

The John Richards Band

2007 has been a very good year for John and the band. John only returned to the folk club and festival circuit in 2004 after 13 years of fronting roots rock band **Desperate Men**.

Last years CD, **Walls of Hope** led to club and festival bookings and the response has been excellent wherever the band has played.

"It was brilliant; there wasn't one piece that we didn't enjoy."

"Your music was inspirational."

Lisa Hargreaves at Holmfirth Festival

"Just a quick note to thank you and your mighty band for another great evening's entertainment on Saturday."

Kevin Wilding, St Mary Bourne, Hampshire

*"Fresh, dynamic, inspiring and vibrant are the adjectives I apply to the **John Richards Band**."*

Pete Brown, The Woodman Folk Club, West Midlands

John already had Fairport Convention, Simon Nicol, Show of Hands, Phil Beer, Paul Downes, Damien Barber, Bill Caddick and Robin Dransfield and others to his credit in the list of artists that had covered his songs but 2007 has seen three new names added.

Bram Taylor, Tom McConville and Michael Black, brother of Mary have all included John's songs on new CDs this year.

This CD is to provide a brief taste of what the **John Richards Band** is doing now. It includes three new songs and one song, written 20 years ago, that remains in John's sets.

The Deserter has been described by another singer recently as *"so much a song of our times"* and although it is 20 years old, it sadly continues to grow in poignancy.

We hope that you enjoy this brief taste of the **John Richards Band** which we believe will continue to enhance John's reputation as *"A master of his craft"* (Taplas) and that you will wish to hear more of John's songs at your festival, concert or club this year.

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