

An introduction to Cold Flame in 2018



COLD FLAME

Pat Rowbottom - vocals, electric and acoustic bass guitars

Rob Barnes - vocals, lead and acoustic guitars

Phil Marke - drums & percussion

Joe Orban – keyboards

Mark Parkinson – flute, piccolo

David Conner- guitar

Cold Flame were formed in 1984 in Glossop, Derbyshire, England by bassist, singer/songwriter Pat Rowbottom. The original four-piece band featuring vocals, guitar, bass and drums began primarily as a blues based act brought up on the classic British blues and rock bands of the late 1960's and early 1970's. Most of the band's early setlists performed around the Greater Manchester music circuit featured original music with the occasional crowd-pleasing blues or rock cover added – a trend that continues to this day. Over the years, there has been occasional line-up changes but Pat has remained as band leader, main songwriter and driving force. This has enabled the band to evolve and develop both as a live and studio act still relevant more than 34 years later. Today, Cold Flame present audiences with a varied range of musical genres whilst remaining close to their blues roots. This development is clearly registered in the band's approach to both live concerts and studio recording. Performing mostly in the north of England and the Midlands, Cold Flame have nevertheless toured right across the country in small and medium sized indoor venues mostly as a headlining act. Additionally, Cold Flame are no strangers to the big stage having supported some of the more established 'name' rock acts in Britain including Uriah Heep, Curved Air, Dr. Feelgood, Hawkwind, The Hamsters and Solstice. The band have also performed concerts and festivals in various European countries including France, Italy, Poland, Spain, Austria and Greece sharing stages with many more well known acts from the rock, blues and folk rock music worlds.

Cold Flame are a visual band, featuring excellent musicianship and quality original songs with an emphasis on entertaining audiences. The band has extensive experience in performing both in indoor and outdoor settings from small pubs and clubs to music festivals, biker rallies and real ale events as well as getting involved in local, regional and national charity events.





Still Burning the Blues

Whilst the band has spent considerable time in several recording studios over the years which in turn, has gained the band a solid reputation as an experienced recording group, Cold Flame remain an active live act performing both electric and acoustic shows with an emphasis on original material as well as special feature shows highlighting the unique music of the quintessential British band - Jethro Tull. A typical Cold Flame live show lasts for approx. two hours' duration. These can be either one full long set or two one-hour sets with a short interval. Live shows performed by Cold Flame highlight the band's original blues and folk-rock songs many of which have been released on their studio albums. Cold Flame can also offer a mix of blues rock covers mainly spanning the decades from the 1960s through to the 1980s. This material is presented with a more modern and individual twist.

2018 will once more see the band performing live shows across the UK with many indoor and outdoor gigs confirmed. Old stage favourites will feature alongside new material. Expect to hear original songs from the band's forthcoming new studio album performed on stage for the first time. All confirmed gigs are posted on the band's website and social media pages. Cold Flame will always consider new opportunities both from the UK and abroad and the band can be contacted directly via their various website links as well as via info@cold-flame.co.uk See separate section for link addresses.

Cold Flame in the Studio

In a career spanning well over 30 years, the band have recorded several acclaimed studio albums together with a couple of live album releases beginning with the band's first official studio album 'On Thin Ice' which was released in 1991. The band was briefly signed to EMI in the late 1990s but most of their albums have been, and continue to be, independent releases. Cold Flame's most recent albums include the original progressive blues rock of 'A Stitch in Time' released in 2015 as well as 'One Man's Wood' [the band's 17th album release] released in June 2016 - a collection of new original and traditional acoustic blues and folk-rock tunes. A Christmas single 'Thoughts from the heart' was released in December 2017. Both these albums and the single, like all other band merchandise, are available direct from the band as well as on iTunes and Amazon.

Much of the band's back catalogue has been recorded mixed and mastered at Shipwreck Studios in their home town of Glossop. More recently, several other studios have been used.

During the last few months, armed with a number of new pieces of music, the band have returned to the studio once again and are currently working on a brand new electric album at Starring Studios in Littleborough, Lancashire with engineer Neil Scales. This album which will feature completely new original material is scheduled for release around mid-summer 2018. Entitled 'Waiting for God' the new music is described by the band as a concept album both in musical and lyrical content, combining prog and folk rock elements within a modern blues setting. Most of the material scheduled to feature on the new release has been written by band leader/ frontman Pat but guitarist Rob has also written three songs for this project.

Cold Flame perform the music of Jethro Tull



Throughout the band's history, Cold Flame have performed music by British prog folk rock giants Jethro Tull. Having a flute player in the band line up since 1997, the band have been able to present a full-blown tribute show which has earned Cold Flame the reputation as being one of the leading Jethro Tull tribute acts in the UK and Europe. The Jethro Tull tribute show as performed by Cold Flame over the last 20 years, has seen the band headline indoor and outdoor shows, rock festivals and blues clubs both across the UK as well as in Italy, Spain and France. They have been featured on European radio stations as well as on UK local and regional radio. During this time, there has been a strong link with musicians from Jethro Tull. Cold Flame have performed with ex Tull members Clive Bunker, Mick Abrahams, the late Glenn Cornick, Paul Burgess, Martin Allcock and Gerry Conway as well as Tull guest musician and international violinist Anna Phoebe. Cold Flame have also supported two Jethro Tull off-shoot bands in Blodwyn Pig and Wild Turkey. The current Cold Flame Jethro Tull tribute show features Chorley musician - flautist Mark Parkinson who replaced multi-instrumentalist Peter Cheetham in 2014. Cold Flame continue to perform occasional electric and acoustic Jethro Tull tribute shows around the UK and look forward to returning to mainland Europe for additional shows in the future. Material covered in these tribute concerts showcases many of the greatest hits of Jethro Tull such as Living in the Past, Locomotive Breath and Thick as a Brick as well as lesser known Tull gems in a two hour plus show full of visual and musical highlights showcasing the collective and individual talents of the 5-piece band. See the band guide on the official website for the latest Jethro Tull tribute shows.

Album Reviews

<http://cashboxcanada.ca/7022/cold-flame-stitch-time>

<http://rockintheblues.wix.com/lucas-campbell-music/apps/blog/cold-flame-one-mans-wood-cd-album>

Radio Shows

Promoting the band through radio plays and interviews has been an ongoing part of the band's focus in recent years. This has reflected interest from radio DJs and audiences in the band's original acoustic music as well as tying in with new album releases. Cold Flame have linked up with various local, regional and independent radio stations for many years both in the UK as well as occasionally in Europe, Canada, USA, Australia and South America. This has led to several 'live sessions', particularly within the last few years, with the band promoting new music in support of an album release in various regional radio studios. Always popular on radio, Cold Flame continue to receive airplay across the UK and beyond.

You tube Links

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwPp7Ou0yiY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnMEDnmruNo>

Band Links

www.coldflame.com

www.facebook.com/ColdFlameBluesUK

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