

Beats News'

The MerseyBeats and friends...

Are: Tony Crane, Billy Kinsley,
Howie Casey, Sam Hardie, Dave Lovelady, Performing
"Boys"

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**Unique event for Tony Crane & Billy Kinsley ,
details on pages 4 & 5 as announced on The Merseybeats website**

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12 Hours to Please Me BBC Radio 2 –
Studio 2

Dear

It's that time of year for membership renewal, and as said previously, I extend apologies that there is never enough constructive news available for the monthly newsletters. Please do not feel under any obligation to renew.

Current breakdown of Newsletter costs are:

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Therefore the fees are £15 for 12 issues of The Beats News (April 2013 to March 2014) .

If you have decided not to renew, I hope you have enjoyed being a member.

Kindest regards

Jenny

Reminder: This newsletter is available to download FREE from The Merseybeats web site.

12 Hours To Please Me BBC Radio 2 - Monday 11th February (Photographs on front cover)

Format - to recreate the recording by the Beatles of their "Please, Please Me" Album at Abbey Road Studios 50 years ago to the day. To record, in real time, the 11 Tracks recorded by the Beatles in a single day. Each track will be performed by a different Artiste.

Tony Crane and Billy Kinsley will perform "Boys". Other Artistes performing tracks will include Eurythmics, Mick Hucknall, Paul Jones, Paul Carrack and many more - so Tony and Billy will be in good company. The whole day will be covered 'Live' by BBC Radio 2, hosted by Stuart Maconie and will include Live interviews with BBC Radio 2 Presenters. If all goes to plan you can listen to Tony and Billy (with some surprise guests) perform "Boys" Live on BBC Radio 2 at 8.30 p.m.

The even more exciting news that the whole day will be filmed by BBC Television for an hour long 'Special' to be shown on BBC Four on Feb 15th.

Acclaimed guitarist Graham Coxon, Glenn Tilbrook and Chris Difford from Squeeze and Manchester's I Am Kloot join soul sensation Joss Stone, The Stereophonics, Gabrielle Aplin and Mick Hucknall for BBC Radio 2's '12 Hours To Please Me' on Monday 11 February. Fifty years ago, EMI set the Beatles a challenge: to record their debut album in one studio session. The results – with the already released two singles thrown in for good measure – became the genre-redefining Please Please Me.

On Monday 11 February, contemporary artists from across the musical spectrum pay homage to that day, recreating the famous session in the same time frame in the same

Abbey Road Studio 2. Each artist will rehearse and then perform live throughout the day on BBC Radio 2, with all the action captured for broadcast in BBC Four's The Beatles' Please Please Me – Re-making A Classic on Friday 15 February.

Hosted at Abbey Road by Stuart Maconie, Gabrielle Aplin will step up to the mic first with There's A Place performing into Ken Bruce's show. She will be followed by ten further artists and acts, culminating in the rock 'n' roll classic Twist and Shout at 10:30 pm, live into a specially extended edition of Jo Whiley's Show. The simple question is: will artists today be able to match the productivity of the Fab Four? People lucky enough to have been there 50 years ago will tell the remarkable story of what happened that day, busting myths and giving fresh insights along the way, including engineer Richard



12 Hours to Please Me BBC Radio 2 – The Merseybeats & friends in rehearsals

Other contributors included Burt Bacharach speaking live from the US, who wrote Baby It's You and, to give a contemporary perspective, producers including Guy Chambers will visit the session during the day. Rare audio and visual footage from the archives will also help tell the story of the session that shaped a generation. The project also reunites five musicians who played alongside the Beatles at the Cavern the week before they recorded Please Please Me, for a special one-off performance. Tony Crane and Billy Kinsley of the Merseybeats, Howie Casey - sax player, Howie is a Pre-Beatles Liverpool star and played on some of Paul McCartney's early hits. Sam Hardie of the Dominoes and Dave Lovelady of the Fourmost will recapture that 1963 Mersey sound performing the song Boys before sharing their memories of the Liverpool music scene in the early Sixties. This recreation of one of the most the most iconic albums in pop music history is the centrepiece of The Golden Age Of The Album - a two week celebration across BBC Four, Radio 2 and 6 Music



Love Is All Around as over 200 mourners attended
The Troggs frontman Reg Presley's funeral



The Sixties rocker was laid to rest following a service in Basingstoke, Hampshire following his death from lung cancer.

