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Introduction

Some information about Liverpool Folk Singers and Musicians. This booklet is a work in progress, and when I have time I hope to clean it up. Watch my news page for any updates.

If you have any suggestions of people to be included? You've further information, data, or appreciations that you wish to make available, please Contact me.

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Lol Rowbotham and The Wallasey Wreckers

They ran their club in Liscard, Wallasey, but who are now "resting."

Billy Maher

Billy, currently a presenter on BBC Radio Merseyside, has written an enormous amount of songs, in a folky-pub style, he has popularised many songs written by other people, and still earns his bread and drippin' by selling CDs of them, so I have no intention of doing him out of a crust. But a few of his songs have passed into general consciousness, and are so widely almost known round Merseyside as to qualify as Liverpool folk-songs. Which is why I have included "I stand making wellies all day", and "The mighty Well !" (which was written by John Dillon.)

Billy is also responsible for what may prove to be a definitive version of "We're off, we're off in a motor-car", of which there seem to be so many versions (world-wide). He is also the source for a song which may be entitled " Where the Mersey flows tonight."

John Dillon

John wrote The Weller (originally The Well Song) was written for Billy's Maher's old group, The Jacksons. Billy's then performing partner, Billy Jackson, had asked him to write a song for them after the success of A Double Thick Marmalade Butty! The "Weller" song I knocked out was a three chord, slightly country sounding thing. The two Billys folksied it up and added the banjo intro. They then released it on their Flowerpot Records label. They were happy with it and John was happy for them.

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Jim Bennett

A Liverpool born performance poet and lecturer, who has written at least two Liverpool songs, about "Docklands" and "Superlambanana"

Stan Jardine

See the "My Booklets" on my site for a link to Stan's own Booklet.

Brian Jacques

Brian was for many years a folk-singer round the clubs, first with a couple of his brothers/cousins, known as the "Liverpool Fishermen", and later with Liz. Brian himself supplied all three verses of the song that he used for his JacquesTown programme on BBC Radio Merseyside. Brian passed away on 5th February 2011. Visit his Wikipedia page [here](#).

Mike Treanor

A stalwart of Liverpool Barbershop, and a keen folk-singer, is now living in Spain, in Torre Vieja.

Stan Kelly

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Stan was a major figure in the 60's folk scene, singing and writing some of the best-known tunes. Now living in London, he is still very keen on anything to do with the folk scene. He has the lyrics of his songs in "The Stan Kelly Songbook" on his web-site [here](#).

Joe Clarke

He writes (Sept 05) "Apart from 60 Country songs I have composed, I have also wrote a few Liverpool songs, (Scottie Rd party,) (Burbo Bank) (Great Homer St) (The Ocean Queen) I am at present in a court case against (The Mavericks) I wrote the song (Dance The Night Away), it has grossed Four Million Dollers up to date, any how my web page is [here](#) and my email is [here](#)."
