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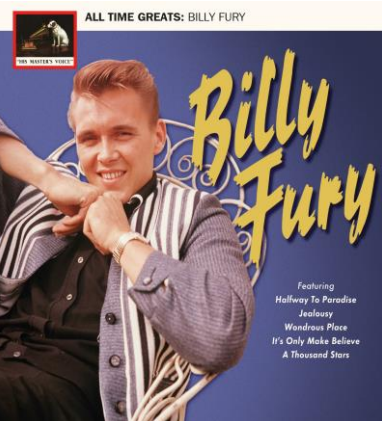
I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

This year promises to be a big year for Billy fans, as I'm sure you all know Billy would've turned 80 on April 17th and many events across the country have been organised to celebrate this special day.

2020 also marks the 60th anniversary of the outstanding classic Sound Of Fury LP.....here's hoping Decca Records get a grip and release something to mark the occasion.

To join the fanclub simply email soundoffurysecretary@gmail.com or write to - The Sound of Fury Fan Club, P.O. Box 157, Frodsham, WA6 1BY

New Releases / Re-Issues.....



ALL TIME GREATS - BILLY FURY. HMV (Spectrum/Universal)

Chris Eley reviews this HMV Exclusive CD

This 40 track double CD, most unusually featuring the HMV logo on the top left corner, is fine for what it is-a random selection of great Decca tracks from 1959-66 and three classic Polydor single A-sides. I would have closed the set with them but each to their own. There are no sleeve notes and regrettably it sports a well known but reversed image front cover which has spoiled this release for me-hold it up against a mirror and see how Billy should really look-so much better.

This was probably done in perhaps understandable ignorance or, unforgivably, deliberately so as to make the photo fit the artwork; when it should always be the other way around. It's been done with Elvis record sleeves many times and with Billy photos too. This is part of a range of budget releases featuring Chuck Berry, Bill Haley, The Bachelors etc. and is a snip at only £3.99. Pick it up, it's worth it and if it sells may well encourage the release of more CDs at a time when they are sadly fading out.



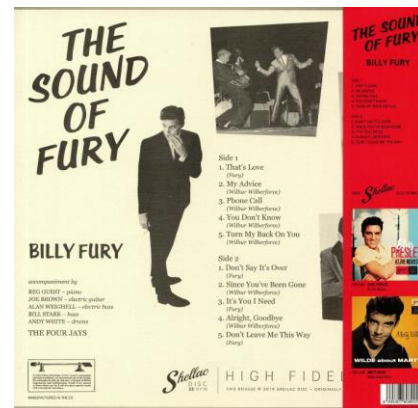
The Sound of Fury re-issued on 12 inch vinyl by Shellac Records – out now

Last time I reported that Shellac records were about to release a re-issue of The Sound Of Fury.

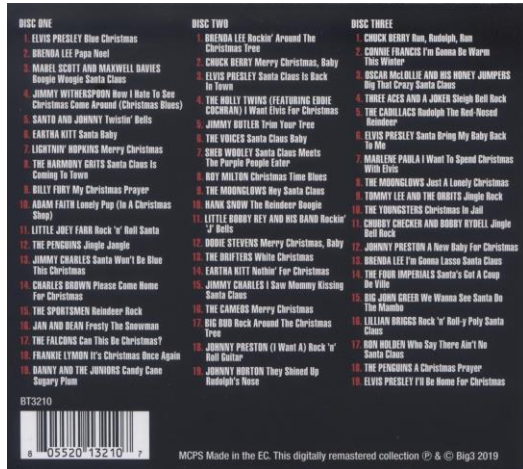
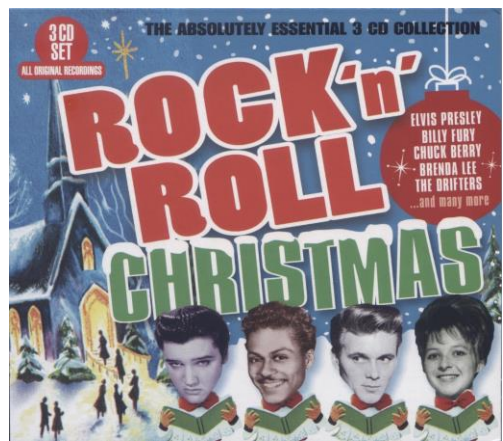
This is a great release, with a stunning near period front cover, but perhaps should've been issued in late May 2020 (60th Anniversary of release) and not have featured later period photos on the rear cover.

