

Carol Stevens & JD Brothers

Carol Stevens, Dave Watson and Dek Jackson are the three members of this popular band who hail from the Newcastle/Gateshead area and who have been together for about 10 years now. They started off as a four piece band but have now reduced to a three piece. The name of the JD Brothers is derived from Dave and Dek's favourite drink, Jack Daniels.

Carol has worked all over the world entertaining people as a singer and musician playing the keyboards in Germany, Ireland, Tenerife, United Arab Emirates and the United States to name just a few. She learnt her trade at Trinity College of Music to eighth grade piano. At just 10 years of age she appeared at the Newcastle City Hall. Later she returned to the same venue but this time to support the well known Lindisfarne. Carol is also a songwriter and has had many songs played on radio and has had three songs accepted by BMI in Nashville. Whilst over in America she has played Tootsies bar in Nashville, the Stockyards Opry, Fort Worth for two years running and has also sung at Billy Bobs in Fort Worth. When she was at the Stockyards there were auditions being held, so taking part there brought an offer to entertain and also a return visit was requested for the following year offering a tour but due to family bereavements in a very short space of time, this offer was unable to be taken up. At the moment she is travelling with the JD Brothers and also works as a duo and a soloist.

Dave Watson, Carol's husband, has performed as a singer for many years in the rock band Helsinki which had a great following in the north east and all over Europe. He then went on to form the band, Jynx which again was a great success. Dave has a superb voice and is a great front man for the band and keeps the crowds entertained. Dave and Carol also entertain as a duo with the very apt name Double Trouble! In their act under that name, they cover songs from



Dek & Dave.

He has also had a song performed on the Eurovision Song Contest and has been number four in the Heavy Metal charts with Alvin Lee, Wrong Side Of The Law. Dek has also appeared on four major pop shows and was also the guitarist on the major number one song, Feels Like I'm In Love. He too entertains as a soloist under his own name covering mainly 60s music and rock 'n' roll.

When you put these three exceptional artists together you have a wealth of talent which shows in the production of their show, Country Meets Rock. They are currently working in the UK with a residency at the Wardley British Legion Club near Gateshead where visitors are always welcome. The band are so popular that they play to capacity audiences everywhere they go. Their latest Country album, Warts 'n' All is available from cs.jdbros@btinternet.com.

If you don't see them before, you can catch up with them at the British Country Music Hall of Fame ceremony in September when they will be setting the tone for the weekend on the Friday evening. Along with Dek's fantastic guitar skills, you will hear all your favourite music performed in a style all their own.

way back to present day but not normally Country music as the duo unless it is requested.

Dek Jackson is a former member of the band Geordie with Brian Johnson of AC/DC and Panama. He has written many songs such as the Geordie chart hit, Treat Her Like A Lady and has penned five singles and one LP. One of these songs was a hit in Europe.



Dave & Carol.

