

The British Country music scene has never been stronger than it is at the moment and with the likes of Texas Gun doing their bit to help it along, it is no surprise. This father and two sons trio now celebrate 25 years together as a band and the music just keeps getting better. Originally formed back in 1980, George Payling Sr and George Jr started out as a duo playing local venues in their hometown of Ayr in Scotland and it wasn't long before Simon, the youngest brother joined the act playing drums to form the line up as you know it today.

George Sr went to Scotland back in 1958 with a comedy theatrical act that included school friend Duggie Brown. He met his wife, Mary and never returned home from north of the border. His experience on the circuit takes some beating, working with top theatrical names such as Frank Carson, Sydney Divine, P J Proby and many more. His experience and presence is obvious from the minute the lads take to the stage.

Simon is the youngest member of the band and is the backbone of Texas Gun. His experience as a sound engineer is highly sought after, not just on the Country scene but with chart-topping acts such as Will Young, Darius, Tony Bennett and Girls Aloud to name a few, hence the boys are always assured of a quality sound. Their sound



25 years old and going from strength to strength

Texas Gun

and lighting company, Smalltown Audio, is in great demand with over 15 major events using their services.

Another string to the bow of this multi talented award-winning trio is George Jr, the oldest son who has been treading the boards since an early age. Music has always been a passion and starting out with his local brass band and big band, George first ventured onto the music scene trombone in hand. Then stints with many types and styles of bands and session work for tv, etc playing bass guitar culminated in 1980 with father and son joining forces to form The Gees. The rest is just history.

It doesn't stop there either as 2007 sees the lads spreading their wings even further. Already highly successful event promoters and providers of sound and lighting, the lads will be joining forces with fellow promoters, Cloud 9 (aka West Virginia) bringing back the good old days that we used to all enjoy at Pontins, with an early summer event. The lads, along with young George's wife Lesley, who is the proprietor of LP Travel, have several events happening throughout the year. So here's some for your diary:

Norfolk Festival, Norfolk Showground - July; Harlow Free Country Festival - July; The Band Stand Harlow - August; Strumpshaw Country Music Festival, Norfolk - August; Creetown Country Music Festival, Creetown, Scotland - September; Heather & Haggis Malta Country Music Festival - September; Seaton Party, Devon - October Turkey & Tinsel Party Stevenage - November; and Heather & Haggis New Year Break, Irvine - December.

Also look out for these dates in next year.

Easter Egg-stravaganza, Thistle East Midlands - 6th-9th April 2007
Texas Gun 25 Years Party Special, Blackpool - 27th-29th April 2007; Roll Back The Years, Lyons Robin Hood - 7th-11th June 2007; Brand New! Indoor Festival Kings Lynn - 27th September-1st October 2007.

It is a full year ahead for the lads and they would be delighted to see you at one of their events.

Should you require further information on all events or would like to book Texas Gun for your own club or event please call 01292 269859 or 07752 631036.