

# Newsletter produced by Lee Fry in association with The Sound of Fury Fan Club Issue 2: October – December 2019



Hi again!  
A big welcome to all the new members of the fan club and an even bigger thank you to all members who continue to support us. If you've got any friends who are Billy fans and not members please tell them about the fan club and how they can join – simply email [soundoffurysecretary@gmail.com](mailto:soundoffurysecretary@gmail.com) or write to – The Sound of Fury Fan Club, P.O. Box 157, Frodsham, WA6 1BY

## New Releases.....

CD compilation from Bear-Family Records released 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019



The second CD from Bear-Family Record's the "Brit's Are Rocking" set, focuses on Billy and contains 34 tracks of Decca remastered recordings made between 1958 and 1964, incl. eight masters from the iconic 'The Sound Of Fury' album, plus an illustrated 36-page booklet. Price £14.20 + postage. Order via the website <https://www.bear-family.com>

The Sound of Fury re-issued on Vinyl and CD by Shellac Records – available from September 2019



No further details are available about this release yet, but keep a look out. You can pre-order from this website. <https://www.hhv.de/shop/en/item/billy-fury-the-sound-of-fury-677700?p=84|QE0>

Jess Conrad has recorded a tribute track to Billy, which was played on his recent radio interview with Radio Woking. You can listen to the full interview and the track in the attached .mp3 file or the enclosed CD. Below – Billy, Cliff and Jess.



PAT YOUNG IN ASSOCIATION WITH JOHN BANNER PROMOTIONS  
**THE OTHER SIDE OF BILLY**  
CELEBRATING THE 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF  
**BILLY FURY**  
WITH COUNTRY AND WESTERN

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**BILLY FURY**

**ROB DEE** **TANYA TAYLOR** **STEVE CONWAY**

HUNTINGDON HALL WORCESTER WR1 2ES  
FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020  
(7.30pm – 10.00pm)  
BOX OFFICE – 01905 611427  
**ALL TICKETS £ 18**  
TEL: PAT YOUNG 07814 732278  
TEL: JOHN BANNER 07780 671442

A very special concert has been organised by Pat Young in association with John Banner Promotions. This Country & Western themed event held at Huntingdon Hall, Worcester celebrates Billy's love of C&W music and takes place on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 – which would've been Billy's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!  
Tickets are available now at £18 each – see poster (left) for more information. This will be a terrific night. Don't miss out!

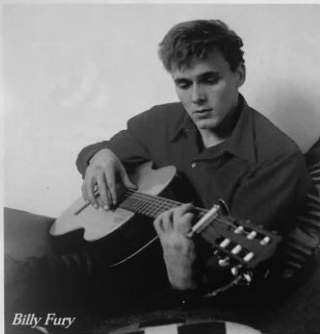
*Exclusive 2020 calendars are now available to order via the fan club. These are always super nice quality with 12 amazing pictures of Billy. Order now for just £10 Inc. P&P*

# Billy's unfinished lyrics given a whole new sound.....

Handwritten song lyrics written by Billy and found in the back of an old record player have now been turned into a brand new track by talented 14 year old River Hopkins.

Read the amazing full story below - taken from the August issue of Rock & Roll magazine. You can listen to the track on YouTube with this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3HYZXcf-M>

## New Billy Fury song discovered and due for release



Billy Fury



River Hopkins

This magazine receives hundreds of pieces of correspondence every week, and whilst all are interesting, and many are worthy of inclusion in the magazine, its not very often that something pops up that genuinely gets us hot under the collar. A recent email from David Hopkins did just that. The email simply said: Hi Johnny, In 1985 I did some charity work for Billy Fury's mum, and she gave me his first record player to say thank you. When she emptied it, there were unused song lyrics amongst photos and records. I was allowed to copy the lyrics, and my son who is now 14 has completed and recorded the song. The quality is very good. We are not yet ready to promote the song, but have attached a copy, please don't share it yet. When we are ready would you write a story about it?

Kind regards

David

That certainly got our attention!

After discussion over the past month, David has confirmed that the new song, 'Because Of You', performed by his son River, will be released on 20th July 2019.

I asked David for a bit more info to whet our appetites prior to the release of the song and David's son, River, takes up the story:

"In 1985/86 at the age of 14, my dad sang at some shows around Liverpool for different charities including the Billy Fury Heart Foundation. After a show at the John Lennon rooms he was invited to tea by Billy's mum, and she gave him Billy's first record player, which she told him was bought with his first royalty payment. He thought it would be a little Dansette, but it was a huge Decca Stereogram.

Whilst emptying the compartments of the record player she found lots of photographs and records. Amongst them were two paper photograph folders, and on the back were incomplete handwritten lyrics. The first was an early version of "If I Lose You" which bore no resemblance to the song released in 1962, other than the last line "Guess I'll have to try and get along without you". The other page

was something new. He had probably started to write songs on a short visit home, and then left them behind. My Dad was allowed to make a copy of the words, (including the spelling mistakes) and Jean ripped a piece from one of the folders to write them on. Attempts were made to complete the song at the time, but nothing came of it.

