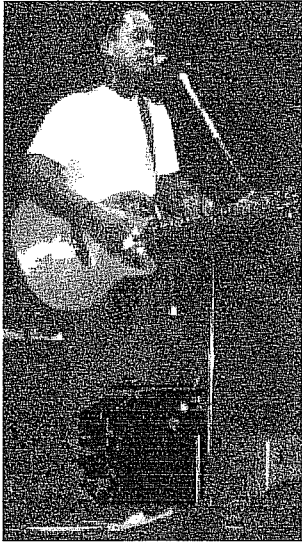


'Trevor John Band' Plays At Herriard



I arrived at Herriard Ex-Services Club on Saturday 17 June with no preconceived ideas of who the Trevor John Band were or indeed what kind of music they played. A friend of mine had organised the evening and had suggested that perhaps I could make up a group to go along; a girl's night was in the making! The band turned out to be one of the best I have ever heard including the many professional bands I have seen!

About The Band

The band was formed just over four years ago. Trevor John was a soloist at the time. Trevor Parsons (lead guitar), Jez Shipton (lead guitar/keyboard) and Dave Warwick (bass guitar) had their own band called 'The Rock Bottom Blues Band'. Drummer Simon Gray was in a band called 'Annie Hates Cordial' who were Portsmouth 'Battle of the Bands' winners.

The band was formed purely by accident. They were all doing a gig with their own bands at Sheet Village Hall, with Trevor John performing first. The blues band was up next but their drummer and lead singer never showed up so Simon and Trevor John stepped in and that's how the Trevor John Band was formed.

Since then the band has performed a couple of times for Amnesty International, both being at fairly large venues in Portsmouth, as well as headlining a big charity gig at Hayling Island.

The Performance

The band normally start all their performances with a 45 minute acoustic set, playing Eagles, Bob Dylan, Tracey Chapman and other similar music. This is followed by 2 x 45 minute electric sets which comprise of U2, Led Zeppelin, Bryan Adams to name just a few. The second and third set vary in beat depending on if they are in a pub or a venue whether there is space to dance.



When I spoke to Trevor John he told me that they never practice as they are so busy with their full-time jobs which include a coach maker, roadie and design artist. They simply turn up on the night and decide what to play! To hear them play you would not believe they never practiced and with over 160 songs in their repertoire there was something for everybody. The age group on Saturday was varied from teenagers to 40+ and by the end of the evening not a soul was sitting, you simply could not resist the beat and rhythm. The crowd were pleading for more and after several encores sadly the evening had to come to an end.

If you have not heard the Trevor John Band perform, I would seriously suggest it. The whole performance could be described as faultless despite being one band member down that evening. Trevor John's voice could knock the spots off some of the singers the band did cover versions of. The guitarists were brilliant and the drummer played with such an energy it made you feel faint.

If you would like to find out more about the Trevor John Band or like to book them you can Email Trevor John at nuttytrev@aol.com