

PCR Saturday @ Home – Simon & Ness Edwards

MADNESS



ONE STEP BEYOND...

1: One Step Beyond

Madness

Madness has always been a great love of Ness & I ... and what better tune to start the playlist??

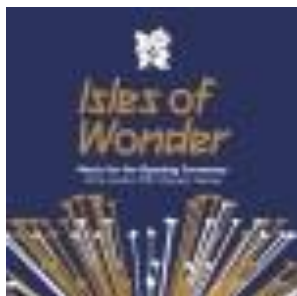


2: London Can Take It

Public Service Broadcasting

Much of this playlist is about COVID and the Lockdown; there has been much hyperbole about us being at War, so this seemed appropriate ... but hopefully also remembers the amazing VE Day we had in the village.

For those that have not met PSB before, they are a band that take old radio broadcasts from the National Radio archives and put it to music– well worth a listen.



3: Nimrod

Elgar (2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony)

I come from Malvern in Worcestershire, and its most famous resident was the great Sir Edward Elgar.

This is an unusual version that you might remember from the 2012 Olympic opening ceremony; not only invoking a spirit of being British, but also including the shipping forecast!



4: Tubular Bells – In Dulci Jubilo

Mike Oldfield

I am a huge Mike Oldfield fan and so no playlist would be complete without it. It also scares the hell out of my eldest daughter (24 on 18th June) so Happy Birthday Lottie 😊

Those who remember the 2012 Olympics ceremony will also remember that this was done as a celebration of the NHS, so I added it here to celebrate our 2020 Heroes! Remember the flying Mary Poppins?



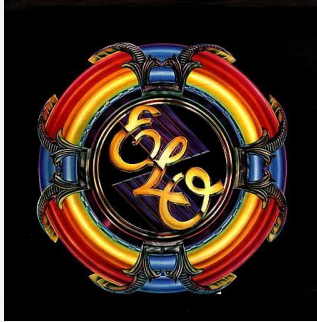
5: Ghost Town

The Specials

Ness and I are a few years apart, but our music tastes meet over Two Tone.

The Specials have been a sound track of to our marriage and we saw them live for our wedding anniversary a few years ago.

And any trip to a city nowadays will find a similar Ghost Town.



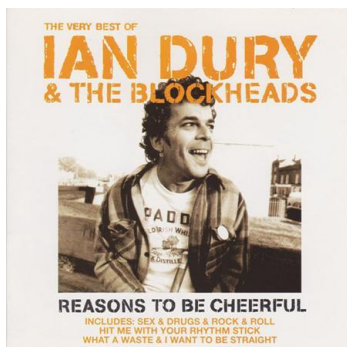
6: Mr Blue Sky

Electric Light Orchestra

Another great band from The Midlands and a song loved by our youngest daughter Sarah.

Who cannot be happy when listening to this?

Celebrating the wonderful Spring sun we have had during Lockdown.



7: Reasons to be Cheerful

Ian Dury

How many times have we all reached out to find something to be cheerful about? So another perfect Lockdown song we hope.

Dury was such a great poet, and this is a perfect theme for these times (and one with relatively clean lyrics!).



8: The Garden

Faithless

Faithless are one of my favourite bands from the 90s dance era, but this shows very well how classical and club music can be moulded.

Two weeks' time would have been Glastonbury's 50th anniversary and this is also my nod to that. I saw them there in the very muddy 1997.



9: Spring Melodious Incantatio – The Four Seasons

Nigel Kennedy

The bad boy of Classical music also lives in Malvern, just down the hill from where I grew up.

This is a fabulous reinterpretation of Vivaldi's great work; it is produced by one of the guys from Massive Attack, so has a very modern twist.



10: Saltwater

Chicane

After the madness of the last track ... let's now take you to the shores of Ibiza with this wonderfully calm track from Chicane, one of the kings of Chillout Ibiza Tunes.

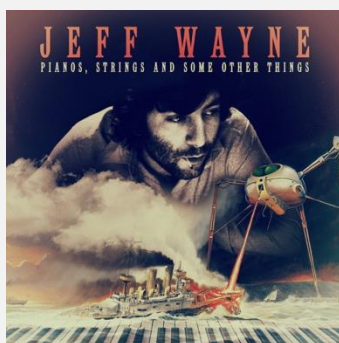


11: Wish you were here (featuring Stephane Grapelli)

Pink Floyd

Who cannot have felt this sentiment in the last few months ?

But this is a different version to that you may have heard before, we hope you enjoy the alternative lead break.

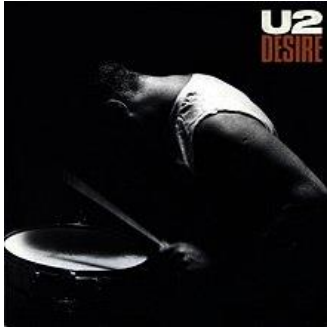


12: Forever Autumn

Jeff Wayne

I used to play my Dad's album of *War of the Worlds* album over and over again as a child (it is now a proud part of my vinyl collection).

This is a newly released classical version of the song, so no Richard Burton, but a fabulous piece of music that invokes the loss of control and loss of seeing our loved ones.



13: Desire

U2

One of Ness' selections. This was a track she would listen to as a teenager when getting ready to hit the town of a weekend. Incredibly, she could get all hair and makeup done by the time it was finished.



14: Sinnerman (Live in New. York)

Nina Simone

This is such an amazing version of this song ... and who can't help feeling quite as desperate over the last few weeks, as she does in this song??

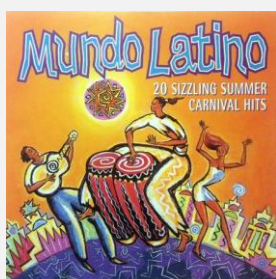


15: Ring My Bell

Hustle

Unsure of the artist, but the album was given to Ness by her sister Zaz. Ness and I got married in the garden of a 16th century rectory we were renting at the time. We had erected a marquee and the two of them were busy cleaning the chairs on the morning of the wedding, not realising the CD player was stuck on repeat. They listened to this over and over again, making them late to get dressed and sorted for the big event!

Thankfully she was on time!



16: Soul Bossa Nova

Quincey Jones

We start the long process of coming out of this isolation and recovering from its impacts ... let's have a dance and celebrate. As Austin Powers once said, 'Yeah Baby!'



17: Easy

Commodores

... And take a deep breath and try to relax!

What better song for that Sunday morning feeling?



18: Money

Pink Floyd

Another track from Pink Floyd and something I am sure we could all do with now ...

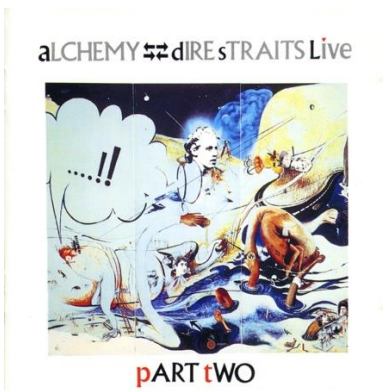


19: Don't Look Back in Anger

Oasis

Does it need comment??

This lockdown has been a huge stress for everyone, let's try to look to the future with positivity ... and know that hindsight gives 20/20 vision.



20: Local Hero

Dire Straits

Another favourite album growing up (all my father's influence again).

When asked to do this list, this was always going to be the last track, a fantastic live set, and 'the greatest music from a movie soundtrack' according to Mark Kermode. A great last track and thank you to you all for letting us play you these tunes – be happy and be safe. xx