



BEATS NEWS'

HAPPY NEW YEAR'



**A Bumper
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on February 1st!**



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The Merseybeats
Monthly Fanzine

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Dates for The Merseybeats

2012

February

Sun 5th Scarborough - The Delmont Hotel 60's Event
Sat 11th Liverpool – The Green Room
Frid 17th Shrewsbury – Theatre Severn

March

Sun 4th – Skegness – Butlins
Sat 10th - Blackpool - Savoy Hotel *Telephone 01947 844126.*
Sat 17th - Ilfracombe - Yesterday Once More Super Sixties Weekend

April

Fri 27th Bicester - Highfields Social Club

June

Sun 24th Weston-Super-Mare - Sandbay Holiday Centre

July

Fri 6th Private

August

Fri 24th Torquay - Riviera Centre Note: This is not confirmed

Sept

Fri 7th Liverpool – The Cavern
Thurs 13th Sheffield – Hellaby Hall Hotel
Fri 28th Whitby - Live 60's

Oct

Nov

Sat 17th Brean Sands - Yesterday Once More

Dec

Sun 16th Berkshire - Warners Holiday, Littlecote



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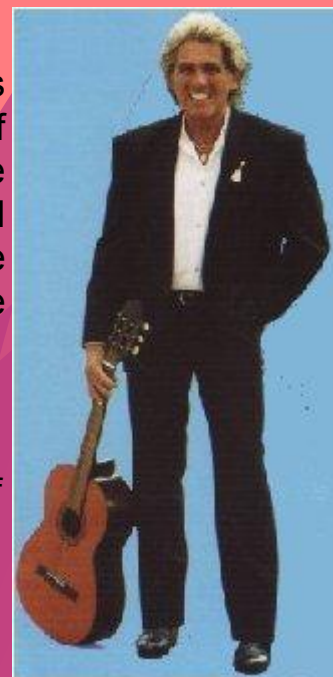
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A fan, in receipt of this mini magazine, phoned me a few weeks prior to Christmas, with several questions, some with slight of complaint! One being, that I had not included a tribute to Albie Wycherley, who sadly died last September. Unfortunately, I never knew that Albie had passed on, although I had seen The Merseybeats at a show shortly after his death, none would have thought to inform me, I rectify with the following piece:



Billy Fury's brother Albie Wycherley

Liverpool star Billy Fury's brother Albie Wycherley has died at the age of 68, he had been in poor health for several years, and lost his long battle with illness on Monday 5th September. He fronted 60s band The Centremen and developed a highly praised repertoire of Billy Fury material. Albie who also went by the stage name Jason Eddie. Their first record, Whatcha Gonna Do Baby, was released on Parlophone in 1965 During early 1966, they made the follow-up, Singing The Blues, reached the top 30.

Funeral report by Mags Cummings

There was a large turnout to say farewell to Albie, who arrived at the church in a horse drawn glass carriage on a beautiful sunny day. There was a second car carrying flowers from friends and close family including a heart shaped blue and white wreath from BFITTOY. We entered the church to 'Helpless', Albie's beautiful recording. The first hymn was 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. Lynne Amena and Colin Paul, both close friends of Albie gave the Family Tribute, telling of happy times with him and how much they loved and will miss him and his wonderful sense of humour. He always had time for people and enjoyed chatting and of course singing both as Jason Eddie and then with his tribute to his much loved and missed brother Billy. Colin said that Albie taught him a lot of stagecraft and after one appearance told him never to wear trousers with white pockets while sharing his stage ever again....just not professional!

St Anne's is Jean's family church and her ex-vicar The Reverend Jonathan Anders came out of retirement to do a reading from Ecclesiastes and a prayer, showing the love and respect he has for her and Albie. A beautiful rendition of 'I Will' was then sung and played on keyboards by Dave from 'Liverpool Express' who used to play with Albie, most memorably at Rivington Barn. This was followed by an address from The Venerable Bob Metcalf which was very moving. After The Lord's Prayer we sang 'The Old Rugged Cross' and there was the Commendation and Blessing. We all exited the church to a recording of 'In Thoughts Of You' from one of Albie's live shows. We then made our way to Springwood Crematorium, a beautiful place in a lovely area taking a detour past 'Wondrous Place', Jean's home which was once home to Albie too. 'Helpless' was played through loudspeakers and everyone stood in silence as the coffin was removed from the carriage once more for Albie's last journey. After a brief prayer we said our final tearful goodbyes and left to be met by Jean who was so brave and took the time to have a word with everyone even though she was very distressed. We were invited to Woolton Golf Club which we got very lost trying to find but eventually arrived to a marvellous buffet and we had a chance to catch up with everybody and reminisce about our dear friend who we will all miss so much. Again, Jean was chatting to everyone and most people got the opportunity for a quiet moment with her. She says she doesn't know what she'll do after losing another beloved son but we pray she'll come through in the knowledge that so many people love her and will be there for her. We'll never forget you darling Albie and we'll love you forever and we love you too Jean, you are a very special lady. xxx

Donations to 'Mersey Kidney Research' or 'The British Heart Foundation' can be made c/o Pearson Collinson Funeral Directors, 87-91 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DD and will be given in Albie's memory.