

BAND FILE

HISTORY

Whizz Kids formed November 1979 (with Kit Snoid on vocals and keys). First dates were supports in Auckland. Then toured NZ, got fired four times and became lost and destitute in the middle of NZ. (Fired cos we didn't play Knack or Cars.) Kit left the group. Came home, got a week of Split Enz supports. Recorded a single for Ripper. Then toured NZ and filmed clips in Wellington.

RECORDS

"Occupational Hazard" (Ripper A Side, Producer Mike Chunn), Mandrill. Recorded demos at EMI Wellington for TV, "Noise Boys" and "Factory".

MANAGEMENT

Self managed

MARK BELL

Guitar
Born October 31, 1959. **Education** kindy, primary, secondary and one year Uni **Musical Career** 2 years classical guitar, 1 year Hadfields Takapuna School, garage to garage and Plague school of popular music. **Other Jobs** sander, sail maker, scrubber of WCs.
FAVOURITES
Albums *Evening Star*, Eno. *Come Dance With Me*, Frank Sinatra. *Go II*, XTC. *Velvet Underground* (banana cover). **Singles** none
Guitarist Robert Fripp **Musician** Noel Crombie, Nigel Griggs, Andy Patridge. **Singer** David Byrne, John Lydon.
EQUIPMENT
WEM ER 100 amp, Guild guitar & JBL K130, Hot Cake foot switch.

IAN GILROY

Drums
Born August 8, 1961. **Education** 3 years high school, **Musical Career** Joined the Plague for last few months. Then joined Whizz Kids. **Other Jobs** clothing cutter and bottle packer.
FAVOURITES
Albums *White Album* and *Rubber Soul*,

Beatles. *Go 2*, XTC. **Singles** "Summertime Blues", Flying Lizards. **Drummer** Gene Kruper. **Guitarist** John Hanlon. **Singers** Iggy Pop, Andrew Snoid.
EQUIPMENT
Ludwig 5 piece drums.

TIM MAHON

Bass
Born March 21, 1961. **Education** Westlake Boys, 6 months university. **Musical Career** In Plague played guitar. Switched to bass January 1979. Took lessons with Bones Hillman. **Other Jobs** Dishwasher, car washer, factory worker.
FAVOURITES
Albums *Singles Go Steady*, Buzzcocks. *Clash*, Clash. *Entertainment*, Gang Of Four. *Mental Notes*, Split Enz. *Second Edition*, PIL. **Singles** "Saturday Night Stay At Home", Suburban Reptiles. "What Dot Yet", Buzzcocks. "Are You Receiving Me", XTC. **Bassists** Bones Hillman, Jah Wobble, Colin Moulding. **Musician** Richard Von Sturmer. **Singers** Kit Snoid, Zero, Phil Judd.
EQUIPMENT
Rickenbacker 2 4001 Stereo bass, Graphic 200 Solid Shit, JBL K140.

ANDREW SNOID

Organ and vocals
Born November 3, 1960 **Education** 5 years Westlake Boys. Classes with Richard Von Sturmer. **Musical Career** With Mark and Ian formed several garage bands Same band different names, like Titus Canby and Warm Jets. Met Tim and the Plague and we all joined. Then the four of us formed Whizzkids. **Other Jobs** Groundsman, waiter, tolerating Mark, Ian and Tim.
FAVOURITES
Albums *Another Music ...*, Buzzcocks. *Help*, Beatles. *Les Paul and Mary Ford*, same. **Singles** "Saturday Night Stay At Home, Suburban Reptiles. "Public Image Ltd", PIL. **Organist** Kit Snoid, Barry Andrews, Eddie Raynor. **Musician** Phil Judd, Peter Shelley. **Singers** John Lydon, Jeremy Town, Iggy Pop.
EQUIPMENT
Vox continental organ. 2x12" Goodmans speakers.



Mark Bell Ian Gilroy Tim Mahon Andrew Snoid

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