

Melanie's Red Fleece Biography

Melanie's Red Fleece has been together in one form or another since the end of 2000. Their influences are mainly from the 60's and 70's rock and blues era such as Led Zeppelin, Cream, Floyd and Santana. "We love the music with a real passion", says Steve the lead singer "and because most of the songs we cover are by guys or groups from yesteryear this is the only way you can experience what it was like to hear them back then. We use old valve gear where we can to give our sound a classic edge and do all of our recording without editing, punching, pinging or additional tracks, pretty much as live but without an audience. But seeing us live not only gives the audience a buzz but we really get off on it. If the crowds real hot we send Simon off into the audience to run riot whilst he plays some awesome blues guitar. Quite reminiscent to Angus Young at times!"

MRF have played many gigs in pubs, clubs, parties, breweries, biker events, festivals, weddings, charity events and Universities. It all started when a bunch of forty-somethings with similar musical tastes and performing ambitions got together to jam at a farmhouse in South Norfolk. Steve has been playing since the sixties. He organised a band at school, which several years later reformed to do a one off album. The band had had so much fun that they decided to reform and that was the beginning of MRF; Kevin started drumming in 1978 in the Liverpool punk band, 'Those Naughty Lumps', who recorded two singles on the cult 'Zoo' label. His claim to fame was when John Lyndon (aka Johnny Rotten of the Sex Pistols) gave him his pint whilst playing. Although he spent many years in punk bands Kevin would describe himself as a "jazz come fusion drummer". Rose had been in a number of blues based bands before MRF. She was originally with Kevin in a previous band but was headhunted along with Kevin. Si is the new boy joining mid '03. He has played with a diverse bunch from thrash metal bands, AC/DC tribute bands, funk bands and blues bands. He has done a lot of studio work appearing on 14+CD's and is a dab hand at studio production. And he is not afraid to mingle with the crowd whilst playing live. Although a guitarist for MRF Simon also moonlights with SonicStorm as their lead singer.

The band are all based in Norfolk, Steve and Rose are near Diss, Kevin's in Norwich and Simons in Wymondham. The band (except one member) have either a masters degree or a PhD. The average age is 46 Years old! Melanie's Red Fleece play stuff they like, and they hope you like some of it, too. Old hippies don't die; they just get a job in East Anglia. So come and groove with MRF; we know where you live!

Music play list includes; Pink Floyd, Cream, Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Gary Moore, Santana, The Animals, Fleetwood Mac, The Doors and many more...

Fans Quotes-

"There has only been 1 better band at doing Hendrix stuff and that was Hendrix himself" – Charles – Tivetshall Railway (on Live CD)

"The best guitarist I've seen in a long while" – Keith - The Railway

"The best band I've ever seen, come back ASAP" – Julie – The Cherry Tree

"There's nothing out there like you guys offer, your gonna capture a whole new market" – Dave - Blueberry

"Wow, simply the most heart wrenching, ballsy blues I've heard in a long time" – Dave D – Eli 2nd

and many more...

MRF are;



Kevin Wilkinson – Drums.

Music – Floyd, Cream & Rush

Favourite Artists – Ginger Baker, Keith Moon & Phil Collins

Equipment – Premier with Zylgian Cymbals



Rose Robinson – Bass

Music – Stones, The Who, The Animals

Favourite Artists – John Entwistle & Jack Bruce.

Equipment - Fender RGX Fretless – HH Bass Amp



Simon Devlin – Guitar/Vocals

Music – John Mayall, Thin Lizzy, Led Zeppelin

Favourite Artists – Hendrix, Peter Green & Angus Young

Equipment - Music Man Silhouette – Fender Cyber Twin Amp



Steve Robinson – Organ/Vocals

Music – Family, Vanilla Fudge & Cream

Favourite Artists – John Lord, Rick Wakeman & Eric Clapton

Equipment – Casio Keyboard

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