It's out now on 12" vinyl and available to order from a number of websites (copies are also appearing on E-bay).

The price ranges from £15 - £20.



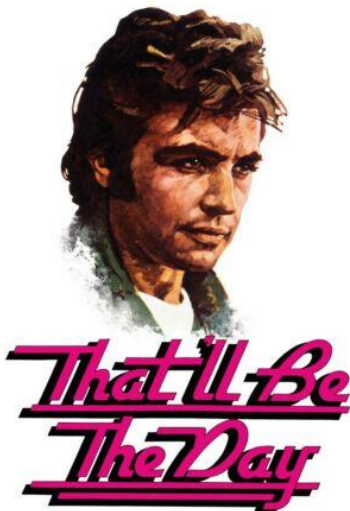
I bought this three CD oldies Christmas song collection in a supermarket, probably Asda, for around £3.99 as I recall. Just had to buy it because for once it features a small picture (actually my owned copyright and again a reversed image-but there you go), of Billy. My Christmas Prayer is of course here and Adam Faith with Lonely Pup, plus the Drifters wonderful version of White Christmas.



Among the Doo-Wop, R'n'B, novelty numbers etc. you will find Chuck's classic Run Rudolph Run and a few Elvis tracks, including the most mind-blowing Xmas track and one of the finest Rock'n'Roll songs of all-time, Santa Claus Is Back In Town. You will of course have these but if you have never heard the handful of tracks by Jimmy Charles (no-me neither until ten years ago), you are in for a treat-especially Santa Won't Be Blue This Christmas. Give it a whirl and have a break from the usual Christmas classics and seasonal audio turkeys!
Chris Eley.



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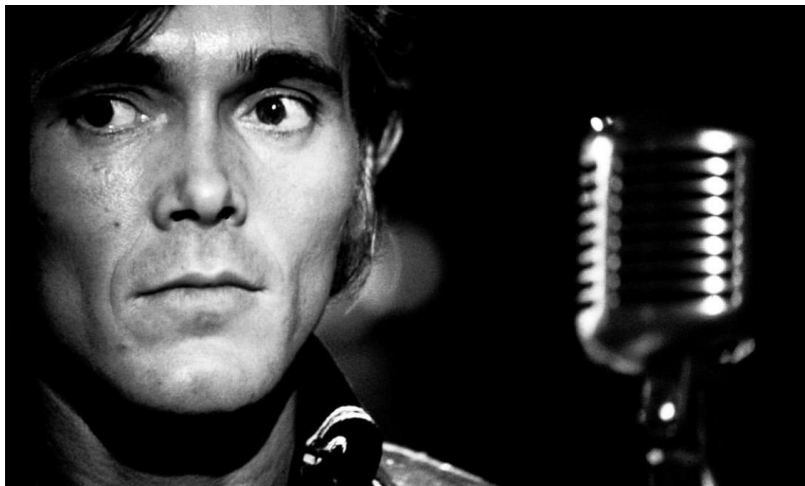
STARRING
DAVID ROSEMARY RINGO
ESSEX LEACH STARR
GUEST STARS JAMES DOOTH BILLY FURY KEITH MOON
DIRECTED BY
CLAUDE WHATHAM



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THAT'LL BE THE DAY. NEW DVD / BLU-RAY RELEASE

This classic film is about to see a release on Blu-ray and for anyone owning such a player is surely a must. Anyone wanting to know more about the film, and more especially Billy's wonderful cameo role in it, should refer to Sound of Fury Fan Club Magazines number 59 and 60 from 2017, in which it was comprehensively covered; with photos, ephemera and an exclusive interview response from Sir David Puttnam. *Chris Eley.*



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

DECCA'S TOP 20. A CELEBRATION OF 90 YEARS. BBC RADIO 2 ON SUNDAY 1st AND SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2019 - 9pm.

