

## TTM IDIOT INTERVIEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

Welcome back to the IDIOT interviews. We've had a break from lack of interviewees but we have a few more with us now and one or two that we missed first time round. Let me apologize profusely for that error, I am remiss but you are not. At least one of you reminded me that we had missed a couple and I thank Agradeless for providing a hint to September 2013's member interview.

**We present GAZEBO**

*Q.1 What is your real name or the name you would like to be called?*

**Ken Rawe**

*Q.2 What is your age group? 20 - 30. 30 - 40. 40 - 50. 50 - 60. Over 60.*

**I was 50 last year but feel like I should still be in a much earlier age bracket!**

*Q.3 Can you list your top 3 music genres?*

- **Indie**
- **Classic Pop**
- **Rock**

*Q.4 Of the three, which do you associate with mostly?*

Indie, probably, but I also veer towards other genres like country and jazz on occasion.

*Q.5 What is your talent? Don't be modest.*

**I guess my most natural talent is singing. I have always enjoyed singing, and in fact for a long time growing up thought that I would never have the talent to play and instrument.**

**When I was about 14 I managed to get my Dad to buy me a guitar (I still have it) and began to play, and I think I'm now an average strum style guitarist and bassist.**

**I think I have an ear for a tune and enjoy the songwriting process and especially lyric writing.**

*Q.6 Of the talents you have not listed, which would you like to do most?*

**I would love to be able to play piano, and am trying to teach myself the rudiments. I was given a midi keyboard for Christmas and am loving how it feels to play keys rather than strings.**

**I'd also love to have the physical dexterity and co-ordination to play the drums.**

*Q.7 From the list of members you know, which interests you most and why?*

**The TTM members are all an interesting bunch and I followed some of them over here from the KAE forum a few years ago. Some of them I count as good friends, though we have never met. Agradelous is a great guitarist and a real character. We would have a riot if we met!**

**I have talked with Papa G and Onetrackmind, and keep in contact with Smurf, 9, Glen and Combobob by email from time to time.**

**It feels like I have known most of the regulars forever.**

**It's a close community and we all joined in on Joom's surprise North Country Trading Post song, and that was an honour to be part of.**

**So, to go back to the question, I guess I find all of contributors interesting, but if I had to pick one I suppose it would be someone whose music interests me, but I have had very little to do with previously, and that would be Jhava. I like his feel for melody, and his commitment to look for how to make his music better.**

*Q.8 Have you ever collaborated with another member or members on a recording.*

**So many times, I would disappoint someone if I listed them because I am sure I would forget some of the older ones. I really enjoy collaboration, as I think the end result is nearly always better than anything that the collaborators could do on their own.**

*Q.9 Which of your colabs did you enjoy most?*

**My favourite is probably "Oh Kristy" with Way2lon and Onetrackmind, because it sounds so different to it's starting point, and I really enjoyed hearing Dave sing my lyrics.**

*Q.10 Have you a favourite mix from our bandroom? (Could be one of your own.)*

Too hard to pick, I'm afraid. Can I either abstain or have a few months to relisten?

*Q.11 What is your ambition both musically and personally?*

**My immediate musical ambition is to release an album in November this year, written and recorded entirely in my 50<sup>th</sup> year. It's taking shape now!**

**Those are not the only rules. It must be recorded with equipment that I already have (no GAS allowed).**

Other than that, the usual things – health and happiness.

*Q.12 Do you belong to any other indie websites and will you name them?*

**I am a member of GMHMusic, Songstuff and an occasional visitor at the Reaper, Peavey and Talkbass forums.**

*Q.13 Where do you see TTM in 5 years time? What role can you play in it's development?*

**I hope it will be thriving, and that the old guard will be joined by fresh enthusiasts who can drive us forward with their new ideas. Not sure how I can help other than promote it whenever possible.**

*Q.14 Who is your next choice for the IDIOT?*

**I am interested to hear more about Neilmac (and see if he has any BTO on his mp3 player).**