



# Northern Nashville Country Music Club

## October 2008 Newsletter

Another month has gone again and dare I mention Christmas is looming up on us I notice that some shops have their cards on sale scary!!!

Maybe Friday's night show didn't please the members who like Irish music, but there's no one can dispute the fact that it was a great night with live country music at its best.

The support band for the night was Springfield. This five piece band are no strangers to us they have played in the club several times before. They cover a wide cross section of country music ranging from relatively new country to some great standards like Jim Reeves, which particularly suits the lead singers' voice.

Top of the bill was a band called Lemon Grass who travelled from Cumbria to be with us, this was their first time in the north and I hope it won't be their last. I hadn't heard them before apart from in magazines where they always received rave reviews.

The band consists of founder member Malcolm Mason and daughter Caroline, along with Colin Gibson (from Echlefechan) on steel and vocals. Colin has been in the club before when he played with the Diesel Cowboys.

Malcolm has been involved with the music scene since the late 60's and has kept the band together, with various line ups. He has a great country voice which particularly lends itself to George Strait and Randy Travis numbers. Colin on the other hand sounds so much like Vince Gill its uncanny, I thought his version of 'If You Ever' was tremendous.

Caroline just has a great voice and can sing anything from the very up to date like Deena Carter, Dixie Chicks and Shania Twain or the classics of Patsy Cline. Her voice is amazing for someone so small, she felt she wasn't up to scratch as she had a cold but she certainly went down a storm.

As usual by one o'clock we wouldn't let them off the stage, and the poor souls were travelling all the way home. Caroline said that on the way up they wondered if they would ever get here but were glad they did and so are we.

I bought a copy of their CD called 'Somewhere Tonight' - twelve tracks with a great selection of cover versions, well sung, clearly demonstrating why Lemon Grass is one of the top British bands in country music.

Friday night saw the usual end of September with birthdays, lots of members also the committee Isobel, (our compere Sandy Gordon's partner) had her birthday on Friday, Sandy himself on Monday.

Myself, Davie Shearer's wife Barbara, along with Ethel our visitor joining us from Virginia Beach in the USA all celebrated our birthdays on Sunday. I would like to thank My Boys very much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers they gave me and the Legion staff for the bottle of vodka.

Sandy Gordon was quite fly as we had Davie Mac and Zoe out wishing them all the best on their engagement and he never mentioned that he and Isobel had also gotten engaged, but we did manage to get it slipped in – must be something in the water these days!

A crowd of us are heading off to Aberdeen on Friday to the Manson Grant and The Dynamos Fan Club weekend. This one will be tinged with sadness so soon after the death of John Innes, who organised all the travelling arrangements for Top Country Holiday events, and worked hard with Manson and Robert to ensure they ran smoothly. I'm sure we will all have a good weekend - I know I will as my favourite artist, Frank Jansen, is playing. It's a wee while since I've heard him so I can't wait. No doubt I'll bore you all silly next time with the news of the weekend.

Next months show we have top of the bill Gary Gamble and no doubt Daniel O'Donnell will show up also courtesy of Gary. They are supported by Western Rhythm another popular act in the club.

November we have a change of band. Dez Walters was booked but he is now based in sunny Spain and won't be in Scotland, but he has arranged for Red Canyon to cover the date - this will suit Sandy Gordon as Nicky and the band are one of his favourites. Top of the bill is another of his favourites The Jacks. They took our festival by storm this year and I am sure they will do the same in the club in November.

I don't think there is much more to tell you all this month, so until next time

Keep it Country

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