**Home Page**

Here at 5th frets we are a professional guitar repair business based in Holland on sea, Essex. Specialising in guitar repair, maintenance and customisation, we offer masterful work at a reasonable price. We have a wide range of experience working with electric, acoustic, nylon, and archtop guitars, as well as basses, banjos, mandolins, ukuleles, and other instruments.

Our two luthiers are Mark Harris and his son Max. Mark is experience in body and neck repairs, whereas Max specialises in electronic repair and customisation. Between the pair we offer a wide experience in all areas of guitar repair and customisation. For more information about services provided, please visit our *Services* page.

**Contact Us**

For information on prices, please call or email us for a conversation about your guitar or instrument and the services required. We are available most times throughout the day and are always happy to discuss with customers anything they wish to know.

We can be found at:

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Or by phone:

Max - 07541017669

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Please feel free to email, text, or call us whenever is convenient for you.

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**Services**

**Set-up**

We provide a professional set-up for a range of stringed instruments, including: electric, acoustic and archtop guitars, basses, mandolins, banjos, and more. We will tailor the set-up to the needs and preferences of each customer. Our set-ups include:

* a full clean and fret polish (using professional guitar cleaning products)
* re-string (if needed)
* action and intonation adjustment
* nut action
* pickup height
* truss rod adjustment
* lubrication of electrical equipment (if needed)
* fingerboard re-oiling (if not done within the last year)

If you are looking for a particular style, or would like your instrument set up for drop-tuning, let us know.

We can also provide high quality strings at a reasonable price.

For any extra information, please contact us.

**Bodywork**

We provide a range of services dealing with bodywork issues, including:

* scratch, dent or chip removal
* fretboard damage
* broken headstocks
* neck resets
* lifting bridges
* rusted parts
* general damage

With a wealth of experience, we work carefully and skilfully to bring your guitar back to its original glory.

For further information, or for inquiries about services not listed here, please contact us.

**Fretting**

Do one or more of your frets buzz or mute out when you play them?

Do you have frets that are old or worn and in need of replacement?

We provide plenty of experience in fret dressing, fret finishing, and re-fretting, and source a wide variety of frets to suit your preference in material and dimension. Whether you need a single fret redressed and finished, or the entire neck re-fretted, contact us for professional work at a reasonable price.

We work on frets for any fretted instrument, including:

* electric guitar (with Gibson or Fender style finish)
* acoustic, archtop, or nylon string guitar
* banjo
* mandolin
* ukulele

We use a wide range of tools to craft the perfect fret for your instrument, and can customise the shape and size of the frets to your personal preference. Please contact us anytime for a discussion and quote.

**Electronic Repair**

One of our specialities at 5th frets is electronic repair and maintenance. There are a multitude of problems and issues that can occur when introducing an electronic circuit to an instrument, but fortunately there are none that can’t be fixed.

We provide experienced work for issues such as:

* instrument humming or buzzing when played through an amplifier
* jack cutting out
* crackling potentiometers (volume and tone controls)
* faulty switches
* recognising problems such as broken pickups, faulty components or cold soldering
* rewiring or re-soldering
* part replacement

We source a massive variety of parts and components to suit the style and needs of the player. Feel free to contact us anytime to discuss issues and preferences.

**Electronic Modification**

Here at 5th frets we are passionate about electronic modification and the customisation of instrument circuitry. There are many ways to change the sound and feel of your instrument, from changing the pickups, to adding or changing capacitors. We offer a variety of custom wiring modifications depending on the style and personal preference of each player:

* pickup change
* humbuckers in parallel/series
* component upgrade (switch, potentiometer, etc.)
* capacitor addition or upgrade
* tone bleed or tone bypass capacitation
* push potentiometers
* stereo/mono wiring
* switch variations/upgrade

Please contact us for any further details or advice on customising your guitars. We house a wide range of pickups and capacitors and are happy to order in anything the customer requires.

**Customisation**

Is there just something missing from your instrument that you feel is holding back your style?

At 5th frets we love to help you modify your instrument so you can have the best experience playing possible. We offer a wide range of services, including:

* road-worn
* refinishing the neck lacquer (with different lacquer or oils)
* electronic part upgrade (see Electronic Modification)
* add a Floyd Rose, Bigsby or other vibrato system
* routing instrument body for new pots/switches

For further details or to make an inquiry , please feel free to contact us at any time.

**Restoration**

Here at 5th frets we have a wealth of experience restoring stringed instruments to their original glory. If you have an old guitar that’s been sitting in an attic for years, or a precious sentimental instrument you wish to bring back to life, we provide a range of professional services at a reasonable cost. These may include:

* Fret polish and fretboard clean
* Body clean
* Electronic maintenance and repair
* Bodywork damage repair
* Part replacement

We work with professional grade cleaning products that will not damage the guitar in any way. If your instrument needs a part we will happily source the exact component needed.

Contact us at any time for extra information or a discussion about your instrument.

**Customer History**

5th frets started three years ago as a small hobby buying and selling guitars. We would find broken, dirty, and neglected guitars, repairing and restoring them from a sofa in our conservatory. Then, as we began to work with a wider range of guitars, and experiment with more complicated issues, we discovered that the tools and skills needed for properly conduct the repairs were vast. Luckily for us, we live in an age where information is very easily available, and we found the answers we needed either online or from a variety of sources such as luthier manuals and manuscripts. The glass table was no longer sufficient to hold the velocity of work, and so we moved the kitchen table into the conservatory, and worked from there. We continued to practise and study the art of guitar repairs and customisation, and worked hard to raise the money for the proper equipment and supplies needed for such specialist work. Faced with an enormous range of skills to learn and master, we worked long hours through day and night, often without days off. We began to advertise our services in the local newsagents and supermarket, and started receiving the odd repair job here and there. Widening our knowledge and skill set in guitar repairs allowed us to buy more and more guitars, discovering that there is very little that cannot be fixed with the right methodology and craftsmanship. The only thing holding us back was the work space, and so for six months we worked diligently to raise the money to build ourselves a workshop. With the help of a good friend, our new workshop was raised from nothing in the space of five weeks. Then, with a new fantastic workspace, our work grew exponentially, allowing us to take in more and more repairs, and providing us with the perfect environment in which to master the art of guitar repair. It is truly a joy to work on instruments for a profession, and we take each job very seriously, working carefully with each instrument. Both Mark and I are lifelong guitarists and musicians and therefore have a wide understand and respect for the guitar. We work hard not only to perfect our own craft, but to ensure that we can also provide you with advice or information about brands and products, styles and types of instruments, or other such elements. We are passionate with restoring old or valuable guitars back to their original glory, as well as customising your instrument to suit your styles and preferences.

For any further information on our company, or for a discussion about services or prices, please feel free to contact us any time.