Fields of Gold by Sting opened the service, which was attended among others by Tony Crane of The Merseybeats,

Slade's Noddy Holder and The Shadow's Bruce Welch,
Dave Munden, Joe Gillingham, Jeff Brown from The Tremeloes,
Ricky Westwood (just retired from The Tremeloes)

Barry Whitwam and Geoff Foot from Hermans Hermits,
Wayne Fontana – Wayne Fontana & The Mindbenders,
Chip Hawkes – The Tremeloes , Sandy Newman – The Marmalade

Tony Sherwood from Tony Sherwood Entertainment,
Representatives from Flying Music and DFO International, BCM Promotions,
were mourners paying tribute to the late

The Troggs frontman Reg Presley on Thursday 14th February.

The service at Basingstoke Crematorium featured The Troggs' most famous song,

Wild Thing, as well as their other big hit Love Is All Around,
“Wild Thing “ penned by Chip Taylor, also attended the funeral.

It reached No 1 in the US and No 2 in the UK.

Among the mourners were his widow Brenda, his children Jason and Karen and his

Troggs bandmates Chris Britton, Pete Lucas and Dave Maggs.

Jacqueline Ryan – The Troggs Fan Club Secretary

Reg's son, Jason, described his father as

"the most un-famous famous person there has ever been".

Reg died from cancer in his home town of Andover, Hampshire, on February 4.

He was 71.

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to all the fans who have sent cards and their condolences when Reg passed away. We have been overwhelmed by the response and comforted

to know he was loved by so many.

Thanks also to those of you who attended the funeral.

Our love and best wishes to you all.

Photograph below: Tony with the great Paul Carrack, singer, songwriter and former frontman of Ace, Squeeze and Mike & The Mechanics.

Paul appeared at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on Friday 8th February, and Tony, being a great fan met up after his show.

Paul Carrack is another of the profiled artistes who appeared on 12 Hours To Please Me - BBC Radio 2 Today, Monday 11th



Butlins - Minehead - 60s Festival
"Colourful Photo Gallery"
Saturday 26th January
Courtesy of fan club member Ken Kneil





SOLO 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 Puente Real, Playamar, Torremolinos, Spain
 Yesterday Once More - Booking 01934 733958

THE MERSEYBEATS diary dates

March

Frid 22nd Birmingham - Hilton Metropole Hotel NEC

Sat 23rd Bognor Regis - Butlins

May

Frid 17th May LIVE from LIVERPOOL with The Fourmost - Ford Sports and Social Club, 77 Cronton Lane , Widnes, Merseyside

Sat 25th Private Party

June

Sat 8th Whitby - Whitby 60s Festival

Wed 19th Blackpool - Empress Ballroom -The Winter Gardens , Blackpool.

(The National Pensioners

Parliament Annual Convention.)

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 (with The Searchers)

October

Fri 11th Bognor - Butlins

November

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

Fri 29th Great Yarmouth - Vauxhall Holiday Park

Solid Silver 60s Tour - starts Thursday March 7th

March

Thurs 7th Sheffield - City Hall - 7.30pm
Fri 8th High Wycombe - Swan Theatre - 7.30pm
Sat 9th Salisbury - City Hall - 7.30pm
Sun 10th Weston-Super-Mare - Playhouse Theatre 3pm & 7.45pm
Tue 12th Manchester - Opera House - 7.30pm
Wed 13th King's Lynn - Corn Exchange - 7.30pm
Thur 14th Northampton - Royal & Derngate 7.30pm
Fri 15th Gateshead - The Sage - 7.30pm
Sat 16th Southport - Southport Theatre - 7.30pm
Sun 17th Milton Keynes - Milton Keynes Theatre - 7.30pm
Mon 18th Cornwall, Truro - Hall for Cornwall - 7.30pm
Wed 20th Nottingham - Royal Concert Hall - 7.30pm
Thur 21st Halifax - Victoria Theatre - 7.30pm
Sun 24th Dartford - The Orchard - 7.30pm
Tue 26th Swansea - Grand Theatre - 7.30pm
Thur 28th Cardiff - St Davids Hall - 7.30pm
Fri 29th Blackpool - The Grand - 7.30pm
Sat 30th Leeds - Grand Theatre - 4pm & 7.30pm
Sun 31st Skegness - Embassy Theatre - 7.30pm

