

# The Michael Armstrong Newsletter



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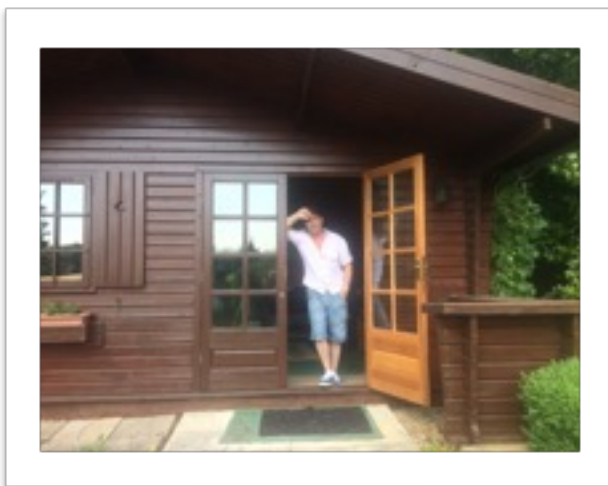
## **An Introduction From Michael**

Well...wasn't that a warm one! For those of you not in the UK, we've just had the hottest month of June for about 3027 years. Of course everyone moaned about being sweaty and not able to sleep, and partners complained about how much time their other halves were spending in the pub...or was that just my end? Aside from exposing our knobby knees to all and sundry, last month also presented us with a hung parliament, which isn't as satisfying a noose-like thought as might first spring to mind. Theresa had a mare and Jezza played a blinder.



Who'd have though it eh? Personally I tried to avoid anything political and stuck with trusted comedy gold. Did anyone else catch the Diane Abbot show...?

Thanks for all your messages about mine and Warren's version of The Beatles' 'Getting Better' especially recorded to celebrate 50 years of Sgt Pepper. It was a lot of fun to do and a real pleasure to give it away as a freebie for all you loyal fans. If for any reason you didn't get your mp3 copy please just either let Lisa know via [LDPromos@aol.com](mailto:LDPromos@aol.com) or visit my website at [www.michaelarmstrongmusic.co.uk](http://www.michaelarmstrongmusic.co.uk).



## **SONGS FROM THE HUT**

This is a brand new hair brained scheme that Lisa and I have concocted. As if we didn't have enough to do already, we've hit upon the idea of recording live versions of songs requested by YOU! Every month I will take

one suggestion and work out how to play and perform on either guitar or piano said suggestion in my own style. This will be filmed and dedicated to the requestor and included in the following month's newsletter (and probably put on social media somewhere). I'd appreciate your sensible requests please! Usual address for these – [LDPromos@aol.com](mailto:LDPromos@aol.com).

I've recorded an example to get us going. Obviously I didn't have a request for this so decided to make my own ludicrous choice of recording 'Stormy Weather' in the hut with temperatures reaching close to 40 degrees.

<https://youtu.be/QSGNW9bkVMs>

## **Michael Armstrong's Under The Influence**

Next month I will be announcing details of the first single to come from the brand new forthcoming album! Exciting eh? For this month though you'll have to settle for Episode III of my Under The Influence video tour, which finds me in Manchester paying tribute to my pal Peter Howarth and The Hollies.



If you have a suggestion of a location and song for Under The Influence, please send us an email to [LDPromos@aol.com](mailto:LDPromos@aol.com) and we'll do our best to cover it if we find ourselves nearby.

<https://youtu.be/JcudY3ACeSA>

And remember...there's still time to become a partner in the new album. Want your name in the credits? Want to be at the first ever playback? Want ME in your front room? Then look no further....

<http://pmusic.co/rwMPWw>

## The Stories Behind The Songs



The third track from my first album was 'The Contented Man (These Halcyon Days)'. This series, made for the Facebook Fan page explores all the songs, the stories behind them, a little about recording them and some other stuff that might randomly spring to my mind once the camera is switched on. If you can't wait for next month's newsletter, the story behind 'Allentown' is already up on the fan page which you can join up via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/221857971592287/>

The Story Behind 'The Contented Man (These Halcyon Days)'

<https://youtu.be/iu1AwrCS1c>

## NEWS

- 1) This year's annual LISAFEST takes place on Bank Holiday Monday August 28<sup>th</sup> (weather depending) at her home and substantial garden in Surrey, England from 2pm to 6pm. It is a free