When I first heard about this programme, to be introduced by Sir Rod Stewart, I naturally assumed that it would feature one of the most successful singles artists, and famous and best live performers, and singer- songwriters the label ever contracted. When however I heard the four point selection criteria and no mention of, of course, our Billy in the adverts for the show-the penny began to drop. The criteria parroted was roughly from memory: Sales Figures, Critical Impact, Contemporary Relevance and Longevity I think. Added to this selection criteria there has been enormous and wonderful musical diversity on the label over the 90 years, and when they brought American Decca into the frame with worldwide legendary figures (Billie Holiday, Bill Haley, Judy Garland, Bing Crosby) it became obvious to the listener that Billy's comparative lack of success anywhere else in the world would debar him, or at best gain him a low place. They played the Tornados but didn't position place them or any early 60's pop act and so yet again, UK Rock'n'Roll and that magical period of the early 60's when Elvis, Billy, Adam and Cliff reigned supreme (until the Beat Groups), has been not just marginalised again ,but totally ignored. The Who and other bands were included. Even if Tommy Steele, (really big in his day), Billy and Eden Kane, Dave Berry etc. were not considered to warrant a placing, why not at least play them in the way that Bowie, The Flirtations (who?) and many others were played (but not placed)-in their case I think under the Deram Label section and/or the TV advert section. But why place Marianne Faithful and Lulu but not Billy, who was far bigger in his hey-day than either of them. Where also were the best selling Engelbert and Dickie Valentine, among others? With interviews included there is only so much time I know but to deny, not just the UK's NME Voted No2 singer of the early 60s, but in particular The Sound of Fury album (which was very influential in the UK and innovative before the Beatles), was surely wrong - no matter the criteria. A Top 30/40 would perhaps have been more appropriate. A lot of work obviously went into the programme and it was, in my view, pretty good, but whoever set up the criteria surely got it wrong. Poor old Billy has been let down yet again! We have seen this so often since we really started to promote Billy's legacy in 1997 and no doubt will again. He was so much more than just another Fabian like pretty boy of pop, and deserved at least a solid mention in this programme.

Chris Eley.



Footage of Billy singing Halfway to Paradise on The Russell Harty Show from 1976 recently appeared on YouTube for the first time.

Sadly the clip cuts off before the interview, but it's a fantastic performance by Billy and he looks in great health.

Check out the clip on the link below - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bVYhT-f09E>

Life long Billy fan Cathy Homann sadly passed away early this year. Cathy's family kindly donated some of her Billy memorabilia to auction and raise money for charity. £130 was raised at the last Mill Hill meeting in October. In Thoughts Of You Cathy X



