

Hello there,

Milton Hide are thrilled to announce the release of their first official EP - Little Fish on 28 April 2018.

We would be truly delighted if you take the time to listen and review it.

You can hear it here:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-309342621/sets/little-fish-ep-milton-hide/s-ThQZI>

You can download high quality sound files here, along with artwork and photographs:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uddp01yrvk6gyrs/AABqlckKvh-pDTs6aUNKHIZka?dl=0>

Rather than attempting to recreate an authentic, 'live' Milton Hide performance we decided to use instrumentation and guest musicians to present the songs in the best way we could and produce something more like a mini album than an EP. It features a Josie Tipler hand-printed and beautifully crafted sleeve, the disc itself displays a painting by Josie.

Recorded and co-produced by our son, Chuck Tipler, the EP includes six highly original and varied songs, each of which offers melodies and hooks that will stick like a very sticky thing.

Here's what the band say:

1. Home Is Where Your Heart Is (the single from the EP)

Being the classic penniless musicians, we wrote this song as a wedding gift. Dedicated to an amazing couple and wonderful friends who were particularly affected by the Brexit referendum.

2. Monkyn Pyn

A song with a very interesting sounding title which takes its name from an area near where we live in East Sussex. After some research we found that Monkyn Pyn is simply and disappointingly derived from "Monks' Pen", ie. the pen where the Wilmington Priory monks kept animals. We thought it deserved a more interesting story so we wrote this original song in the style of a classic murder ballad.

3. Better Off Dead

Josie always refers to this as a song about life insurance, of which there can't be very many (maybe this is the only one). It was written as a kind of protest against the austerity policy brought in by the government of the day.

4. Perfect Place To Hang

Sounds like it was written on a very cold, wet day in France - and that's because it was. Don't take the lyrics too literally - it's written more as a lament about Brexit.

5. Love Is A Bitch (Then you die)

Many of the best songs ever written come from a background of heartache, misery and pain. Unfortunately for us we have been ecstatically happy together ever since the day we met. Happily though we have known many people who have suffered badly at the hands of love. (These tales are fictional and bare no relationship to any person - living or deceased).

6. Little Fish

In Japan Kodomo no Hi, Children's Day, is when Koinobori (carp kites) are flown all over the country. The carp swims upstream, even jumping over small waterfalls, so parents wish for their children to be strong and determined like the carp. This one is for our beautiful boys - Chuck, Lawrie and Bill.

MILTON HIDE BIOGRAPHY

Jim and Josie Tipler started performing together at art college where they met, busking and playing for friends and family. Jim continued playing after college and, with his brother Bob, eventually formed the popular 'Cajun Dawgs' and then The Pistol Shrimps - a union of The Cajun Dawgs and fellow cajun-style band, Rough Chowder. When both acts disbanded in quick succession, Jim persuaded Josie to pick up the clarinet she'd had from school once again and come out to play - easier now that their three sons had grown up and left home.

Adopting the name of a well-known local area of East Sussex woodland, Milton Hide decided from the start that they would write and perform their own material and so set out playing the floor spots at local folk clubs and open mics. Jim reworked material he had written for previous bands to make suitable for an acoustic duo and Josie started to write highly idiosyncratic and witty lyrics to which Jim added the music.

They had a flying start to their first musical year - opening for R2 Folk Awards Winner, Jim Moray, supporting the legendary Martin Carthy and the iconic singer-songwriter Steve Tilston. They wrote and recorded a charity Christmas single, Christmas Lite. Now they have honed their stage craft, written new material, created new arrangements and have just released their first official EP, Little Fish.

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