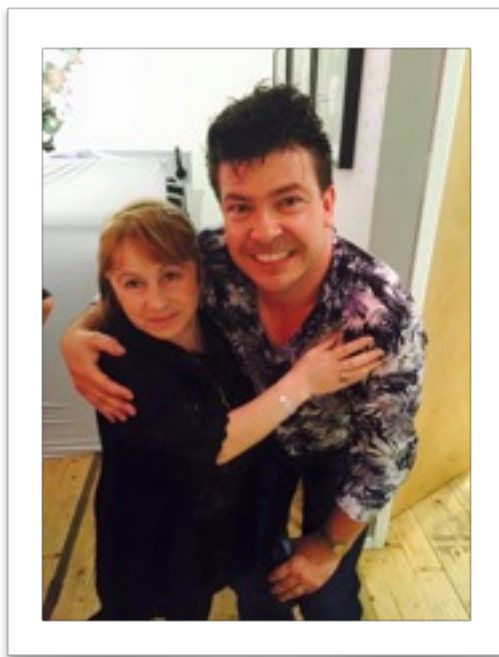
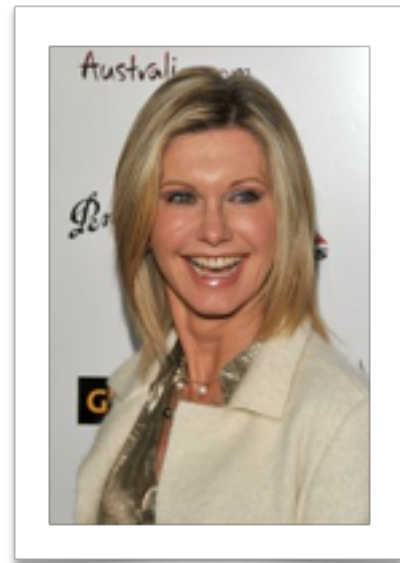
event by invitation only. As I have not been 'on the road' this year and in fact have rarely been outside - choosing instead to bury myself hermit-like in an un-air conditioned studio with no windows - we are using the event to reacclimatise myself to the Earth's atmosphere AND to perform a full acoustic solo set...if I can remember the words. We have the last few remaining places left and would like to invite YOU to join us on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you are interested please send your request for tickets to [LDAPromos@aol.com](mailto:LDAPromos@aol.com) and we will let you know if you've been quick enough off the mark! Lisa's covers band 'Atlantis' will also be performing and there's bound to be a few special guest appearances along the way!



2) I was invited onto BBC Jersey last month to talk about Warren's and my version of 'Getting Better'. If you missed it, you can check it out here: -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0535jf8>

3) It was with great sadness that I received the news of Olivia Newton-John's cancer recurrence, but with great joy and admiration that I received the news of super-fan **Sonia Farrugia** raising money for the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Care Centre. The wonderful Sonia will be travelling to Australia to take part in a sponsored walk. For those of you who



know Sonia, you will appreciate that for her to walk anywhere takes twice as long as most of the rest of us as she is only little. She is living proof that good things come in small packages! She's already well on the way to achieving her fund-raising target but if you can help with just the smallest donation, I know she would be very appreciative. All information is here:

<http://tinyurl.com/y7oc4fgh>

## CHRISTINE WITH A STAR

Last Monday I arrived home from a weekend away to find the brand new album from Fleetwood Mac duo Lindsey Buckingham and Christine McVie, which I had pre-ordered months before and forgotten all about. On Tuesday I had to visit the BBC for some work related matters and listened to the CD on my drive up there. When I walked in, who should be standing there but none other than



Christine McVie herself. She didn't recognise me immediately, but after a minute or two she suddenly twigged and started chatting about my album and asking how the new one is coming along. I in turn explained that I had just been listening to her new album and impressed her with some technical and song writing stuff with which she seemed genuinely flattered. Before she left she asked if she could have a photo with me and I said "Yes", but only if she let me use it in my newsletter. As luck would have it she's a huge fan of the newsletter and looks forward to receiving it each month. So...this one's for you Christine. You make loving fun...baby x

## FAN LETTERS & PICS



I'm sure many of you have been to see Sir Cliff strutting his stuff on his recent tour dates. I haven't been able to get to any myself but I have heard that he's been on great form as have the crowds. Inevitably this month's fan pic is with the man himself and was sent in by Mags Wells who got to spend an hour chatting with Cliff over coffee before the Lincoln show. Mags...what are you like eh?

Now it's your job to get writing and sending in. I want your letters about anything and everything... from gigs you've seen either of me or anyone, to funny stories, to your tales of meeting the stars. And if you have any photos of 'You With A Star' then I'll be publishing the best ones in future editions. Send all your stuff to [LDPromos@aol.com](mailto:LDPromos@aol.com) with the subject heading MICHAEL ARMSTRONG NEWSLETTER.

**The debut album 'Michael Armstrong' is available  
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<http://www.michaelarmstrongmusic.co.uk/shop.html>

**Who's next?**

