

Jeff Gallant Band

Jeff Gallant was born November 1977 in Norfolk, England and grew up listening to music, mainly Country, from the time he was a little baby in the cradle.

As he grew older his musical tastes widened to include many different genres ranging from rock, punk, blues and pop to jazz, acoustic, rap and more.

He began songwriting properly around the age of 16 years old while in his final year at school after dabbling with lyrics throughout his childhood. While at college he befriended a guitarist and they began to collaborate material and his songwriting skills progressed. He then took vocal coaching lessons and taught himself to play guitar. His first band, Taboo, in 1996 featured himself on vocals and rhythm guitar along with a drummer, bass and lead guitar players.

Playing their own style of melodic bluesy-rocky-punk music, they included many of their self penned numbers for three good years around the local area and after befriending a top local outfit, The Rock & Roll Geezers, they often opened their shows gaining valuable experience from their help and advice.

Taboo was very successful on the local circuit until 1999 when, due to various circumstances, the band split. It was then, as an artist, Jeff decided to leave the sounds of T-Rex, Sex Pistols and Bon Jovi on the backburner for a while to concentrate on his own sound which happened to fit very well with the British Country music circuit of the time.

He formed Jeff Gallant & The Norfolk Cowboys in 2001 with influences from artists like Merle Haggard, George Jones, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams and Garth Brooks.

That band, although the name has been



From left to right is Jay Dee Read (pedal steel guitar and lead guitar), Jeff Gallant (lead vocals and rhythm guitar), Dick Hewitt (drums and banjo), George Ing (bass guitar), Titch Reeder (fiddle and keyboards).

changed simply to The Jeff Gallant Band, continues to be his main working band to date who play their own style of Country music. They have played all over the UK including Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Oxfordshire, Kent, Sussex, Middlesex, Berkshire, Somerset, Buckinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Gloucestershire, Cambridgeshire, Nottinghamshire and as far afield as Plymouth and the Isle Of Wight Festival. The band line-up has changed over the years but now Jeff considers he is with probably, the best band he has ever played with. 'A great bunch of guys who give me a great backing sound!' Those who have heard them, especially at the recent Walesby festival, agree. They gave them a standing ovation.

Jeff who has also played in Lynchburg,

Tennessee and sung in Roberts Bar in Nashville, continues to write and record his own material. His first release was in March 2007 via his own record label, KaBaCo Records with Live And Setting The Dang Woods On Fire with the title track Setting The Woods On Fire by the Jeff Gallant Band and so far it is selling well! The Jeff Gallant Band is planning to remain successful on the British Country music scene for as long as possible but Jeff is also hoping to push himself as a solo artist in his own right, with the band, to a wider market such as the theatre circuit, more festivals and cruise work as well as on the international scene. For more information or to contact Jeff email him at norfolkcowboy@aol.com.

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