

*Why would anyone want to live anywhere but Bedford?
It's a great place to live!*

Thunderin' Paul Carrington

To live in the throbbing metropolis of Bedford, or even elsewhere in the throbbing county of Bedfordshire, is to be truly blessed. Especially if you're a fan of live guitar music. This book is a tribute to guitarists everywhere, and particularly to those who have made the live music scene in the Bedford area so special.

Mike Buchanan is a published author who lives in Bedford. He's also a keen fan of live guitar music and has spent many happy hours in public houses in the Bedford area enjoying it, whilst enhancing the profitability of numerous breweries including that of Charles Wells. He interviewed eight well-known local guitarists, and wrote this account of their colourful lives. Read all about:

- Finger Pickin' Good Paul Bonas and the wild Irishmen;
- Hollerin' Bob Foley, a 66-year-old retired Bedford surgeon and bluegrass fan, with two sons under two years of age;
- Amazin' Max Milligan's eventful tours with Billy J Kramer, and the unfortunate pint Kramer supped in Aldershot;
- Blindin' Dave King rejecting David Bowie's offer to work together;
- Lightnin' Hands Pete Rose's dealings with Luton lesbians;
- Mumblin' Cliff Hanson, who wanted to decapitate some young men;
- Thunderin' Paul Carrington being stabbed by the first of his three ex-wives (the other two just *wanted* to stab him);
- The six wives of Laughin' John Verity, a man who doesn't like change.

Welcome to the life stories of some splendid people, who walk among us lucky Bedfordians every day.

Excellent . . . well done, son! Proofreadin' Marie Buchanan (80)

What a strange project! Guitar God's wife

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