

The Retrosettes

The Retrosettes Testimonials

Ruth, 16th November 2019, Mercure Haydock Hotel
The Retrosettes really made my birthday, we had a fantastic evening, 10 out of 10
Everything you did for me, organisation etc, very professional, Thank You, Ruth

Paul, 3rd August 2019, Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester
Just like to thank you both for your performance last sat night in Cirencester.
Everyone really loved the music, it was one of the most lively International meetings I have
ever seen, all thanks to your performance.

Geoff, 27th July 2019, Oaklands Hall, Hyde
I would just like to thank you and all the band for providing a great evening of music. I
thoroughly enjoyed it and I've had so many comments saying how much people enjoyed
and felt really comfortable with your music choices. PS – I think you've gained quite a few
new fans.

Kim, 13th July 2019, The Invisible Wind Factory, Liverpool
Just a quick one to say thanks so much to you and Helen!!! I didn't get to see you when
you finished as the evening guests had started arriving I think! I was worried I'd end up
missing lots of things I wanted to do but I'm so thrilled I saw loads of your songs. We had
SO many people coming up to us saying how brilliant you were - honestly you were fab!
So talented. We're so glad we booked you!!! Xx

Claire and Neil, 6th July 2019, Heaves Farm, Cumbria
Amazing performance last night! Thanks so much all of you. Everyone commented on how
fab you were - even Neil's Nan asked me "if they might have a tape she can buy"!!!
Thanks again.

Joanna and Andy, 21st June 2019, Draper's Hall, Shrewsbury
Andy and I would like to say a massive thank you to both of you. You were exactly what we
wanted and everyone has been saying how fab you were! The manager at Drapers Hall
has even said he'd like you back there - not sure how you'd feel about the journey!
You really made the evening, so once again, many thanks

Sue and Roger, 8th June 2019, Bowcliffe Hall, Leeds
You and your music was just the magic we needed on Saturday afternoon!
Many thanks indeed for giving us such a treat and getting our party started, against that
damp and cool background too! The tunes were all terrific and you were both so calm,
warm and patient with us all.
I hope there'll be another opportunity to hear you play again soon.

Lauren, 18th May 2019, Browsholme Hall & The Tithe Barn, Lancashire
The band were the highlight of our wedding! They were professional but really good fun!
All our guests loved them and they really got the party started. They learned our first
dance song which sounded beautiful. I would thoroughly recommend The Retrosettes.

Becky, 22nd March 2019, Crab & Lobster, North Yorkshire

Now I've come back down to earth I just want to say a huge thank you to you both for what an amazing job you did! You were absolutely fantastic and Craig was over the moon! You played all our favourite songs and we got so many compliments from the guests! I shall write you a 5 star review as its the least you deserve for absolutely making our day the perfect day it was. Thanks so much again

Chris and Sarah, 11th May 2019, The High House, Coventry

Many thanks for playing at our wedding - you guys were perfect.

Hannah and Eddie, 28th December 2018, Falcon Manor Hotel, Settle,

Thank you so much for coming and doing such an amazing job for us! So sorry we didn't get to say bye and thank you as you left, but we really appreciated the amazing job you did. All our guests commented on how fab you were. I hope you weren't too boiling in that room like the rest of us were!!

Laura, 16th Nov 2018, Formby Hall, Liverpool

We found the Retroettes when looking for a band to entertain at our wedding. We are so glad that we went with them, choosing the 5 piece for a large function room. They were perfect, and really did make our evening something to remember. My partner and I both loved their style, energy and vocals, which were a cut above the other bands we had considered. We fell in love with their set list; they put their own spin on all the songs played. Their style proved to be a big hit with our guests too, who filled the dance floor and said throughout the night on how brilliant they were.

The band were very professional, and Paul and Helen were a great help in helping us to organise the evening – announcing and Dj'ing in addition to playing. Paul had been in touch before the day sharing ideas for play lists and requests. We couldn't have asked for more! I'd highly recommend them to anyone who needs a band to entertain for any function, and we hope to have the chance to book them again someday.

Jessica, 25th August 2018, Crewe Hall, Cheshire

Fantastic band for our wedding reception. Couldn't have chosen a better band to finish our day of celebrations. Great range of songs that got all guests up and dancing all night. Everyone loved them! Would highly recommend to anyone looking for an amazing live band!

Rosina, Hooton Pagnall Hall, Doncaster, 14th July 2018

This band sound amazing! Beautiful acoustic vocals, the balance of a male and female voice worked so well. They sent us their song list before the wedding and we liked it all. They do a great mix of classic and modern songs through the eras to suit everyone. We also asked them to learn some specific songs for us to make an entrance to which they did with no questions and they did them perfectly. We also asked them to move to a different location for the last set which they did so smoothly and we didn't even notice them moving and re-setting up. They were the perfect addition to our wedding, all our guests loved the music and many guests complimented them! 5/5

Rachel, Bach Wen Farm, North Wales, 30th June 2018

Just to say a huge big fat thank you for the incredible music at our wedding at Bach Wen. You did a fantastic job and it was so great to everyone dancing the night away... exactly what we dreamed of.

