



**RED HOT
CHILLI
PIPERS**

**December
2018**

Hello December!

So we have started our UK Tour and it's the run up to Christmas and what can we say, our fans certainly don't disappoint! We genuinely do have a blast at each and every one of our concerts and hope that you enjoy it as much as we do.

Once the tour is over we will have a little break before kicking off 2019 in style. With tours in the USA, Germany, Switzerland, New Zealand, Australia and, of course, the UK, planned.

Have a  bagrocking  Christmas and we hope to see you in 2019 xxx

WINTER TOUR 2018

MINTEK LOUPE 2018

OCTOBER

28 ARBROATH

NOVEMBER

9 BARNSTAPLE

10 FLEET

11 BOURNEMOUTH

22 SALE

23 SALISURY

24 HOLMFIRTH

25 NEWCASTLE

27 HULL

28 BATH

29 BIRMINGHAM

30 BURY

DECEMBER

1 BARROW

8 GREENOCK

14 FORT WILLIAM

15 DUNOON

21 HAWICK

22 MOTHERWELL

27 INVERNESS

28 DUMFRIES

29 AYR

30 DUNFERMLINE



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WHO'S WHO?



Name - Kevin James MacDonald

Instrument you play – Bagpipes

What were your best/worst subjects in school - I loved Mathematics and anything connected with numbers like Accountancy and Economics. I was never that great at languages (I did French and German) and didn't really enjoy English. I'm definitely more in tune with numbers!

What do you like doing in your spare time - I really enjoy playing golf but unfortunately touring has shattered my chances of having a decent handicap. I was a mad keen golfer when I was younger and got to a handicap of 7 but now I struggle to play to 17. As I get closer to retirement from touring hopefully I will get back to the golf and reduce the handicap back to the levels they used to be. My two young sons have both taken golf up and it's now really enjoyable playing golf with them. I also love spending time with my family and have the pleasure of taking my two boys to Heart of Midlothian home games as they are season ticket holders. Being an Aberdeen Football Club fan, it can be quite hard to sit and watch an opposing team – especially when they score as I don't know whether to celebrate or cry!!

What is your biggest fear - I have really severe vertigo and suffer really badly when in exposed places at height. I definitely did not enjoy the time when we played around the outside of the tallest building in the southern hemisphere (The Skytower) when performing in Auckland.

Favourite takeaway - To be honest I love all sorts of food and as we have completed more and more touring my pallet has changed and I have tried foods that I never even knew existed. If I had to choose one particular meal it would always be a fillet steak with a jacket potato and some onion rings.

Who is the most famous person you have ever met - It has to be a toss up between Paul McCartney and Richard Branson. I met Paul McCartney at a gig back in January 2007 when we were performing at a Burns Supper for Ewan McGregor and Sharleen Spiteri (Texas). He was such a lovely guy and a true pleasure to meet. I met Richard Branson when we performed for Virgin in Barbados back in 2012. He too was a lovely and generous guy.

Who is your celebrity crush - Got to confess to a Kylie Minogue crush as a youngster.

If you could be invisible for one day what would you do - Now, this is where my geeky side would come in as I would love to follow both the Prime Minister of the UK and the President of the USA for a day, just to find out what a day in their lives is really like.

Give an unknown fact about yourself - As well as being a Chartered Accountant, I am also a qualified UK tax adviser. Yes, I am one of the boring number guys in life.



On my 30th birthday, my wife, Anna, took me up to a log cabin in Loch Tummel. We went for a wee stroll through Pitlochry and there was a shop selling penny whistles. Most pipers will be able to get a tune out of the whistles, so I was just mucking around with it. Anna didn't realise I had once played pipes, it had never come up in conversation. This was in the February and she kept this in her mind for my Christmas present.

She bought a set of pipes from Charlie at South Side Music in Cathcart Road, Glasgow. Charlie told her that they weren't the best, but would be okay if I wanted to just muck around with, he promised her that if I ever wanted to get a good set, then if she brought these ones back, he'd return her money.

Obviously by this time, I've got the piping bug back again big time and I went out and spent about £700 on another set. Anna took the original pipes back to Charlie and sure enough, he kept his promise. The rest is all history and a lot of it is down to the generosity and integrity of Charlie. His wee shop is still there, still selling musical

instruments. Every time I drive past it, I always wonder how many other musicians Charlie Hepburn has helped over the years.

Craig at Wallace bagpipes, our sponsors has made me a special set of 343 The Fallen pipes with my fire service rank and number engraved on them. I thought about what to do with the set I'm currently playing and I've decided to give them to Charlie as a thank you for what he helped kickstart all those years ago. I'd like to think random acts of kindness should be returned.



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