three years

What made you decide to play steelpans?

A friend saw that a local steel band were starting up a community band and asked if I fancied going with her. I love making music and thought it sounded like fun.

Which steelpan instrument do you play?

Tenor

What do like about this instrument?

I like following the melody of the music, and after three years I finally know where the notes are!

How often and for how long do you practice?

One hour every two weeks

What style of music do you enjoy playing the most?

I like the diversity of the music from classics, through to modern songs

How often do you perform at gigs?

We used to do about three a year, but this year have already done that many now that we have enough songs to hold own gigs rather than supporting the other bands in the Sussex steel family.

Do you get nervous before a performance?

no, its fun!

Have you played at carnival?

We have our first carnival as a community band coming up in August, can't wait!

Tell me about your favourite performance and where it was?

I loved playing at Petworth Christmas celebrations, it was our first Community band gig, and we had great fun and atmosphere. We also got a repeat booking so they loved us too.

Who is your favourite steelpan musician?

I don't know any other steel musicians, but there are some very talented young people in the other Sussex steel bands.

What is the name of your favourite steelband?

I love listening to Sussex steel pro band

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What is your favourite steelpan tune?

I think at the moment I love playing Zumba, as its fast and gets stuck in my head. I love the way it bounces round the pan!

Do you play any other musical instruments?

I learnt guitar as a child, and came back to music as an adult playing Ukulele. I then joined a Samba band finally joining the steel pan band.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I have a ten year old son who loves his sport and music so when I'm not being mum the taxi, I like gardening, sewing and crafts.

Through the Sussex Steel Community Steelband I have met new people and enjoyed making music with new friends. Performing and seeing an audience enjoy themselves is worth all the hard work and practice it takes to learn the songs.