

# Beats News'

*Dear*

*Here is your June News'*

*After a successful tour, things are quiet with The Merseybeats, sorry not much to report this month, don't forget your diary dates on pages 6 & 7.*



**"fab photo of Lou in action during the Solid Silver Tour "**

Courtesy of Maureen who sent in an assortment of memorable tour photographs, more inside

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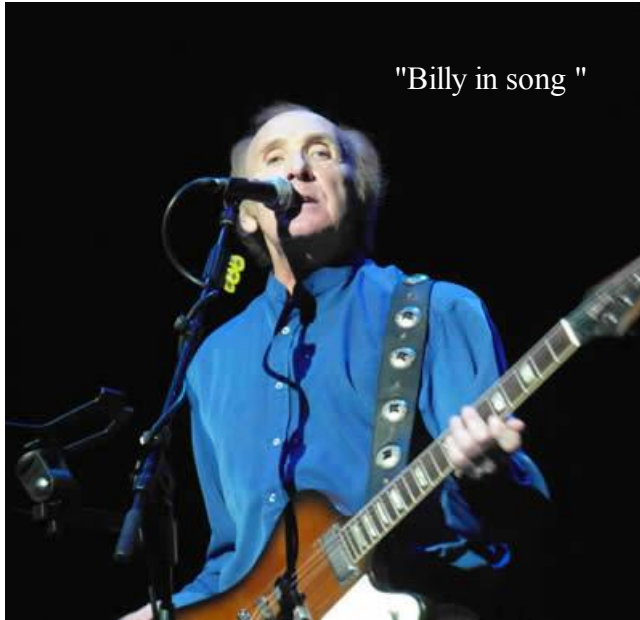
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"Billy in song "



"Tony full of fun"



"Fan club member Maureen spent a weekend away on tour, 19th - 21st April" Maureen and her friends, Cath, Sue, June, Lesley, Carrie, Elaine and Laura were at the Cliffs Pavilion Southend, the Maureen, Cath, Sue, June saw the Alexandra theatre show in Birmingham..... Maureen said she just love 60's music and sent us an assortment of memorable tour photographs.

"Signing autographs & time for beverages "



## The Solid Silver 60's Show

By Graham Clark - Gig Correspondent

The Yorkshire Times

With a touring schedule that would put some of today's younger acts to shame, this Sixties package tour is not just a trip down memory lane.

Wayne Fontana's waistline may have grown somewhat since the Sixties but his voice is still intact and is as strong as ever. His introduction to the songs was as entertaining as his singing: he could always have another career as a comedian. As well as singing his own hits such as Game of Love, Pamela ("Graham Gouldman who wrote this track wrote hits for the Hollies and Herman's Hermits, I ended up with this!). His rendition of Roy Orbison's Its Over showed that Fontana can still hit the high notes whilst he visited the 1980's with a heartfelt cover of Labi Siffre's Something Inside So Strong.

The Merseybeats are still a solid viable act. They reminisced about how 2 young American songwriters on the 60's used to stand out the recording studio asking the Merseybeats to record one of their songs to give the duo a break. The duo in question turned out to be the Walker Brothers. With Don't Turn Around, Wishin and Hopin along with Sorrow it is easy to forget how many hits the band have had.

You can see where the likes of David Bowie got his early influences from whilst watching Dave Berry perform The Crying Game: he still has a huge stage presence. He joked "I might be the oldest act on the tour, but at least I can still fasten my jacket!" Memphis Tennessee still sounds good and Berry still has the voice too. His hit Little Things might now be better known due to the toilet roll advert, "50 years in the music business down the pan" he joked.

Mike Pender closed the show being the original voice of The Searchers. Now grey haired but still looking trim, he might not have had the stage presence of Fontana and Berry but he had a bigger choice of hits at his disposal. Sweets for My Sweet and Needles and Pins received the most enthusiastic response.

The New Amen Corner performed a dual role as the backing band for the solo artists and well as singing their own hits, If Paradise Is Half as Nice sounded still as good even without Andy Fairweather-Low in the group.

The fans seem to return to these tours year after year and after seeing these seasoned professionals tonight, it is easy to see why.

Courtesy Fan Club member Nicki  
Hi Jenny, attached are a few pics from a couple of the shows we went to. The couple of pictures of the boys in their blue shirts were taken from Hall For Cornwall in Truro back in March and the white shirts were from Princess theatre in Torquay last Friday.



# **THE MERSEYBEATS dairy dates 2013**

June

**Sat 8th Whitby - Whitby 60s Festival**

**Sun 9th Private Party**

**Wed 19th Blackpool - Empress Ballroom -The Winter Gardens, Black pool.  
The National Pensioners Parliament Annual Con-  
vention**

August

**Sun 11th Urmston “Beatles back In Town” with Mike Penders Searchers &  
The Rockin Ber-  
ries**

**Sat 17th Immingham – The Harbour Hotel – 60s Event**

September

**Sun 1st Southport - Pontins - Southport Holiday Park (New 60s Weekend)**

**Fri 6th Brean Sands - Seagull Inn**

**Fri 20th Liverpool - The Cavern**

**Sat 28th Shrewsbury - Theatre Severn**

October

**Fri 11th Bognor - Butlins**

**Sat 12th Private Party**

**Thur 17th Fareham – Ferneham Hall with Craig Douglas**

November

**Fri 15th Brean Sands - Unity Farm Holiday Centre  
(Yesterday Once More Booking 01934 733958 )**

**Wed 20th Isel Of Wight – Medina Theatre, Newport with Craig Douglas**

**Fri 29th Great Yarmouth - Vauxhall Holiday Park**

December

**Sat 7th Skegness - Butlins Holiday (2 shows)**

# THE MERSEYBEATS dairy dates 2014

May

Sat 24th Weston Super Mare – Sandbay Holiday Park

November

Sat 25th Brean Sands – Unity Farm Holiday Centre

**Yesterday Once More Booking 01934 733958 )**

## SOLO Diary Dates for Tony Crane

2013

July

Sat 13th Finland - PARIKKALA 60s Festival - Tony Crane,  
Alan Lovell, Mick Avery, Eric Haydock and others

Sat 20th Norwich 'Black Tie' Dinner and Dance .  
Sprowston Manor Hotel TOGETHER - The 60s Dream  
Attraction The new ultimate 60s Songs & Stories show -  
with Tony Crane/Chip Hawkes/Geoff Turton/ Toni Baker/ Pete Hilton

October

Wed 9th - Hotel Puento Real, Playamar, Torremolinos, Spain  
Yesterday Once More - Booking 01934 733958

### Internet Fan Club Members:

Rose, Ken, Mairi, Rob, Donna, Nadia, Sandy, Trish, Robert, Patricia, Edith, Maureen, David, Maureen, Victoria, Betty, Alec, Lou, Jane, Janet, David, Norman, Mike, Terry, Sam, John, Diane, Mike, Dave, Rosamund, Mick, Marian, Davida, Sarah, Cara, Catherine, Janice, Mo, June, Ron, Jeanne, Peter, Angela, Valerie, Linda, Dave, Nicky, Pauline, Lin, Paul, Joanne, Dave C. Karen, George, Barbara, Sue, Rachael, Steve, Bernard, Ros, James, Mary, Joanne, Bob, Michael, Jari, Sue, Beryl, Kerry, Sally, Maureen, Sheila, Betty, Wendy, Marion, David, Axel, Jon

## Solid Silver Tour

The Anvil, Basingstoke

Courtesy of Jenny



Hall For Cornwall , Truro

Courtesy of Nicki

