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## BIO

- **Brett Wayne Lee** grew up in Leigh, Lancashire, a small mining and rugby town, that the best things to come out of as the joke goes, are the main roads.
- His relatives worked on the mine-face or the surrounding factories and mills, there were no musicians in the family nor money to buy instruments with.
- Brett wanted a guitar aged 8 and at around 13 he got one, such were the times. He had his prize possession for less than 6 months until the burglars got at it **thus ending** an early musical start.
- At aged 19, a year into joining the **Royal Marine Commandos**, Brett bought a decent guitar, inspired by BritPop and 90s Indie music of the time, he found himself learning the ropes of performance in front of large crowds of burly Marines. Not for the faint hearted...
- *“Being from Leigh really helps in Combat Zones. I suggest being on tour was no more unsafe than a Saturday night on the town back home.”*



# Brett Wayne Lee Q and A

## Brett Wayne Releases Indie Power Ballad - Move Close To Me

Grace Williams



In a musical landscape where the simplicity of good songwriting is fading, former Royal Marines Commando **Brett Wayne Lee** has managed to capture the simplicity of the traditional piano-man with the gritty stories of life seeping through. Setting the scene with a black-key heavy intro, Lee's reflections on meeting your soulmate packs a punch with a climbing score that taps into the rollercoaster emotions of love and anticipation.

Though routed in Indie charm and raw experience, Lee could easily give Gary Barlow a run for his money with an instant hit like this. The simplicity of the piano line is layered with a swell of instrumentation that wraps the song in a warm, safe hug. With an ear worm of a chorus and vocals reminiscent of Eddie Vedder and Xavier Rudd, **Move Close To Me** is the gritty ballad that you'll be playing on repeat into 2023.

Move Close To Me is released on Animal Farm Studios on November 25th, the first in a series of new songs to come from this exciting and talented new artist. You can listen to more from Brett Wayne Lee on Soundcloud and his website.

[www.brettwayne.net](http://www.brettwayne.net)



**Q - Who are the band members and what do they play?**

**A - I am now a Solo Artist Brett Wayne Lee - Piano - Guitars**

**Q - When did you turn Solo ?**

**A - After leaving the Royal Marines in 2008 I toured local pubs and clubs with a few Rock N Roll cover bands. I only decided to go solo in 2021.**

**Q - What are your main Band / Sound influences?**

**Snow Patrol, Shed 7, Embrace, Oasis, Gavin De Graw, Freddy Mercury.**

**Q - Where was the single/EP/album recorded and who was**

**involved in its production? A - It was recorded in London; a place called the Biscuit Factory A great Little collection of studios, loads of artist knocking around. I recorded with Animal Farm Music. Amazing guys well worth checking out if you are new to the scene.**

## “After my second arrest”..

**Q - I guess being a former Marine Commando I get used to the generic curious ask questions. Why did you join the Marines? how many horrid places did you serve? Q2 is quickly proceeded by how many people did you kill? ... Whether a professional interview or the local Pub these are questions 1, 2 and 3 on everyone’s agenda, when they hear your former role.**

**A - I guess I will say this to avoid the need for asking.**

So, **Q 1** – Why did I join the Corps mmmm well I knew pretty much zero about the Military, I am sure my first Marine instructors will testify I joined with less than zero knowledge haha.

**A - I was a keen Rugby player, playing for my Town Team. The facts were - Sport at amateur level in my hometown was not great wages, it simply wasn’t enough to live off. With little ambition and time on my hands I was getting into more and more trouble as a **young hot-headed scrapper. After my second arrest** my dad threw the local paper at me (My dad was a tough cookie himself), he said something like you think your hard, they are harder, prove you’re a hard man instead of all this nonsense. An advert for the Royal Marines was page 2.**

I spoke to a few of my close buddies and showed them the article. Once they finished laughing (5 mins later), they said it’s not for you pal **it’s proper hard**. I guess - That day sparked the fire of motivation inside that’s still burning strong today. I joined up 2 months later and out of 150 applicants, 6 of us passed out for duty fist time (gained our Green Beret’s) 8 months later as course originals. **I have never looked back.**



# “Have I killed anyone”?

**Q - Where did you serve – A - I served 18 years** in my beloved corps and served in Operational service both in the Corps and as a hired gun (contractor) later in life in the following countries – **Afghanistan, Iraq, Uzbekistan, Nigeria, Korea, Albania, Congo, Northern Ireland, China / South China Sea and Indonesia, Russia, Turkey, India, South Africa...** I will stop there you get the point. Sometimes these Ops were peace keeping, sometimes covert and sometimes overt war zones where you see more action than John Wayne’s safety catch. No matter what you are doing in uniform in these places its always dangerous by nature, and you only have each other to get in get the job done and hopefully get out together.

**Q Next Question - What did you do there?**

**A -** On this you will always get a blank response, best to leave it there. My music frequently relates to real situations my advice is to listen.

**Q – Have I killed anyone?**

**A - Haha Always the first Pub question -** In the Military to know if you have killed someone there is a process / procedure in identifying that the shot was you, and that it was your bullet that killed the person, almost like a mini court case. With Snipers it’s pretty easy as they are the only one firing at the target but with groups of Marines who are in a firefight ...who knows whose bullet did the job and we tend not to hang around to find out TBH. So as far as confirmed kills, no I do not have one. Conscience clear.



# “Tattooed On My Arm”

**Q - Is there a particular ethos behind the single/EP/album or any music styles or events that inspired it?**

**A - I am releasing 2 songs** over the next 3 months with a further 2 songs at the start of next year in 2023. I left the Marines to pursue my own music career and to write about my life experiences and life as a whole in steps my song **Move Close To Me** release - **25<sup>th</sup> Nov on all Music Download sites.**

**I am an advocate for PTSD charities** and my song “No Rules” represents this direction. My philosophy “Mens Sano In Corpore Sano” or “To Have Strength in Mind and Body” a philosophy I hold true too for life love and music its tattooed on my arm. So I don’t forget....



## Media

Social media handles:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/BWLmusiconline>

Instagram – brettwayneleemusic

Twitter - @BrettWayneLee

Links for artist profiles on: NEEDED

Apple Music – NA

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKibs45mF67QUZ-WmWvPkBA>

SoundCloud – <https://on.soundcloud.com/gdCtr>

Label - <http://www.theanimalfarm.co.uk/>

Event Bookings [info@emeraldtxb.com](mailto:info@emeraldtxb.com)

Interviews - <https://youtu.be/5Uu7welh0VM>

Blogg - <https://transformu-radiopress.blogspot.com/2022/11/new-music-by-marine-veteran-turned.html>





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