I am now 14, and decided it was time to complete the project, and it has not been easy. It is 2019, and I wanted to create something modern enough to be played on the radio, but without losing Billy's style. Trying to please everyone is difficult, but the feedback so far has been really positive, and whether people like my interpretation or not, I can say that I have written a song with Billy Fury, and to me that is special.

We still have the record player. It is in the living room and we don't clean the inside as it will have his fingerprints on it. There are coffee rings on the top, which were probably made by Billy, as my dad says that Jean would have used a coaster.

I have been playing guitar for seven years, but my voice only broke six months ago, so I am still trying to find out what kind of voice I have. Due to my age I have missed out on so many great artists, and am discovering music that is new to me on an almost weekly basis. For instancel was busking a few weeks ago, and was approached by about twenty Parisienne women on their way to a David Bowie convention, demanding that I play some Bowie. I explained that I didn't know any, but googled the chords on my phone. I played guitar



I am still trying to trace the original handwritten lyrics. I know that they were with a disc that Billy cut called 'Have I told you lately that I love you', and that the thick paper folders were a yellowish colour, and made by a company called 'Iron Brand'. I have a couple of promising leads that are being followed up. These lyrics date from around 1960-61. In an age before The Beatles, Billy wrote his own songs before it became the normal thing to do, and I don't think he gets the credit he deserves. Elvis didn't write, and Cliff wrote very little. The Sound of Fury is the greatest rock and roll album ever made.

The song "It's Because of you" a Billy Fury/River Hopkins production is due to be released on iTunes on 20th July and the video will be available to watch on the UK Rock&Roll Magazine facebook page on the same day'

We have been given the privilege of an advanced copy of the song with its accompanying video, and it we are impressed. It combines a very 'Billy' lyric with a tune that totally does it justice, sounding very much early 60's, whilst also having a contemporary edge to it (there is a spoken word/rap into for instance). To the purists it may be sacrilege to bring a song to the public in a manner even remotely different to the style of that period, but for those who see rock'n'roll as a living thing, this new discovery and its crisp interpretation deserves praise.

## Clock goes back for Billy fans

Fans of one of Liverpool's first famous chart-topping pop singers of the Sixties, the late Billy Fury, are being treated to a night of nostalgia on Saturday - to raise funds for a cause which was close to his heart.

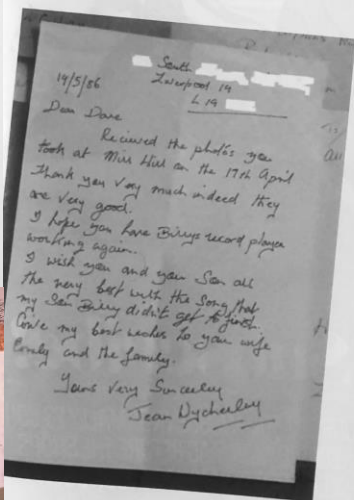
Billy's mother, Mrs Jean Wycherley, and his brother, Albert, who both live in South Liverpool, will be attending the special charity night.

It's being organised by the Liverpool based Billy Fury Appreciation Society, and proceeds are in aid of the Arthematic Society.

Billy Fury, whose early records included the chart hit "Bad Boy" (written by "Mad" Dog Graham and Norman Panama) died on January 20th, 1983, and suffered from arthritis for many years.

Mrs Jean Wycherley, a Billy Fury fan since the age of 12, has organised Saturday's Arthematic Fundraiser at the Liverpool Club in Mathew Street.

by David Williams  
Said the 38-year-old mother of three "One of my children has got arthritis, and I wanted to raise money for the national charity in this way."  
"There will be live music by Arthur 'Mad Dog Graham' and Norman Panama, as well as Billy's records, and there will be raffles with some of his LPs on price."  
Mrs Corneve believes this is the first organised Arthematic fundraiser at the Liverpool Club in Mathew Street.



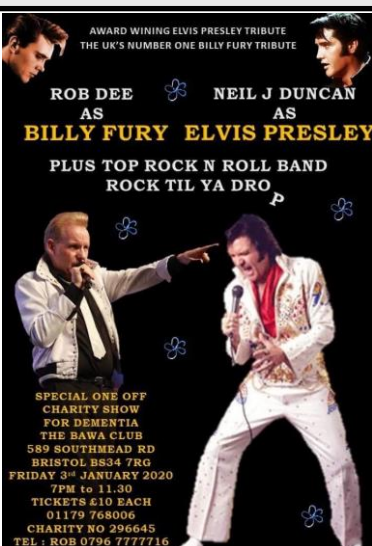
and they sang "Space Oddity" very loudly in the City Centre. I had never heard it before.