Molly and Colin Smearon, Askham Hall, Penrith, 23rd June 2018

We're so grateful to The Retrosettes. They were perfect for the drinks reception. We wanted to create a happy and chilled atmosphere and they did this for us. They sounded awesome and played a fabulous range of music (that I saw everyone singing along to). I also need to highlight how helpful and lovely they were and how we wouldn't have been able to have the ceremony we wanted without them. We wanted our brother to sing us down the aisle, outside. We weren't sure how to do this as we couldn't use extension cables etc...The Retrosettes not only gave loads of advice on this but ended up coming early to loan my brother their equipment. Thank you so, so much guys.

Sean Kingsley, Hotl du Vin, Harrogate, 17th June 2018

Just a note to say that we hugely enjoyed having The Retrosettes play at our wedding on 17 June.

Paul has been amazing to work with and reassuringly on the ball. One thing I really didn't need to worry about in a sea of many other worries!

Paul, Helen and Frank pulled off two excellent sets, which everybody enjoyed. My aunt, whose been having a terrible time with family ill health and hadn't been seen dancing since the 1960s, danced her heart out and had a blast. As we all did.

The guys even learned a traditional Jewish wedding song in between sets at the (unreasonable) request of a family member. So big kudos there too.

Amazing times and memories. Biggest thanks,

Katie Rowe, Cardwells Farm, Samlesbury, 16th June 2018

Love The Retrosettes! Was so happy to find them for my Wedding a couple of years ago, Paul was great to deal with and everybody commented on how good they were for weeks after. They sound authentic and always look like they are enjoying themselves whilst playing. Recently booked them again when I was helping my Dad organise a big 50th birthday and they were great!

Nick And Claire Little, Broadoaks Country House, Ambleside, 27th May 2018

The Retrosettes were the perfect band for our wedding! Right from the off Paul and Helen were really friendly and helpful and responsive in planning, and Paul in particular took the time to speak to our venue to deal with their specific requests on sound levels. The performance on the night was amazing! Everyone had a great time dancing the night away and the whole band really knew how to get the crowd going! We'd highly recommend booking - we can't thank you enough for giving us the perfect evening to our wedding day!

Sion and Aurore Rowlands, Chateau Les Carrasses, Quarante, France, 25th May 2018

Great music and atmosphere all night! The Retrosettes played at our wedding in Capestang, France. We asked for help with the set and they provided the perfect music based on suggestions. They arrived at our venue and were setup in no time, doing everything themselves. Our guest loved the music, everyone was up and dancing. We've also passed on the link to The Retrosettes website, as guest would like to see them play back in the UK. Perfect band for any event!

Johnny and Jenni Ladd, Brockholes Nature Reserve, Preston, 19th May 2018

Thanks again for everything, we are so happy we chose you guys to play at the wedding. We had an awesome time dancing and we saw so many of our guests on the dancefloor that we would never have expected, all thanks to you. Of all the things we were not sure of leading up to the wedding, we had no doubts you guys would be a huge success with all of our guests and you were.

We'll look forward to seeing you guys at a gig again sometime soon, and all the best for the band - as an aside, we have a copy of the 1,2, Yes Go album and its brilliant, you guys should be very proud of it.

Emily Black & Graham Kelly, Oh Me Oh My, Liverpool, 5th May 2018

We just wanted to thank you SO much for how amazing you were at our wedding reception on 5th May. I can't even put into words how fantastic the day was and how your music and whole "vibe" helped shape it. It was just perfect and was more amazing than we could have ever hoped for! Everybody was just on the dance floor all night, I know I for one couldn't get off the dance floor!!!

Every time we talk about the wedding our guests ALWAYS mention how amazing you were so I just wanted to thank you so much. As well as being extremely talented you were absolutely lovely as well.

Julie Whinn, Merebrook House Hotel, Wirral, 20th August 2017

I hired Paul and Helen of the Retroettes for my 50th birthday party. I just wanted some chilled out background music. I just have one word "Fantastic". Their voices are just perfect together and they were just what I was looking for. Lots of people have approached me to say how much they loved the music. Thank you so much for making my day.

Hannah and Steve Sill, The Old Grammar School, Middleton, Manchester, 6th August 2017

The band were fantastic from beginning to end. From the early days of lots of questions, Paul was quick to respond and answer them all! They suggested the best place for them to set up on the night (which was different from where we'd originally decided- and they were right!) and the whole performance was brilliant! Their choice of songs was perfect for the occasion and there were always guests up dancing and a number of people told us they'd loved the band! We couldn't be happier with our choice! Thankyou for helping make our day such a success!! 10 out of 10

Mike And Laura Spencer, Cote How, Ambleside, 29th July 2017

The Retroettes are as good in reality as they sound on t'internet. Add to this their professional, personable, happy and positive nature and you'd be mad not to book them. Immediately.

And if you need any more proof that they're a joy to work with, they even played our Big Do on the anniversary of their own wedding day, and we booked them mid-tour of Germany for their new album.