April

Tues 2nd Llandudno - Venue Cymru - 7.30pm
Wed 3rd Darlington - Civic Theatre - 7.30pm
Thur 4th Buxton - Opera House - 7.30pm
Fri 5th Tunbridge Wells - 7.30pm
Sat 6th Woking - New Theatre - 4pm & 7.30pm
Sun 7th Wolverhampton - The Grand - 4pm & 7.30pm
Tue 9th Glasgow - Concert Hall - 7.30pm
Wed 10th Edinburgh - Playhouse Theatre - 7.30pm
Thur 11th Dundee - Caird Hall - 7.30pm
Frid 12th Aberdeen - Music Hall - 7.30pm
Sat 13th Inverness - Eden Court Theatre - 5.15pm & 8.30pm
Tue 16th Southsea - Kings Theatre - 7.30pm
Wed 17th Folkstone - Leas Cliffs Hall - 7.30pm
Thurs 18th St Albans - Alban Arena - 7.30pm
Fri 19th Bournemouth - Pavilion Theatre - 7.30pm
Sat 20th Southend - Cliffs Pavilion - 7.30pm
Sun 21st Birmingham - Alexandra Theatre - 7.30pm
Tues 23rd York - Grand Opera House - 7.30pm
Wed 24th Liverpool - Philharmonic Hall - 7.30pm
Thurs 25th Basingstoke - The Anvil - 7.45pm
Fri 26th Torquay - Princess Theatre - 7.30pm
Sat 27th Eastbourne - Congress Theatre - 7.30pm
Sun 28th Norwich - Theatre Royal - 7.30pm

REG PRESLEY
1941 Andover - 2013 Andover



This is the hardest statement I have ever written. I am heartbroken to announce that Reg Presley passed away this morning 4th February 2013.

He died peacefully at his Andover home and was surrounded by all of his family.

They are all absolutely devastated and there will be a huge gap in their family life.

My husband Liam and myself would like to offer our sincere and deepest condolences to Brenda, Karen and Jason and their families.

Reg will never be forgotten and we are proud to have known him.

Jacqueline Ryan

(The Troggs Fan Club Secretary)

I was very sorry and sad to learn that Reg had passed away, we had enjoyed many meetings over the decades, non more so than in the all-star rock band known as The Corporation (The Traveling Wrinklies) , both Reg, Mike Pender, Brian Poole and Clem Curtis and myself were members.

I extend my very personal heartfelt condolences to his family, The Troggs and his legion of devoted fans

Tony Crane

THE MERSEYBEATS

We were all deeply saddened to hear that Reg had passed away, he was a legend, witty and good to be around.

'this is such sad news'

Our deepest condolences to his family

Tony, Billy, Bob, Lou, Toni & John

The Merseybeats

I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of REG PRESLEY - not only a a 60's ' Great ' but , far more importantly , a warm , witty ,very clever , Man who was a joy to know . I enjoyed many conversations with

Reg over a number of years and especially during the last Solid Silver 60's Tour

he appeared on with The Troggs . I believe that Reg was truly loved and respected by his fellow 60's Artists and I join them in sending his Family our deepest condolences.

In a deeply troubled World surely for Reg - " Love Is All Around " .

Very sincerely Tony Sherwood Personal Representation to - The Merseybeats . Mike Penders Searchers

We were devastated to hear that dear Reg had passed away, we have tears in our eyes but love in our heart for Reg, not only in support of his performance with The Troggs, but locally here in Andover.

" brilliant song writer " "unique performer " "character on & off stage " "a genuine loveliness about him "

" great fun " " Our deepest condolences to Brenda and her family, Chris, Pete and Dave, Jacqueline &

Liam.