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It's party time as band sells out new release

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THE vinyl version of an album re-released by a Wombwell band – who received an out-of-the-blue record deal after almost 40 years out of action last year – sold out 'almost immediately'.

Following a deal made with record label Optic Nerve late last year, disbanded band Party Day released their limited edition album – 'SORTED!' – on vinyl last Friday and have been overwhelmed at

the response.

Ex-band manager Steve Drewery had kept the band's website and YouTube account going over the years on his own, sparking the record label to reach out and offer them the deal which has led to the recent booming international sales.

The band was originally made up of guitarists Martin Steele and Greg Firth, bassist Carl Firth



and drummer Mick Baker.

Carl, now 55, joined when the band formed in 1981 and he was just 14 – all tracks on the recently-released album were recorded before he turned 18.

He told the Chronicle that any profits he might receive from the sales will be donated to mental health and Parkinson's disease charities.

Carl also made a surprising discovery recently, that one of Party Day's original records, their 'Glasshouse' EP, was part of a collection of vinyl sleeves displayed as art at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

After hearing of the news, he took a trip down south last week to see.

"The artwork on the record sleeve at the museum was actually lifted and used for our new re-release – this was a coincidence, though," he said.

"The curator met me and showed me the record in pristine condition, which is currently being stored – due to Covid-19 restrictions – with a few other records by some notable artists including Frank Sinatra, The Jam and Cindy Lauper.

"It was quite funny to think we are keeping Frank company."

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