Their repertoire spanned five decades, and filled the dance floor all night... every taste catered for. The little ones in the party wore themselves out grooving, and adults of all ages went for it with a certain *kind of* style... we all demanded an encore and were duly obliged!

From the moment we met the drummer with a big smile on his face, the set-up and performance was a well-oiled machine. If I had to book a band again, I'd book The Retroettes in a heartbeat.

You Got The Love.

Cheers Guys!

Tom and Naomi Lynch, Wyresdale Park, Scorton, 25th July 2017

We knew as soon as we heard The Retroettes at a surprise 50th party that we had to book them for our wedding. We had been searching for a band for some time, but nobody seemed to fit the relaxed and informal atmosphere we were trying to create.

The band slid in during the lull between the day reception and evening party and set up very seamlessly - we didn't even know they had arrived!

The Retroettes were extremely accommodating in learning a number for our first dance and played an excellent mix of old and new songs, putting their own twist on them. The music instantly got everyone to their feet - needless to say everyone loved their sound and didn't stop dancing from beginning to end.

We could not have been happier with our choice and will definitely be recommending The Retroettes to others.

Janice and Bill Mills, Best Western Manor House Hotel, Alsager, 8th July 2018

We were thrilled with the band! They listened to the way we wanted to tailor our afternoon and evening wedding reception, playing acoustically to accompany us during the meal, then playing the second set louder to get people onto the dancefloor. Many people during and after the wedding commented on how much they enjoyed the band. We loved the way Paul and Helen bring own version of popular songs – they don't try to recreate the same sound. These people can play and sing!

James and Fiona Illingworth, Owen House, Cheshire, 19th May 2017

Dear Paul Helen and the band. You guys are ruddy fabulous! Thanks you for keeping our guests on their feet the whole evening. The endless chants of 'one more song' were proof of how much we were all loving the tunes and didn't want the night to end! We've since downloaded your album and can't stop playing it. We'll be keeping our eyes peeled for the next one - no pressure!!

Paola Lorenzetti, Mack Brooks Exhibition, NEC, B'ham, 9th May 2017

Great music, always goes down well with our exhibitors. Very pleasant musicians to work with and always very punctual.

Julie Ridgway, Lytham Hall, Lytham, Party, 6th May 2017

We booked the Nutmegs for my husbands surprise 50th birthday. I supplied them with a few of the bands/singers he liked and left the rest to the band. I opted for the 4 piece line up as the band are flexible in their size and charge accordingly. There was the drummer, lead guitarist, double bass and keyboards. All the band helped in the vocals which gave them a great range in the songs performed. The band played two sets of an eclectic mix of music tailored around my husbands tastes, adding similar themed tracks to the set. In terms of performance the band are faultless, perfectly executed songs delivered with the bands unique "cool, hipster" vibe. The band were discrete yet ever present, volume pitched at the right level, no need to shout over them. My husband and his friends were so pleased with the band and the set as it merged Johnny Cash into the Smiths and back to the beatles with ease. From the 60s to present day they made the covers their own. This is not a typical "wedding band" and almost every person asked where did the band come from, thinking we somehow knew them as they were a cut above any of the typical bands you would get at this price or for this type of event. The band ran out of cards to give out. Not booking this band might just be the biggest mistake you will have never made...if that makes sense. Thanks again to the band for making a special night extra memorable.
10/10.

Zoe And Chris Oughton, The Belle Epoque, Knutsford, 10th February 2017

Absolutely brilliant! Everyone was up dancing to every song! A great mix of songs and happy to play the occasional request. Helen led us all in a bit of a dance routine! Lovely people and absolutely delighted that we chose them! The next day, everyone commented on how great they were and what a fab time everyone had had. We recommend them whole heartedly!

Caroline Wheeler, Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford, 4th Feb 2017

Thank you for a fantastic performance on Saturday. You were my perfect band – great performance and no hassle! I have had some really good feedback and everyone I have spoken to this morning said what a great time they had. My personal favourite had to be the Paul Simon song just for the comedy though!

Chris and Lara Fawcett, Wynyard Hall, Cleveland, 10th September 2016

Thank you so much guys for playing such an awesome set for our special day. We really appreciate everything you did on the night and for being so patient with all the time slips. All the best for the future! Chris and Lara.

Stephen Dagnall, Gladstone Village Hall, Neston, 2nd July 2016

Just wanted to say thanks for last night - We have had nothing but positive comments from our guests about yourselves - including the photographer who said that you were probably the best wedding band he had seen! Everyone seemed to have a really good dance too, so thank you!

Huw Friar, Haddon Hall, Bakewell, 17th June 2016

We booked the Retroettes for our wedding. They looked and sounded amazing, and were accommodating to all our requirements on the day. Everyone loved them, and kept people on the dance floor all night long. Have already recommended to some friends.

Graham Oldham Campbell. The Belle Epoque, Knutsford, 11th June 2016

These guys were recommended for our wedding, and now I know why. Contact and booking was easy and slick, set up was discreet. The performance was lovely, engaging and had everybody up and on their feet. Real good selection of music. Totally recommended to make your night. We and our guests loved em.

