

The Garage Band

For over a decade the Garage Band has been entertaining Folk Clubs and pubs in the North West of England. The four musicians have known each other for much longer, having previously met each other at Jim's Garage in Whalley, using this as a base for their weekly Saturday practice. Indeed many of Jim's customers used to drop in and spend a few minutes listening to the musicians whilst they waited for their car or looked at the furniture on sale. It was only one short step for this loose group of musicians to start singing in public, and what better name to choose than The Garage Band?

The line-up consists of four musicians but they are regularly joined by other local talented artists to bring a variety and freshness to their music. They mainly perform a selection of Lancashire and Irish material but are continually adding new songs.



Jim King: Based in Whalley, Jim lives and breathes for his beloved garage, located on the King Street. Jim still does the occasional car repair but sells an eclectic mix of country style furniture and bric-a-brac that no one could possibly live without. There's seldom a day when Jim can't be heard using his fine tenor voice to fill the rafters of his garage and frighten off the swallows. As well as singing Jim plays banjo and mandolin.

Pete Monk: Another fine singer; Pete alternates with Jim to present most of the material the group sings. Pete plays English concertina and is a mine of information about much of the material the group sings. He also does many of the introductions to the songs. Careful - he has a wicked sense of humour.



Tony Brown: Guitar and penny whistle. Tony's passion is Bob Dylan and it doesn't take much to get him started on the entire repertoire of his hero. Tony is our sound engineer and his attention to detail means that it can take more time to set up our equipment than the actual performance takes.

Carol Lowe: Violin. Whalley resident and the only full time music professional in the group, Carol teaches music at a local secondary school and gives private lessons. Carol's musical skills have been invaluable in working out many of the arrangements for the songs and instrumentals. Carol occasionally plays with other groups and a Ceilidh Band.

