

ALL TOGETHER NOW

It's been a busy three years since we put together our first album "It's Grim Up North". Mick's written some more songs, Rick's acquired a set of Scottish small pipes that don't take the plaster off the ceiling like the big ones, and he and Pete have perfected a new selection of traditional tunes, so we thought it was time for another album. The result is "All Together Now" and we hope there's a bit of something for everybody. Mick's whimsical songs and lively tunes showing off the lads' instrumental skills

No Escape describes how far we've come since Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone

Tesco Asbo Lotto was inspired by our Prime Minister's search for a motto to sum up modern England: Mick reckons this is it.

The Blackberry Bush is the first of three instrumental tracks and features Rick on the small pipes

Something For The Weekend is a follow-up to the Ballad of Ellenroad on our first album and describes the wonders to be enjoyed at the Ellenroad Steam Museum, home of the world's largest working steam engine

It's Grim Up North is an update of the iconic original with an extra verse, written and first performed at *The George*, one of our favourite pubs in the Yorkshire Dales, where the bog is indeed across the yard.

The Three Sea Captains is a traditional Irish tune with Pete taking the lead on mandola

The Calico Printer's Clerk comes from a long folk tradition of cautionary tales about love betrayed. This one's a Victorian ballad but the story is timeless

The Bags are in Bangkok is a commentary on the delights of modern air travel Mick adds Fender Stratocaster to the trusty acoustic on this one

The Blackthorn Stick / Kesh Jig are Irish dance tunes played here by Pete on banjo and Rick on mandolin

Face to Face traces The Moonshiners history in the style of "One More Song" from our first album. If it sounds like it was recorded after a session in the pub you won't be far wrong. All together now!

And finally...

Tim Bobbin or John Collier was a man of many parts writer, engraver, a satirist who delighted in making fun of authority but probably best known for his writings in Lancashire dialect Here Mick has written a song in traditional style to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Tim Bobbin's birth.

All words and music written by Mick Bailey, except *The Calico Printer's Clerk*. The instrumentals are traditional tunes arranged by Mick and fellow Moonshiners Pete McGuinness and Rick Macallan. All proceeds from the sale of this CD will be donated to Crossroads Caring for Carers and other local charities.

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