Dan McGlynn, Styal Lodge, Cheshire, 3rd June 2016

Paul - thank you so much for such an incredible performance last night. I honestly cannot tell you how perfect every single tune was. I can think of no better band for our wedding. So many compliments for you guys. Heartfelt thanks to you all from both of us.

James Armstrong, Eaves Hall, Clitheroe, 29th May 2016

Don't think I grabbed you before you left, just thought I'd drop a text to say thanks for last night, you went down an absolute storm, was quality! Would highly recommend the band!

Lucy Caffrey, East Lodge Hotel, Matlock, 19th May 2016

The booking system was both easy and efficient. Helen was a little slow in responding to our queries but apologised as she had been out of the country. The music produced by Helen and her partner was wonderful. We really enjoyed it, her voice is lovely one of guest compared her to carol carpenter!! They were very flexible and even learned a requested song during their break - how accommodating was that? The music was varied and so good we would like to say thank you to them. We would have no hesitation in recommending them.

Helen Roscoe, Private grounds wedding in Widnes, 14th May 2016

The Retroettes are a wonderfully talented, quirky, unique group of musicians, offering old and new classics and making them their own. They kept people on the dance floor and suited the vibe of our wedding perfectly. We didn't need to choose a set list because we trusted their ability to work with the feel of the party. Great communicators and a really friendly group, we highly recommend them for any event, gig, wedding or festival!

Becky Titley and Chris Malbon, Yeldersley Hall, Derbyshire, 30th April 2016

The Retroettes were fantastic at our wedding, they tailored & performed our first dance better than we could have dreamed of! Their music got everyone on the dance floor, even my Nan had a dance! Paul was easy to communicate with prior to the wedding and the band were professional throughout.

Richard and Rudi Lewis, Ox Pasture Country House Hotel, Scarborough, 9th April 2016

The band were fantastic, really friendly guys, great music, great style, really made the evening. Highly recommended!

Alison Whalley, WMBRC, Bowness on Windermere, 2nd April 2016

I Booked The Retroettes for my birthday party having seen their website and loved their sound. They were amazing - so much better than I'd hoped! The sets were varied enough to keep all guests happy and Helen sang a brilliant version of Moon River for me. I can't recommend them highly enough - book them!!! Thank you to the whole band - you made my evening even more special!

Will Dashwood, The Crook Barn, Barnsley, 13th Feb 2016

Wanted to say a big thank you for Saturday night. We had a fantastic evening and everyone commented on how good you guys were. It was all we hoped for and more.

Angela Thompson, Titanic Hotel, Liverpool, 30th January 2016

We booked The Retroettes for our wedding in Liverpool. They were amazing and very professional. The guests loved them and so did we. Would highly recommend.

2015

Catherine Knockles, The Hall at Marhall, Knutsford, 12th September 2015

5/5 Fabulous band and really professional to deal with. Would highly recommend.

Ian Morrison, The Priory Home Farm, Wetherby, 22nd August 2015

Just an email to say a MASSIVE thank you to the Band, for playing at our Wedding Reception at The Priory on Saturday. You guys were exactly as we had hoped and, on behalf of Emma and I, thank you for helping to give us such a special day.

The musical style, along with the attention to detail, was brilliant and we received many positive comments about your performance on the evening. When we spoke on the night I recall you referring to yourself as an "anti-Wedding band" – safe to say I think you've cornered this market and everyone was impressed by the uniqueness of what they saw and heard. Also thanks you for providing the other music during the evening – again, think it's safe to say it went down a storm!

The communication, and ease of arrangements from yourself, made it all very stress free – which was very much appreciated.

Corporate Golf Day Event, Mere Golf Resort, Cheshire, 2nd July 2015

Please say a big thanks to the Retroettes, they were fab! Yes unfortunately the poor weather late pm meant that play was held up so their outside set got mostly overlooked,

but they were absolutely spot on during dinner, had lots of good comments about them & they gave the evening a nice buzz.

Phillip Grundy, Blood Bikes Cumbria Charity Performance, Keswick Theatre By The Lake, 20th March 2015

Blood Bikes Cumbria hired The Retroettes for a charity concert at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick. Heard them on an agents website and had a gut feeling about them. Superb gig, great bunch of lads and a brilliant night had by all. Highly recommended them.

Marion Ward, Keswick Theatre By The Lake, Charity performance, 20th March 2015

We had a fabulous time jiggling along to all those favourite songs performed brilliantly in an exciting way by fabulous musicians. Thanks all for a great night.

Jade Étienne Coulthard, Keswick Theatre By The Lake, Charity performance, 20th March 2015

Hey guys, Just thought I'd let you know I came to see your set in Keswick at Theatre by the Lake last night and I thoroughly enjoyed it. You have a really unique sound and are all very talented! I live in Huddersfield so I will be looking out for any time you are playing in Manchester.

Have you ever thought of doing your own version of Pink Floyd- Money or Louis Armstrong- St James Infirmary?