Events Calendar

Date	Location	Details	Booking Information
11th January 2020	Ex-Serviceman Club, Lowestoft – 9PM onwards	The Billy Fury Experience	Free entry Tel: 01502 572009 for details
18 th January 2020	The Core Theatre, Solihull	The Billy Fury Years Touring show dedicated to Billy Fury starring Michael King as Billy.	Tickets £20 7.30PM start Tel: 0121 7046962 for details
18th January 2020	Gorleston Social Club, The Green Bear, Gorleston on Sea - 9pm onwards	The Billy Fury Experience	Free Entry Tel: 01493 655899 for details
19th January 2020	The Carlton, Lowestoft 3 – 6PM	The Billy Fury Experience	Free Entry Tel: 01502 565709 for details
26 th January 2020 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 TSOF Fanclub.
31st January 2020	Seagull Theatre, Lowestoft	Starring Alan Wilcox as Billy £9 pounds ticket or £8 pounds concessions 90 minutes of pure Billy Fury and also Billy on screen	Available online or at the box office. www.theseagull.co.uk or Tel on 01502 589726
2nd February 2020	The Coachmakers Arms, Great Yarmouth 3 – 6PM	The Billy Fury Experience	Free entry Tel: 01493 855895 for details
8th February 2020	Altrincham Garrick Playhouse, Altrincham	The Billy Fury Years Touring show dedicated to Billy Fury starring Michael King as Billy.	Tickets £23 7:30PM start Tel: 0161 9281677 for details
8th February 2020	The Fox & Hounds Social Club, Beccles - from 8PM	The Billy Fury Experience	Free Entry Tel: 01502 716173 for details
14 th February 2020	Shipleigh Working Men's Club, Heanor	Colin Paul's Billy tribute show	Tel: 01773 712400 for details
15 th February 2020	Pendleton British Legion, Salford	Colin Paul & The Persuaders	Tel: 0161 7362749 for details
16 th February 2020	The Carlton, Lowestoft 3 – 6PM	The Billy Fury Experience	Free Entry Tel: 01502 565709 for details
23 rd February 2020	The Cresset, Peterborough	The Billy Fury Years Touring show dedicated to Billy Fury starring Michael King as Billy.	Tickets £24.50 Tel: 01733 265705 for details
25th February 2020	Boogie Woogie Club, Gorleston 8PM	The Billy Fury Experience	Tel: 01493 655899 for details
28 th February 2020	Westcliff Theatre, Clacton	Fury in Sound and Vision is an exciting new show combining amazing on screen visuals with live performance from renound West End performer Gavin Stanley.	Tickets £21 Tel: 01255 433344 for details www.furysoundshow.com

29th February 2020	Old Swans Club, Liverpool	Colin Paul & The Persuaders	Tel: 0151 280 5243 for details
13th March 2020	Stafford Constitutional Club	Colin Paul	Tel: 01785 258545 for details
7th March 2020	Marine Hall, Fleetwood	The Billy Fury Years Touring show dedicated to Billy Fury starring Michael King as Billy.	Tickets £20 Tel: 01253 887693 for details
6th – 8th March 2020	Metropole Hotel, Blackpool	Rockin' Like Fury at the Met. Billy Fury Tribute Weekend. Colin Paul & The Persuaders, CJ Stewart, Vince Hughes & The Nutty Brothers.	Tel: 01253 722300 for booking information, availability and pricing.
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17th April 2020	Huntingdon Hall, Worcester	This special 80 th Birthday Country & Western themed event celebrates Billy's love of C&W. Starring Paul Ritchie as Billy + Tanya Taylor & Steve Conway.	7:30 – 10:00PM Tickets £18 Tel: 01905 611427 for details
17th April 2020	Jive time Rock n Roll Club (Denton West-End Club) Denton in Manchester	Colin Paul and The Persuaders with be celebrating the 80th Birthday of Billy Fury with a big show on Billy's Birthday! DJ for the evening will be Frankie and you can expect a special guest or two.	Contact Colin Paul for further information – Tel: 07703 717201
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FURY
In Sound and Vision

The Story of Billy Fury told through exclusive film footage from the hit BBC4 documentary *The Sound of Fury* and LIVE music from West End star Gavin Stanley

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6th - 8th March 2020

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Dinner, Bed & Breakfast and Sunday Lunch
ENQUIRIES - Telephone (01253) 722300 (24hr answerphone)
TO BOOK - Complete inside reservation form
The management reserve the right to amend the programme as necessary.

Billy Fury Weekend

4.00pm **Friday 10th July** to
11.00am **Sunday 12th July 2020**

Featuring
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featuring **TONY GRAHAM**

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