

Blackbeard's Tea Party

Gutsy folk rock, brought kicking and screaming into the
21st Century.

Funky folk tunes, swashbuckling songs and an infectious stage energy. Blackbeard's Tea Party mix fiddles & squeezeboxes, guitar noise & synth bass, and a feast of international percussion to bring you an unforgettable folk-rock extravaganza. Grounded in English traditions, but flirting shamelessly with a plethora of exotic musical avenues, they create a sound that is equal parts tasty, dramatic and danceable.

Prepare to caper, to cavort, to dance and to raise glorious merry hell with these audaciously delectable, dauntlessly charming, and fearlessly frolicsome Turpins and Turpin-ess of folk-rock.

Together since 2009, the band has quickly developed a reputation as one of the most formidable live acts on the circuit.

In the early days, before they knew it they had sold out venues in their home town of York. Word spread rapidly, and the band began to play gigs further afield, including a number of festival bookings through 2010 and 2011, with many big festival highlights in 2012. In the last two years they have played many of the major folk festivals in the UK: Shrewsbury, Cambridge, Beverley, Grassington, Warwick, Broadstairs and Sidmouth, as well as appearances at Whitby, Galtres and many more.

After the release of *Heavens to Betsy* (2009) the band's distinct sound was picked up by Mike Harding, who played Blackbeard's Tea Party on his weekly BBC Radio 2 folk show.

Blackbeard's Tea Party were recognised as one of the best live bands in the UK in the 2011 FATEA Awards; with the success of 2012 and 2013, 2014 is seeing these funky, folky, beat-happy pirates going stratospheric in their quest for full scale world domination.



“Inventive, witty folk rock with guts... Being bound for hell never sounded so exciting.” **Bright Young Folk**

“This, simply, is the business. *****” **R2 Magazine**

“Blackbeard’s Tea Party really are honest-to-God party monsters.” **fRoots**

“A powerhouse demonstration.” **The Living Tradition**

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