Jenny and Jenny Robley, Keswick Theatre By The Lake, Charity performance, 20th March 2015

Saw you tonight at Keswick. We thought you were amazing. We'd love to be able to buy a CD of your music. I've looked at your website and can't see anything on there.... Do you have any for sale? Thank you for a great evening

Phil and Catherine Williams, Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, 14th March 2015

The Retroettes arrive with the minimum of fuss and set up whilst you're doing your thing. You don't even notice them. Then when the set starts, they light up the dancefloor for people of all ages and fill the room with musical excellence. Even the most stubborn of guests can't fail to find their dancing shoes and get right amongst it with them. You made our wedding extra special and I would not hesitate to urge you to book this band. They are phenomenal and allow you to dictate their setlist. Just perfect.

Jessica Hookway, Linthwait House Hotel, Windermere, 8th March 2015

5/5: We booked The Retroettes after hours of research for the perfect band for our wedding and if we were to do it over again would not hesitate to make that same decision. We had a small wedding of just under 60 guests of all different ages and were after something that everybody would enjoy so it would be a night to remember. That was exactly what we got. One of my fondest memories will be dancing with my dad until the early hours, and he never dances! The kids were also pirouetting around the guests until it was way past bedtime! The band knew exactly what to play and everybody said how great the band was. Organised, on time, great set up, great feel and just really nice relaxed guys. Thank you so much for being such a big part of making our day even more memorable!

Jenna and Gary Wardhaugh, Woodhill Barn, Otterburn, 7th March 2015

Absolutely loved the Retroettes, they brought vintage upbeat character and style to my wedding. They did a great job making my first dance song unique and it worked perfectly. We danced the night away until the very last song and would definitely book again!

Thanks guys!

Vic and Tehzeeb Lakhani, The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Mumbai, India, 19th February 2015
The Retroettes completely exceeded our expectations and flustered our guests with their performance! Everyone, all ages, were up and dancing by the end of the night. It was the first event of our wedding (Indian weddings tend to have multiple functions!) and they really made it all the more special! Their energy is contagious and their sound is unique, that's what we loved the most and why we chose them in the first place.. we didn't want a cookie-cutter cover band, but rather a retro band with an original voice.

We couldn't have been happier with the communication before the event, in fact, we were so busy that at times we were slow with our responses, but The Retroettes were always quick to respond to emails and calls. I would recommend the Retroettes to people the world over. Book them, they will make your event so unique, and so fun!

David Toon, Brindle Hall, Lancashire, 17th Jan 2015

We had the Retroettes play at our wedding reception, their music is fun and dance-able - for all generations! Most of the people who attended the reception danced during the evening! For me music makes an evening and they certainly made ours fun and memorable. Thanks guys!

2014

Sarah Atkinson, Nailcote Hall, Warwickshire, 31st Dec 2014

We hired The Retroettes for our wedding on NYE 2014. They were fantastic. Such a unique band, it's great to hear the songs everyone knows and love played with some originality. Not only were their sets great, but they also provided the DJ service and were excellent, kept the dancefloor packed throughout.

Rebecca Wood, Media City, Manchester, 28th November 2014

You were amazing at the wedding, we got loads of great comments about the band and people thoroughly enjoyed themselves. So much so there was an encore when you finished and people were trying to pay you to stay! Speaks for itself I think. The music you played was perfect for all ages and created a great atmosphere!

Jan and Nadja, Harrow School, 25th October 2014

I hope you are well and you all made it back to Manchester safely on Saturday. Nadja & I would like to thank you guys for such a great performance. Our guests loved your style and the venue manager has asked me to send her your contact details so she can recommend you for future weddings at Harrow School.

Vince and Lewis, Voewood in Norfolk, 8th October 2014

We loved The Retroettes! They played two sets at our wedding and got people dancing on the first song in the afternoon. A palpable hit with us and our guests. Great musicians, lovely musicality and tight ensemble. Both singers had beautiful tone and range and the whole gig was gloriously enjoyable. A band that plays at weddings - without the cheese? I didn't think it was possible but these guys were excellent.

They were totally professional in every respect, cool, and have a great vibe. Lovely voices and great feel to their covers. A great ensemble and very playful: they had a dance off at the end which we and our guests delighted in. Book them, that's all that needs to be said!

Russell and Jane Watson, Stoneley Woods Manor Fadmoor North Yorkshire, 4th October 2014

You guys were absolutely brilliant on Saturday night and helped to make the best wedding we could have ever hoped for, everyone has been asking where we found you, seriously impressive sets, I hope you enjoyed it, loved the encore! Hope you all got home ok, keep up the good work

Lee Patrick, Bradfield Village Hall The Sands Low Bradfield Sheffield, 27th September 2014

I just wanted to say a big thanks for your performance at our wedding on the 27th Sept. You did a fantastic job and everyone said how good you were. You got a perfect balance of old/new stuff and the dancefloor seemed pretty busy all night. We'll make sure to recommend you if anyone else needs a good band anytime soon.

