Peter really rocks it up, with Jerry certainly giving it his all by hitting some grand notes. Colin by no means lets down the rest of the group, as he produces some fine notes on harp throughout. Before singing the concluding song The Old Hyde Deborah pays tribute to the place which both her brothers built with her Dad which I'm sure left a lump in many of the crowd's throats. An emotional song it may be, it's obvious from the look on Deborah's face whilst she is accompanied by Gerard on organ that after all these years the departure of her family is felt even deeper. With Peter assisting Deborah by adding some stonking picking that really gets the crowd going in this otherwise poignant song, this is a fine way to end the gig.

As well as the gig, there is a DVD extra of the stage being set along with the band strutting their stuff whilst another track is played over this footage. It acts as a reminder about how much time and energy goes into the setting up of the stage which adds further value for money in this quite brilliant DVD that is certainly worth a look at. RH
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