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There you will find full information, bio, sample music tracks, photos, media resources and a booking section. There is also a click-through email contact to Mark at:

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The easiest way to contact Mark is to go to his website:

## Contact

Mark is now back to performing live and is interested in hearing from folk club organisers, event promoters, house concert hosts and booking agents. Apart from the music, he draws on a lifetime of experience in many countries, the expertise of holding an audience though speaking engagements to audiences ranging from very small to extremely big—and a logistical ability to organise himself and his equipment to arrive in the right place at the right time!

## The Gigs



# MARK WAISTELL



# SINGER-SONGWRITER

## About Mark Waistell

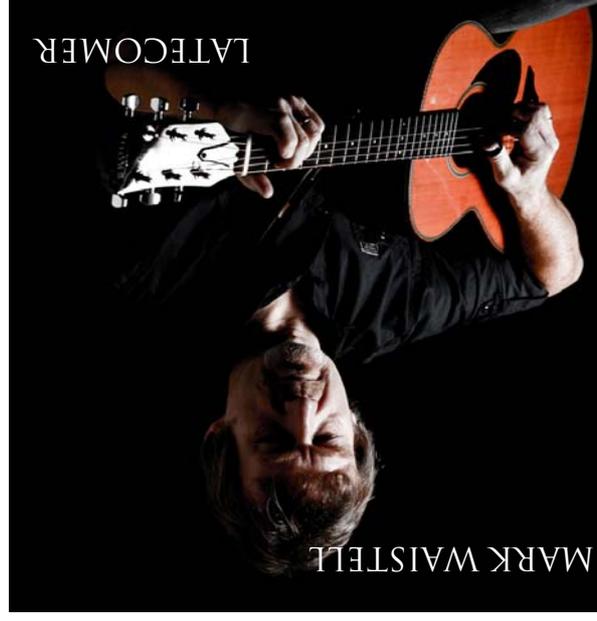
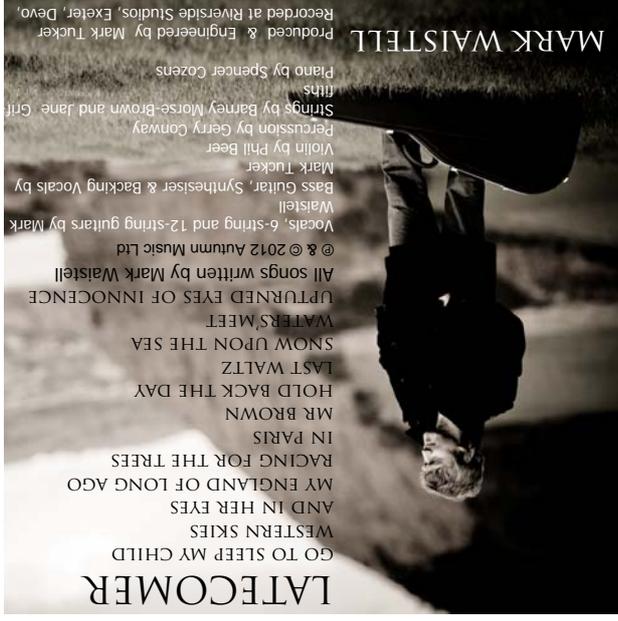
Mark Waistell is a new arrival on the acoustic music scene. A Singer Songwriter, based in Devon, UK, Mark is quite unusual in that he has returned to the world of music after about 30 years away.

Born in Southampton, with Northern heritage and then growing up in the rural West Midlands, Mark sang in church choirs as treble and then baritone but was also learning the guitar and singing at local schools and youth clubs. Failure to win a choral scholarship at Oxford led him to leave classical singing behind and work more on the guitar and singing at student events as an undergraduate....and also playing a lot of rugby! A degree in Biochemistry was followed by a postgrad certificate in Education and then a year teaching English in Spain. He decided he would only return to England if he could find a job in the Westcountry or the Lake District and fortunately found work in Exeter. Marriage to Jackie, a French teacher, soon followed and four children, Dan, Naomi, Ben and Esther, filled the days with laughter and sleeplessness and a ruined cottage in East Devon needed restoring. Professionally, all went well and Mark took a Masters' degree and was quickly appointed Principal of a language academy and then left to form his own business, Accent International, of which he remains SeniorPartner and which is now in its 25th year of training Executives and Professionals from abroad.

A busy family life, professional demands and writing and speaking projects meant that one day Mark realised that he hadn't picked up the guitar for several years. Call it a mid-life crisis, call it a return to roots, call it a need for what only music and creativity can bring—whatever it was produced what is now a reality. An old dog learning new tricks....or experience of life combined with enthusiasm of the newcomer?



## The Album



Following the collection of a beautiful handmade guitar from Brook Guitars in Devon, Mark started practising and then decided to take some time away from work and try writing songs. They came surprisingly quickly and soon he had 20 written in 20 days. An introduction followed to top record producer Mark Tucker (Show of Hands, Ralph McTell, Fairport Convention, Richard Shindell, and many more) who, very surprisingly, he said he would like to produce a CD. A very steep learning curve, the expertise of Mark Tucker and support from a wonderful "band" of Phil Beer (Show of Hands), Gerry Conway (Fairport Convention and The Dylan Project), Barney Morse-Brown (Chris Wood's band) and Spencer Cozens (John Martyn, Joan Armatrading) resulted in the appropriately-named "Latecomer" album. Twelve songs of love and loss, of family and dreams, of social comment and observation showcase Mark's voice and guitar with carefully crafted and thought-provoking lyrics supported by memorable melodies and accompaniments. This first album is now available on i-tunes, in retail outlets or from the website.