The Retroettes were a fantastic addition to our wedding, and succeeded in getting all of our guests up and dancing throughout their set. They played a great mix of modern and retro music which ensured both young and old were happy. Everything about them, from their punctuality, professionalism, image and of course performance was 10/10, and we would recommend them to anyone looking for a fun and slightly different band for any occasion.

Francesca and Mark Holme, Rivington Barn near Bolton, 26th Sept 2014

Just wanted to say thank you so much for yesterday. Everyone absolutely loved the band - you were all fantastic.

Mick Tucker, Ring O Bells Pub Near Sheffield, 20th September 2014

The Retroettes were absolutely perfect for our wedding in a Cheshire pub. They got the whole party dancing - playing great, funky versions of great tunes. The band were also a joy to deal with from start to finish.

Ella and Doug Dawson, Oldwalls Gower, Swansea, 13th September 2014

Doug and I would like to thank you for rocking the house at our wedding! We were over the moon with your sets. Your energy was infectious and got EVERYBODY up on the dance floor - from age 7 to 77! I didn't get a chance to have a drink all evening because I was too busy having fun boogying to each one of your fabulous songs! Paul, we loved your solo sets and we are still receiving compliments from our guests on your superb musicianship. Your professionalism was outstanding and it was a privilege to have you all perform at our wedding. BEST. BAND. EVER.

Michelle Kettle, The Lymm Hotel, Cheshire, 15th August 2014

We would like to say a massive thank you to The Retroettes who set the dance floor alight and entertained our wedding guests all night. We would highly recommend them and would definitely book them again in the future! Absolutely fabulous and amazing! I can not begin to say how much everyone at our wedding enjoyed them, I wish I could see them play every week, the dance floor didn't empty once whilst they were playing! Thank you again.

Kate Richardson, Pendrell Hall, Wolverhampton, 12th July 2014

You guys were absolutely fab - we've had so many people commenting on how much they enjoyed the music, and everyone was on the dance floor having an awesome time! You were really professional too despite the power problems, and it was very kind of you to perform for a little bit longer to make up for it. I wouldn't hesitate for a moment in recommending you guys to friends - I'll send this feedback via the alive network too.

Jemma and Michael, Wedding, Great St John St Hotel, Manchester, 11th July 2014

Paul you guys were AWESOME!!!! So wish we could have had you playing all night so up our street the dj could not follow from that at all. Thanks again everyone's been asking about you all eve even the hotel asked for your name. Would love to have you again for any do xx

Rita Santana, Corporate client, Knightsbridge Yacht Club, June 24th 2014

The band were great! They were really easy to get along with and were very relaxed and trustworthy. All of our clients and Directors were impressed by them. Well done guys and thank you for such a great night!

Lee and Rachel Mason, Wedding, Oakwell Hall, West Yorkshire, 8th June 2014

It's quite hard to say how happy we were with The Retroettes without a load of cliches but here goes. It's very difficult to find a band that can span the generations of guests that you have at a wedding but you guys fitted the bill perfectly. Everybody commented on your performance and it was great to see everyone up dancing. My new Father in Law was made up with your version of Apache, bonus points in the bag there. It was great how you guys ate with us, glad you enjoyed the food. Perfect end to a perfect day was the biggest cliché I could think of but it couldn't be more true. Thanks again guys

Julia Toman, Birthday Party, Brackly, Northamptonshire, 7th June 2014

Hi Paul, this is a very belated THANK YOU for making my party so much fun! I can't believe how much difference live music makes, I have had so many positive comments about the band, you all looked so smart and the set up/clear up seemed effortless, you obviously have had lots of experience!! I would recommend you again and again, the music choice was superb and the sound perfect! I'm thinking I might have a first anniversary of my 50th next year!!

Wensy and Vincent Antoli, Wedding, Chateau De La Ligne, Bordeaux, 25th May 2014

Thanks so much for coming to Bordeaux, I hope you enjoyed your stay, your room was comfortable and you were properly fed, You guys were great! I think the day I had planned was a bit too long:)

Julia Round, The Gatehouse, Leeds, 3rd May 2014

The Retroettes were the perfect finale to our special day. Not only was the music unique and brilliantly entertaining, the band was also a pleasure to deal with whilst organising the wedding. Professional from start to finish, Paul liaised with our venue to iron out some of the finer details and made me feel completely at ease with all of the arrangements. I would not hesitate in recommending the Retroettes, they are a very talented bunch. The perfect choice to get the party started.

Meet and Potato – Corporate Events agency, April 4th 2014

'We hired the Retroettes for a corporate dinner, the boys were professional and the performance was fantastic, a terrific blend of funky music delivered in their own unique style. I wouldn't hesitate in recommending their services, I'm sure we will use them again in the future.'

David and Louisa, Wedding, Leighton Hall, Carnforth Lancashire, 5th April 2014

Louisa and I would like to express our thanks to you and the band for making our wedding reception a truly unforgettable experience. All our family and friends have been in contact saying how fabulous you were, and that it made our reception the best they had been to. We hope that you and the rest of the band enjoyed performing, we were all impressed by your energy levels, especially considering the busy time at Aintree and the travelling time

to Leighton Hall. We would happily recommend you to anyone in search of a band, and will keep an eye out for any future gigs in Manchester.

