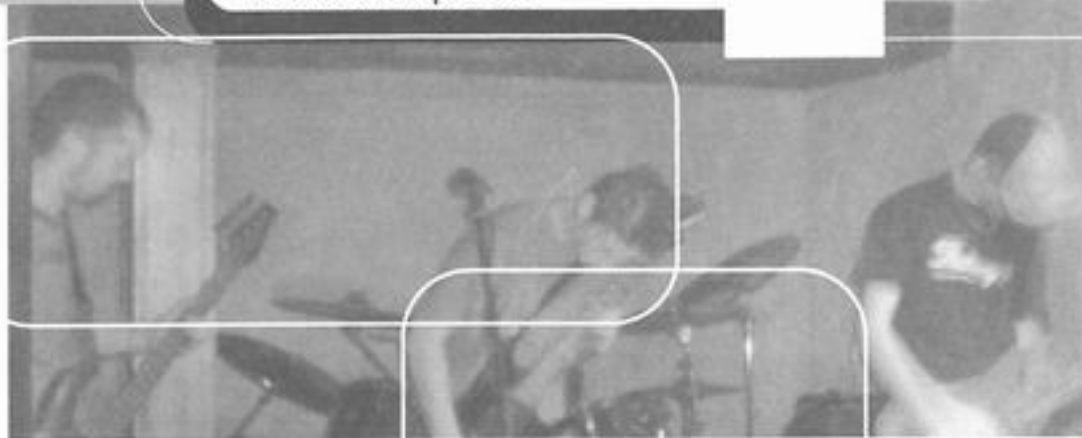


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For some people, the St Patrick's weekend was a time for celebrating their heritage and plainly just getting pissed all day and not remembering how you got home. But Roper had a little extra to celebrate and that was their three-year anniversary.

March 17 2000 saw the release of one of Limerick's most promising acts. The lads played a special debut gig at the Na Piarsigh and since then have strummed their way to local acceptance. They were only together two weeks before the gig and had already a collection of hard-hitting tunes. It was Brian O'Brien and Dave Daly who started this local legacy. Both had previously been with another band before but music styles didn't match up with the rest of the band and so the boys set out on their own. It was then they also got Brian's twin brother Conor involved by getting him to play the bass.

They continued to play small gigs for a while and they hit the big time one-year down the road playing support for Streetcrab for the Magic 2001 gig in Termights. The crowd was massive that day in support of the local alternative station and the reception for Roper was brilliant. They played all of their songs off their self-titled demo such as 'Way Beyond Repair' and 'Kingpin'. Now returning to the present day they have enrolled new drummer Brian Meaney (yes that's the guy who played with Barberskum and plays with Seraphim and is due to play with Funbobby for the Ramones tribute gig). Brian always had a taste for Ropers music and was only too happy to join the crew. Ropers main reason for taking on Brian was because Dave was busy this year with his Leaving Cert. and the rest of the band felt that the music might sound better with an extra guitarist. And believe me it does. Their music has mutated from their heavy fast lyric rap to more

controlling passive rock/metal. New songs such as 'First Afraid' and 'I Could Kill' have become a somewhat passive addiction to the Roper followers in the High Stool.

Their plans for this year include releasing a debut album which they hope to record in Dolan's Warehouse with producer Mike McGrath and they plan to stretch their horizons by playing further up the country.

I know these guys fairly well so I decided to skip all those seriously boring regular questions:

LEG: "Whats the funniest moment that's happened to any of ye on stage?"

Conor: "We were playing in the High Stool one night and my moshing antics on stage got the better of me, I got so into the song that I head butted the microphone"

LEG: "That must of hurt, (lol) ok now's your chance to plug some gigs so give us some dates!"

Dave & Brian M: "We got a gig coming up on the 26th of this month in the Savoy bar and then after that it's the 10th of April in the High Stool. We're

next up in the long line of local bands deserving of a look from the LEG is one of the longest surviving groups doing their thing in the treaty. talent spotter, kieran mcguire, takes a look at roper.

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kind of taking it easy for now cause of Dave with his exams and all but we hope to have a blast during the coming summer"

Conor & Dave: " We'd also like to take this chance to thank our families for supporting us over these past two years, our dad's have both been involved with other bands and have been enormous icons for us, and a special thank you to Bob McGlynn who provides all the scary outrageous artwork for our cd's."

So with a possible album under construction and a newer style of music Roper will definitely continue on around Limerick for a long time. Their website is currently under construction but you can email the band with any queries at con_roper@hotmail.com and keep checking out at www.rockscene.tk for Limericks electronic guide to quality music.

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