



## 'Around the world in 80 plays' - guitar journey summaries

### Introduction

**In November 2018 at the time of Bert Jansch's 75th birthday**, Bert's favourite type of guitar, the Yamaha LL series, the TransAcoustic, set sail across continents from artist to artist, each player expressing how much Bert and his music has meant to them – and to the world.

It all started at a party at the famous Yamaha showroom in Soho in December 2018 – and from there the guitars spread out widely over the globe from someone in Monterey in California to a man from Lahore in Pakistan.

The **'Johnny'** guitar, so named for Johnny Marr who began the Odyssey, travelled east to Europe.

The **'Graham'** was named for Graham Coxon who took it west to California.

The **'Pilgrim'**, named for Steve Pilgrim, started in Paul Weller's BlackBarn Studio in Surrey, where Steve initiated it accompanied by Bert's Pentangle bandmate Danny Thompson. It went from south to north and west to east of England and Scotland.

The **'Beth'**, named for Beth Orton travelled widely in England and Scotland.

And the **'Wildcard'** guitar's journey was in the hands of folkies of Ireland, Scotland and England.

Some stopovers were with artist of international repute, such as Richard Thompson and Tommy Emmanuel. Some artists were revered in their own spheres, and some were newcomers to discovering the delights of the music of Bert Jansch. The dedicated website for 80 plays is a font of endless discovery and enjoyment as you watch and listen to what all these amazing artists ranging from 17 to over 70 years old, delivered, and the sometimes-surprising things that they say about Bert. What is special for the Bert Jansch Foundation to see, is the number of young players, some only teenagers, inspired by the music of Bert Jansch. To see and hear them, and all the players, click here: <https://80plays.bertjanschfoundation.org/>

## Here is a summary of each journey:

**The Johnny's journey: November 2018 – April 2023.**

**Manchester to Milan (26 plays)**

### **UK:**

**Manchester** with Johnny Marr

**London** with Bernard Butler

**Camden Town** with Louis de Beaumont; Ben Murphie; Gabriel Kazz; and Dariush Kanani

### **Belgium:**

**Brussels** with Neeka and Frank van der Linden

### **Netherlands:**

**Delft** with Renee Meesters and Faint Lights

**Eindhoven** with Eltjo Haselhoff

### **Denmark:**

**Århus** with Rolf Skytte Jensen

**Skibby** with Peder Skytte

**Aars** with Jens Stage

**Lystrup** with Lars Ingesman

### **France:**

**Rians** with Pierre Lebras

**Reims** with Didier Bégon and Pascal Froissart

**Pernes les Fontaines** with Philippe Rouquié

**Treillieres with Johnson Hogg**

### **Israel:**

**Beer Sheva** with Nir Mehlman

**Tel Aviv** with Amos Zimmerman

### **Italy:**

**Bergamo** with Buck Curran and with Andrea Valeri of **Pisa** and with Kamil Wysocki of **Parma** and finally to

**Milan** with Luca and Mario Barbaglia.



## **The Wildcard Guitar Journey December 2018 – September 2022 Criss-crossing Britain and Ireland (27 plays)**

The Wildcard set off on its way from the Launch Party at Yamaha Music in London to