Kate and Scott Blaire, Wedding, Belle Epoque, Knutsford, 15th Feb 2014

Hi guys Thanks again for playing at our wedding-you were tremendous and we enjoyed every minute! All our guests commented on how amazing you were and you really topped off a perfect day. We cannot recommend you highly enough.

Very best wishes, Kate and Scott x x

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Nigel and Sarah Howden, Wedding, Bordeaux, 19th October 2013

'Booking a band for a wedding in France when we live in Australia was always going to be a challenge . . which is why we can't thank The Retrosettes enough. Their enthusiasm, commitment and professionalism throughout the process made everything so very easy and enjoyable. We developed our setlists with them, they learned new tracks and having exchanged just a few e-mails they arrived in Bordeaux. The mood they set, from the busking on the lawn in the afternoon sunshine to the full set in the evening could not have been more perfect and they created exactly the atmosphere we were hoping for. They are a group of very talented singers and musicians and they were such an integral part of making our day so special, we cannot recommend them highly enough'

Katie and Paul Semack, Cirencester, 22nd September 2013

We thought you were fantastic, the version of L.O.V.E was brilliant especially given the time we gave you to learn it.

The rest of the music was spot on, everybody commented on how good you were, very effortless and relaxed so professional... we all had a wonderful evening. We would use the band again should an occasion arrive, we will recommend to our friends.

The recordings on the website do not do you and the band justice, the sound is great and the live music was pitch perfect.

Louise and Tim Lightfoot, Knutsford, 25th August 2013

We spent a long time looking for the right band to play at our vintage inspired wedding. We stumbled upon Paul and the Retrosettes and are so glad that we found them and that they were a part of our day.

From the moment we met them, they were friendly, professional and flexible and we felt confident that they would be able to work with us to make our dream day a reality. They are not only super talented but were willing to work with us to meet our specific needs. We asked a lot from Paul and the band as we wanted to use their skills in so many different ways. This included: playing my walk down the aisle, a sing along with our guests in the ceremony, a beautiful acoustic version of our first dance (which Paul later recorded for us) and provided upbeat tunes with the whole band to get our guests dancing. We wanted them to be with us for the whole day and that's exactly what we got. Whether its out right party tunes or a beautiful ballad they can do it all in their quirky and cool style!

So many of our guests commented on how great the music was and they reluctantly let the band finish their evening set after numerous chants of 'one more song!'. The music and general vibe really added to our day.

Paul and the band were pleasure to work with and are such cool and genuinely nice guys. I cannot rate them highly enough and would urge anyone to book them.

Stuart & Sofie Robinson, Cheadle Hulme, 30th August 2013,

I thought I should drop you a line to say thanks so much for making our wedding just perfect. The band were great and everybody has said how marvellous you were. The Jack Rabbit Slims Twist Contest was the icing on the cake and enjoyed by everyone.

I think by the time you had finished and probably not soon after you started performing I had probably had a few too many and I cannot remember if I thanked you at the end of the night, if not I apologise. Helen, your version of 'At Last' was amazing and we felt so lucky to have had you perform alongside Paul and the band for no extra cost.

We have, and definitely will recommend you to friends/family and strangers alike for all kinds of occasions and there is talk already of a joint birthday party next July/August for Sofie and myself again at the Pointing Dog and we hope to be able to book you again.

We wish you the best for the future.

Pam Thomas. Cheshire ,22nd July 2013

Thank you so much for yesterday the retroettes were brilliant and really made my tea party special. When your getting all the family together from youngest to oldest it is hard to please every one, but I am delighted to say that everyone had a good time and the octogenarians were all tapping their feet along with everyone else.

Every one I have spoken to about the party thought you were fantastic. I am sorry I was rushing about so much I didn't get the chance to offer you a drink. I hope you all managed to get enough food. I have transferred £15 to your account so you can all have a drink on me.

Thanks again you made my day?

Hollie and Hayden (Mr and Mrs Overton), Gloucestershire – 25th July 2013

Just wanted to say thank you so much for playing for us on Monday. Your rendition of Aerosmith was perfect, exactly what I envisaged! I'm impressed you managed that with my vague request of 'funk it up a bit' but it was fantastic. We're hoping some people got videos so we can hear it again :) The rest of the set was equally brilliant and I'm sure you were aware of me enjoying myself on the front line all night as well as Hayden prancing around with various guests! Thanks also for letting my brother do his number, your guitar sounded fantastic. I think he was quite jealous and secretly pleased he got to use yours!

Best luck in the future and pass on our thanks to the rest of the band, I'll be recommending you to everyone.

Francesca Benson 15th August 2013

Hey Retroettes!! Just wanted to say thanks millions for being so cool and funky on my wedding day- June 6th. Loved all the ladeez getting up for a dance after the starter!! Great memories, thanks!!

Hilary Burns 10th August 2013

Kept us jumping 'til midnight at Holdenby House, Northampton!

