



High Voltage... The Story so far....

Well it's now been 2 years since the four of us got together and formed High Voltage early in 2008. After 6 months of rehearsing we finally hit the road and performed our first gig in St Agnes at the end of June that year, and to be honest we haven't stopped since! Over the past 18 months we have performed over 60 gigs and going by the amount of gigs booked so far for 2010, we should hopefully be able to pass the 100 gig milestone by the end of the year! No a band to rest on its laurels, we have always strived to maintain a healthy turnover of new songs to give everyone that comes to see us, particularly those who support us regularly (go on then, our 'fans'!), something new to listen to. As well as constantly adding new material to our set lists, we have made some serious investments in our equipment. New equipment for the band for this year is a bigger 4000 watt PA system and a new and improved lighting rig, ensuring that no matter how large or small the venue is, we'll always be able to have a good sound and put on a great show for show. One of our guitarists, Paul, on the other hand is still searching for the Holy Grail of guitars, and in just the past 12 months has racked up a total of at least 5 new guitars, not to mention yet another amp!

When you come to a High Voltage gig it's easy to spot who our main influences are, basically any of the great guitar bands from the past 30 years! From AC/DC (hence the band name!) to ZZ Top, stopping off for a bit of Thin Lizzy, Judas Priest, Saxon, Stereophonics, Foo Fighters, and even a bit of Pink Floyd along the way, you can guarantee there will be something for everyone in our set. High Voltage are a sonic powerhouse comprising of Paul and myself on guitars, trading riffs and licks through Les Pauls and Marshall stacks, forming a classic partnership akin to Joe Perry & Brad Whitford of Aerosmith, or Keef and Ron of the Stones. All our songs are driven along by our drummer Graham, whose John Bonham inspired style, not to mention the odd drum solo (remember them?) helps create a powerful sound lacking in so many other bands. On lead vocals and bass guitar, is our 'front-man' Evo. A singer the like of which hasn't been seen since Diamond David Lee Roth left Van Halen in 1984 (minus the spandex... thank f***!). As well having a 'golden larynx' (he paid me a lot of money to put that in!), his witty banter and ability to get the crowd singing along to the big anthems, helps create a great atmosphere and ensures that everyone there has a good time. Although High Voltage are not a bona fide tribute band, we always try to encapsulate the 'feel' of the original artists and their songs. However, in some cases they just get completely over-hauled and rocked up a bit! If you haven't already done so, check out our version of Hungry Like the Wolf – Duran Duran NEVER sounded like this!

As well as returning to the same venues we have played few times over the past 18 months, we have been fortunate to obtain further bookings in what are regarded to be some of Cornwall's most well known and respected live music venues. New venues for 2010 include the Tintagel Arms in, er, Tintagel,

Bunter's Bar and the William IV pub in Truro, the Band Rooms and the Carlyon Arms in St Austell, & The Oyster Catcher in Polzeath to name but a few. With gigs now reaching from the The First & Last Inn near Land's End to the Tintagel Arms in North Cornwall, you should never have to travel too far to see us play live.

We are extremely grateful to the many bikers and associated groups/clubs within Cornwall for their continued support. One group in particular should get a namecheck, the Swampdogs MCC in Newquay. One of the very first gigs we played was for their annual Truro Bike Show held in July on the Piazza in Truro. The show is arranged by members of the Swampdogs and is held to raise money for local charities. The entire Piazza is full of bikes, from custom built trikes and Harley Davidsons, to vespa scooters with more mirrors than Evo's bathroom! It's always held on a Sunday afternoon and when the sun is shining it makes for a great day for everyone! For the past 2 years we have had the privilege of providing the live music at the event, and hopefully they'll want us back again! Since doing that first gig for the Swampdogs we have played for them a few times at various rallies and they opened up a door for us which just playing the local pub circuit may not have been possible.

Last year also saw us play our first gig for the Martin Jennings Memorial Run. This is Cornwall's biggest road ride which last year saw approximately 1300 bikes on the route starting in Truro and finishing at the Rugby Club in Falmouth. Again, the money raised goes towards local charities and we have been booked to play at this event again later this year. **In addition this year we are proud to be included in the Duchy Capri Club's car show and fund raising event for the precious lives appeal an event we are seriously looking forward to.**

Anyway, if you've been to our gigs and supported us so far, on behalf of the band, I would like to thank you. If however, you've still not been to one of our gigs, then where the hell have you been?! You've missed a hell of a ride! Here's to a rockin' 2010!