JOHN LENNON'S ORIGINAL QUARRYMEN SET TO RECREATE THE FIRST MEETING OF 'THE BEATLES' AT NEC CLASSIC

On the 6th July '1957, The Quarrymen, a skiffle group led by a student named John Lennon, were playing from the back of a flatbed lorry during a village fete in Liverpool. It turned out to be an historic day as it was the first meeting between John and Paul McCartney, and started the journey to the band being renamed The Beatles.

60 years later, the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) is bringing John Lennon's Original Quarrymen to the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show, with Discovery, on Saturday the 11th November at Birmingham's NEC

There will be two 30-minute sets at the joint stand of the FBHVC/Historic Commercial Vehicle Society and to further recapture the spirit of their debut, the stage will be a 1937 AEC Matador lorry provided by a member of the HCVS. In the band's own words - 'a vintage lorry to make us vintage musicians feel at home!'

FBHVC Chairman David Whale explains: "The idea for this recreation of what might be called the birth of the Beatles, came to us when we found an old black and white photograph of a skiffle group playing on the back of a 50's lorry in a carnival. One of our Directors remarked that one of the boys looked like John Lennon and we soon found out that indeed it was!

"An internet search revealed that 60 years on, the band were still playing so we started a search aided by one of our members, the Historic Commercial Vehicle Society, for a suitable lorry."

The Quarrymen were formed in 1956 and named after Liverpool's Quarry Bank High School that was attended by Lennon. After one of their shows at a Woolton church fete, Paul McCartney introduced himself to the lead singer