

The Bootleg Beatles are one of Britain's most popular bands - guite an achievement for a group that never release records, but have achieved success through their immaculate re-creation of the sights and sounds of the Fab Four live on stage. Popular with all ages, the band are now in the forefront of the contemporary music scene. Their appearances with Oasis in 1996 at Earl's Court, Knebworth, Cork and Loch Lomond won them huge new audiences of young fans.

They have filled major venues all over the world, from the Royal Albert Hall to the Budokan in Tokyo, with their show containing Beatles music from 1964-1970. Recently described in the Daily Telegraph as "fastidiously authentic", the band members are self-confessed Beatles fanatics. Their proudest achievement is the often-heard comment after their shows, "It was just like watching the real thing". They have put in years of practice, studying records and video tapes, using all their skills as musicians and actors, to look and sound like the Beatles. Their hard work has paid off, as they are now acknowledged as the world's leading Beatles band.

THE GREAT BTME RAFFLE

Proceeds from the Great BIGGA BTME Raffle will go the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

The Charity is delighted to be involved with the project and has earmarked the money made to the White Rose Appeal which puts £1.5 million a year into two cancer research units at St James' University Hospital, Leeds - otherwise known as Jimmy's.

The first unit, headed by Professor Peter Selby, seeks to take basic knowledge acquired in the laboratory right through to the treatment of patients while the other, the Genetic Epidemiology Laboratory, headed by Professor Tim Bishop, is working to discover the hereditary element which is thought to play a role in about 5% of all cancers.

Such a worthy cause, together with some wonderful prizes, should be great incentive to give generously when you receive your raffle ticket form on arrival at the Show.

For further information on the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Tel: 0171 242 0200.