**Sheffield** with Chris Murphy

**Edinburgh** with Mike Walker, Dave Moir, Sam Grassie

**Belfast** with Steve McCann.

**Ireland: Dublin** with Eoghan O'Shaughnessy and Lankum

**Macroom Co Cork** with Ger Wolfe

**Mayfield Co Cork** with Fintan Lucy and Tony Henderson: and Alan Jordan in **Limerick**

**London** (again) with James Walbourne and Richard Thompson.

**Frome, Somerset** at the Bert Jansch Studio for John Smith and Cara Dillon & Sam Lakeman,

**Rickingham, Suffolk** Jane Bromley, Peter Reeves and James Bromley

**Keele, Staffordshire** Hassam Mahmood from Pakistan

**Bingley, West Yorkshire** Katie Spencer,

**Oxshott, Surrey** for Michael Watts;

**Hastings, Kent** with Jason McNiff

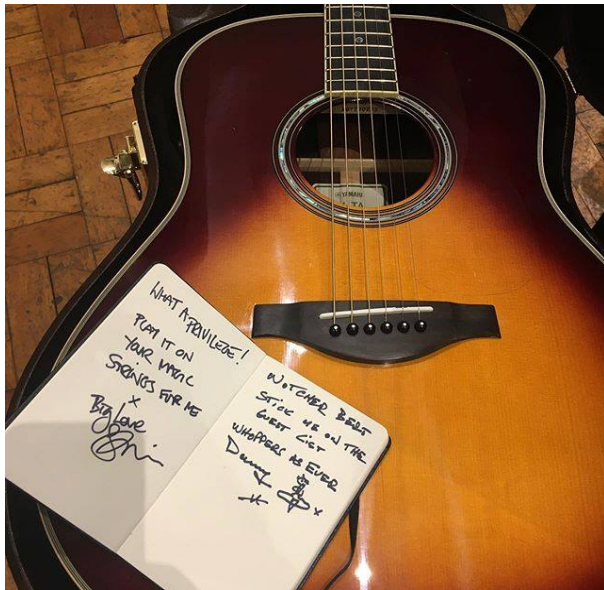
**Penzance, Cornwall** with Sarah McQuaid;

**Totnes and Dartmoor, Devon** Gareth Hedges and Graham Harvey and

**Crewkerne, Somerset** for Reg Meuross

**Chester** Sam Carter – visiting several **Folk Festivals** across the country and getting signatures also from Maddy Prior (Steeleye Span) Peter Morton and Pete Townshend – before it was returned by Reg Meuross to the Bert Jansch Foundation via Trustee Adam Jansch at the Bert Jansch Studio at the Cheese and Grain Arts Centre in Frome Somerset.

## The 'Pilgrim' Guitar's Journey: April 2019 – September 2023 Surrey to Scotland (15 plays)



From Paul Weller's **Blackbarn Studios in Surrey**, with Steve Pilgrim and Danny Thompson to

**Shrewsbury, Shropshire** with Clive Carroll

**Harwich, Essex** to Kete Bowers

**Fleet, Hampshire** with Jack Theaker and Peter Ivey

**Gateshead, Tyne and Wear** with Ben Church

**Atlow Moat Derbyshire** with Nick Jonah Davis

**Liverpool** with James John Turner

**Glasgow** to Mike Hastings and Robin Adams

**London** to Campbell Baum and Broadside Hacks

**Edinburgh** with Rory Butler

**Argyll** with Robin Miller

**Glasgow** again to Jamie Flett

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# **The Beth Guitar Journey December 2018 – October 2023 England and Scotland (15 plays)**

**Brighton** Ben Walker

**Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire** to Steve Tilston

**Altrincham, Cheshire** with Kirk McElhenny

**Lowton, Cheshire** with Ryan Deakin

**Liverpool** John Chandler and Tony McManus (on a visit from Canada)

**Shipley, West Yorkshire** to Gerry Cooper

**Scotland:**

**Inverness** Ewan McPherson (pictured),

**St Andrews** Jonathan Kemp

**Edinburgh** Simon Kempston and with Sam Grassie on tour

**London** Elliott Morris

**Surrey** Jacqui McShee and Mike Piggott

**London** back to Beth Orton

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**The Graham Guitar Journey July 2019 – October 2022**  
**Up and down the West Coast of America then over to the East**  
**(17 plays)**



**Monterey, California** to Rick Chelew

**Santa Cruz** for Tommy Emmanuel  
(pictured) (on tour from Australia)

**Redwood Valley** with Mark Woyshner

**Mendocino** Alex di Grassi

**Yreka, California** David Nigel Lloyd

**Medford, Oregon** Kevin Carr

**San Francisco, California** Danny  
Carnahan

**Santa Cruz, California** William Coulter

**Bakersfield, California** Dave Ogden

**Pittsburgh, PA** Liz McBride

**Vermont** Hungrytown (Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson)

**Northampton, Mass.** Jonathan Stevens

**Bristol, Rhode Island** Allysen Callery

**Long Island City, New York** Gerry “Spooky Ghost” Leonard:

**Sellersville, PA** Rolly Brown

**Doylestown** Jay Ancill

**UK:**

**Black Dyke Mills Heritage Venue in Queensbury, Yorkshire** Chris Brain.

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