

A Double Dose Of Andy Powell

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Andy Powell (Credits: Carlos Delgado)

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Earlier this month, Ted Turner, original lead guitarist with the legendary Wishbone Ash, **celebrated his 65th birthday**. Ted has been keeping a low profile these past few years, not so the other original lead guitarist with this iconoclastic band. Andy Powell is slightly older than Ted Turner, and is not just the only original member left in the band but the only one who has never taken a break. He owns the name and trademark – best **say no more** about that – and is still producing great music. He will also shortly be publishing his autobiography.

Last month the band was in South Africa, next month they will be in the United States for the *Road Warriors* tour. Andy is now domiciled in the US; after the band's initial success they relocated due to the punitive taxation in the UK at the time. Their 7th album was actually called *New England* where he lives, Connecticut to be precise. You can read some background to this in his [SongFacts interview](#).



In October, he and the boys will be back in the UK including for the annual Ashcon, which will be held at Chesterfield on October 10. What though of his book?

There have been two previous full length books about the band: *Blowin' Free: THIRTY YEARS OF Wishbone Ash* by Gary Carter and Mark Chatterton which was published in 2001; and the recent autobiography *No Easy Road* by founder member Martin Turner (no relation to Ted). Both these books take their titles from [Wishbone Ash songs](#), as does the new one. *Eyes Wide Open* is currently [on Amazon](#) scheduled for publication on October 15. The song of the same name was recorded in 2006 for the *Clan Destiny* album. You will find several excellent live versions on YouTube. You can also find the album and a lot more merchandise in the [official Wishbone Ash store](#).