



Northern Nashville Country Music Club

December 2007 Newsletter

Well we're now on the countdown to Christmas; can you believe almost at the end of another year.

We had another great night on Friday - once again, country music at its best supplied by Country Features and Joe Moore, both from the north of Ireland.

Country Features were over at Easter and came along to the Festival. Whilst here we got chatting to them and knew they would be interested in a date in the club as they are trying to get themselves established over here.

After hearing their CD played frequently on Caithness F.M. by our own country D.J., Davie Mac, we thought they would go down well in the club and we weren't wrong. They are a very friendly down to earth couple who had a ball on Friday night. They were well impressed by the club and remarked how welcome they were made to feel.

Joe, true to form, strolled in as if he had all the time in the world. However, I know he didn't have time to eat as he and the band were tucking into chips at the break - don't know how much they managed to get for themselves as everyone that passed in the corridor asked for a chip!

Joe has just returned from a tour around the Melbourne area of Australia. He had a great time, so much so, that he's heading back again in the Spring. Now, whilst I think it's a great opportunity for Joe, it certainly has repercussions for us as he is unsure whether or not he will make the Festival.

I'm sure Joe would get a great reception at the Festival so fingers crossed. If not, it's back to the drawing board again - another major nightmare for Davie. It always happens once we've got the fliers and posters organised and start advertising!

Anyway back to Friday night...whilst standing listening to Joe during the cabaret spot, I could actually feel the hairs standing up at the back of my neck. What an amazing voice; its uncanny the sound he produces and singing the style of country music fitting for a country club. This time Joe and his brother were joined on stage by steel player Alan Thompson. The sound of the steel also makes a big difference to a band.

Joe is usually very casually dressed but he looked very smart on Friday night in a dark suit, snake's skin shoes and black Stetson bought in Australia (minus corks). Poor Joe must have been sick of Sandy asking him to do another number - just because you don't want to go home Sandy, the bands do! They were waiting to travel south to play a gig in Ireland on Saturday night.

In less than two weeks we will be back again for our Christmas Show. On Friday the 14th we have, from Ireland, the Trevor Moyles Band joined by Manson Grant & The Dynamos, and on Saturday the 15th Manson plays all evening.

This will be Trevor's first time in the club but I'm confident it won't be the last; you will be pleading with us to take him back.

Trevor is a young man from Crossmolina who has recently been making a big impression on the music industry.

He has a pretty unique voice and it will be obvious once you listen to him that Declan Nerney was a big influence on him. However, he claims that he was introduced to country music by listening to the music of Marty Robbins, George Jones & Elvis Presley.

Trevor, who comes from a very musical family, started singing in local bars where he realised that his dream was to be a country music singer. He has two brothers playing in the band, Jason who plays lead guitar, steel & vocals and the baby of the bunch, Stuart, on drums.

I've seen Trevor play and he puts on more than a show; it's definitely an experience.

Saturday night we will have Manson all night so we know we are in for a great night - definitely a party atmosphere with loads of fun.

In keeping with the new Tesco store, we will also be offering bargains; Friday night prices will be the same as usual, however, Saturday will be £5 admission unless you have been in on Friday in which case it will cost only £3 or £11 for both shows.

I hope to be having the night off so I can come along with my work mates and do nothing for a change – better remember to let my boys know.

Just thought, I will need to find something to wear; normally have the easy option and just pull on the uniform!

Speaking of work nights out, all will be welcome to come along and join the fun so just give us a ring. We will reserve tables for companies, allowing you to go for a meal without rushing because you have to get a seat.

The Dynamos are playing in the British Legion for their Christmas Eve and Hogmanay shows; tickets are on sale now, a good night guaranteed.

This will probably be my last newsletter of the year. We will be too busy in the run up to Christmas and I have loads of paperwork to do for the Festival.

Speaking of Christmas, if you are still looking for a gift for someone, why not treat them to a ticket for the Festival - TICKET TELEPHONE NO: 01847 892624 – or a membership for Nashville.

I think we have some good bands to kick the New Year off. January sees the return of Stephen Smythe, and February, after a long overdue absence, the ever popular Eamon McCann.

Stephen will be supported by The New Kate Bain Band. This will probably be the first time we will get to hear Kate with her new line up so something to look forward to.

Well, I think that's it for now.

I would like to wish you all the best for Christmas and a healthy happy New Year.

Thanks for your support throughout the year,

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