Hannah Lee-Oppenheim 24th June 2013

Hey Guys, we really enjoyed your set at Adam and Nadia's wedding last night. My feet hurt from all the dancing - but it was worth it! Lovely stuff.

DIY Weddings UK 3rd June 2013

You guys were excellent at Natalie & Steve's wedding at the New Ellington in Leeds last Friday. Will happily recommend you to any future brides looking for a quirky band to get the party going!

Leah Gardner 21st May 2013

Just wanted to say how fantastic you were at our wedding last Friday...you absolutely made our wedding day and all of our guests loved your sets. We will definitely be recommending you to all of our friends who are getting married.

Julie Anderton 10th May 2013

Just wanted to say how brilliant you all were at my sisters wedding last weekend(Angela & Richard)..we all thoroughly enjoyed your retrotastic sound especially madness!!! Excellent is an understatement - thank you.

2012

Carly Britton, Cheshire – Ferrari Vintage Dec 2012

Well what can I say!!!?! Absolutely AWESOME!!!!

Thank you thank you THANK YOU for making the Friday evening such a great night! Everyone was raving about how great you all were, and both my sister-in-law's parents who live in Alderley Edge, and Ian's parents friends who live in Manchester both asked me for one of your cards and contact details as I explained that you were from Manchester and they were so impressed with you!

I was so chuffed to have made what was so obviously the right choice in booking The Retroettes. It was made all the sweeter by every single person saying how much they'd enjoyed your performance! So from the bottom of my heart, thank you, thank you, thank you!

I will most certainly be in touch again!

TD Tom Davies Company anniversary event , Central London ~Jan 2013

"A perfect solution for us a cool, reto, British sound from these besuited troubadours- they are now the house band at all our partys"

Just wanted to write a quick email before we set off on honeymoon. The music last night was absolutely brilliant - exactly what we had hoped for and more. We had been a bit nervous booking a band we had never seen live, but you guys were fantastic and kept the dance floor packed all night! We had so many great comments about the band - your musicianship and choice of songs. The version of Set You Free made our night....everyone loved it! For our gang, your rendition of 'Outta space' was also a particular highlight!

Thanks again,

Wedding on sep 1st 2012: Emma Louise Jowett - Left on Facebook

you guys were wicked at my friends Emma and Dan's wedding in Harrogate the other weekend. loved your set.

Louise Golbey - Friend of Emma and Dan, also left on Facebook

Feedback left on Alive Network, as The Firebirds

"The band were simply brilliant, and booking through Alive Network made everything very straightforward. The band were cool, professional and they created an excellent atmosphere- by the end of the night everyone from our 18 month-old son to our 86 year-old grandparents were dancing! We could not have asked for more- thank you so much for playing such a big part in making our day so special.

Mr & Mrs Ward!

The Firebirds are a great Jazz/Swing band with a modern day twist. They were a great sounding band and we would recommend them highly to everyone. Thank you for arranging the booking for us. We will recommend your services to all our friends and acquaintances.

Kind regards,

Mrs Pam Smith.

"Event: Medics end of year ball

Venue: Barcello Shringly Hall Hotel Golf and Country Club

The band was amazing! Booked at short notice and much better than the band we were going to get!

The dancefloor was full all night, everyone loved them. We told the band after they should definitely charge more money, we would have paid it. Fantastic performance!"

Georgia Knight

"Event: Masquerade in Eden Bar, Canal Street.

The band were fantastic, lots of people up on the dancefloor all night, you really made the event go off with a bang! Thanks guys." Darren Anderson

The Firebirds exceeded my expectations. They were well organised and very professional. I was very happy with their performance and so were my guests, they had everyone up dancing! Brilliant night!" Danielle Kirk

"I would like to thank the members of the band for a spectacular performance, I would thoroughly recommend the band for anyone who loves a bit of swing thing"

-Claire and Anthony, Wedding, Gerrards Cross.

"Absolutely fantastic, but all the right notes! Perfect, exactly what we'd dreamed of. Loved every minute, thank you!"

-Louise & Jonathan, Bride and Groom.

"Loved it, all members looked and acted so appropriate for the occasion. Did exactly what we asked for, Christmas songs particularly good. So talented and professional – as said lots of guests. Really helped to make our day everything we dreamed of."

-Colette & Jamie Fletcher, Wedding, Little Singleton.

"The guys helped to create a wonderful atmosphere for our event. I received so many compliments about them, smooth, effortless."

-Helen Bessant, Charity Event, Dickens Heath Village hall.

"Not heard Nirvana or Led Zep played that way before, very original! We enjoyed our evening in your swing company, you livened up a wet October evening, thank you!"

-Dan, Newcastle Jazz Festival.

"A brilliant performance, they were enjoyed by all. Good repertoire. Would recommend them to anyone, thank you very much."

-Fiona, Manager of The George Hotel, Eccleshall.

"Fantastic performance, made the night. The vividity was stunning. Excellent start to the night, should have played for longer! It's like stepping back into a smoky 1940s New York cocktail bar, but in Stafford."

-Charity event, The Polish Club, Stafford.