# Events Calendar

Date	Location	Details	Booking Information
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 1pm – 5pm	Mill Hill Cemetery, Milespit Lane, Mill Hill Meeting at St. Pauls Church Hall (postcode NW7 1QU) afterwards.	The Sound of Fury Fanclub meeting. Live entertainment, raffle, auction. Free Tea & coffee. Food contributions from attendees are very welcome.	No booking required. £3 on the door. For more details contact TSOFF Fanclub.
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 1pm – 5pm	63 – 65 Blundell Street, Liverpool	Billy tribute and entertainment with Alan Wilcox. Plus your chance to sing your favourite Billy song on stage. Raffle, auction and licensed bar.	No booking required. £3 on the door.
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 2pm – 5pm	The Coachmakers Arms, Great Yarmouth	“Billy” Alan Wilcox performs his Billy tribute	Free entry Tel: 01493 855895
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	The British Legion, Firth Fields, Davenham, Northwich CW9 8JB	Rob Dee as Billy Fury	Tel: Rob on 07967 777716 for more information.
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 3pm – 6pm	The Carlton, Lowestoft	“Billy” Alan Wilcox performs his special Billy tribute	Free Entry Tel: 01502 565709
26 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 2pm – 5pm	The Coachmakers Arms, Great Yarmouth	“Billy” Alan Wilcox performs his special Billy tribute	Free entry Tel: 01493 855895
26 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 9pm onwards	Ex-Serviceman Club, Lowestoft	“Billy” Alan Wilcox performs his special Billy tribute	Free entry Tel: 01502 572009
26 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Pevensey Holiday Park, Eastbourne	Rob Dee as Billy Fury	Tel: Rob on 07967 777716 for more information
2nd November 2019 9pm onwards	Pub On The Shrubs, Gorleston-On-Sea	“Billy” Alan Wilcox performs his special Billy tribute	Free Entry Tel: 01493 603780
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2019	Skegness Embassy Theatre, Skegness	Halfway To Paradise - The Billy Fury Story - a spectacular two hour show. Features original members of Fury’s Tornados the voice of Colin Gold.	Box Office: 01754 474100
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2019	Whitchurch Legion Club, Bristol	Rob Dee as Billy Fury	Tel: Rob on 07967 777716 for more information
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2019	Blackpool Grand Theatre, Blackpool	Halfway To Paradise - The Billy Fury Story - a spectacular two hour show. Features original members of Fury’s Tornados the voice of Colin Gold.	Box Office: 01253 290190
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8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Metropole Hotel, Blackpool	Rockin’ Like Fury at the Met. Billy Fury Tribute Weekend. Colin Paul & The Persuaders, Billy Dean, The Nutty Brothers, plus The Firebirds.	Tel: 01253 722300 for booking information, availability and pricing.

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9 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Ocean Room, Gorleston	"Legends" Show. Roy Orbison, Elvis Presley and Billy Fury.	Tickets £16 in advance or 18 on the door. Tel: 01493 667980
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Urmston Men's Club, Urmston Manchester	Colin Paul's "Billy & Friends Show"	Tel: 0161 748 2800
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 4:30pm start	The Clifton Arm's, Blackburn	Starring Colin Paul	Tel: 01254 672529
22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2019 9pm – midnight	Gorleston Social Club, The Green Bear, Gorleston on Sea	"Billy" Alan Wilcox performs his special Billy tribute	Free Entry Tel: 01493 655899
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Hoddeston Conservative Club, Hoddeston	"Billy" Alan Wilcox performs his special Billy tribute	Tel: 01992 466247 for details
30 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Bexhill Royal British Legion, Bexhill	Rob Dee as Billy Fury	Tel: Rob on 07967 777716 for more information
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 From 7pm.	The Golfers Arms, Great Yarmouth	East Coast Swing & Jive Club, starring "Billy" Alan Wilcox as Billy.	£3 per person Tel: 01493 850401
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Patricroft Conservative Club, Eccles, Manchester	Starring Colin Paul	Tel: 0161 789 3729
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road	Starring Colin Paul	Tel: 0161 485 1087
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22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019 AFTERNOON 4-7pm	Far Cotton Working Men's Club, Northampton	Elvis meets Billy Fury starring Johnny Red.	Tel: Johnny Red 07887 851427 or Simon Patrick 07880 770833
30 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Vauxhall Holiday Park, Great Yarmouth	Colin Paul's "Billy & Friends Show"	Tel: 07703 717201- email <a href="mailto:COLINPAUL1@HOTMAIL.COM">COLINPAUL1@HOTMAIL.COM</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020	The Bawa Club, Bristol	Special charity night in aid of Dementia. See below.	Tickets £10 each. Tel: 01179 768006 or contact Rob on 07967 777716



A special mention for this charity night in Bristol organised by our good friend Rob Dee in aid of Alzheimer's society charity. Rob's brother Neil will also be performing his award winning Elvis tribute. Rock Til Ya Drop will be playing a live set of classic Rock n Roll hits, plus a top DJ and a raffle. All the profits from the night will be going to the Alzheimer's society charity. This is a great gig for a great cause. Book now!

