

The Waterfalls aim to make

A TAYNUILT band, formed only to play one gig at a family wedding, is now setting its sights on the famous King Tut's Wah Wah Hut in Glasgow, the premier venue for up-and-coming bands in Scotland.

Five-piece indie band, The Waterfalls, is making a name for itself in and around Oban and is creating a frenzied atmosphere at all their gigs, due in part to their loyal 'Waterfalls Army', which follows them from venue to venue in the area.

The band, which started playing gigs three months ago, is made up of Taynuilt's David Campbell, Jamie MacKinnon and Neil Gillies, Ruairaidh Neish from Kilchrenan and Ricky Duffy, Dalavich.

Last month they gained top marks from new fans at a busy O'Donnell's bar.

Lead guitarist David said: 'O'Donnell's was our best crowd reaction. We did cover versions as well as our own songs but our own stuff went down just as well as the covers.'

'A reaction like that gives you a lot of confidence, especially when you see people singing along to our own songs. We're starting to see regular faces at our gigs.' Just like hundreds of other bands, The Waterfalls put their inspiration down to the Britpop era and, in particular, Oasis. But the band's name comes from a track written by another influential band, the Stone Roses. As teenagers, The Waterfalls started learning how to play guitars and drums at Taynuilt Youth Club in order to play Oasis songs but they kept practising together at Ruairaidh's house and, five months ago, were asked to play at David's cousin's wedding.

Ruairaidh, lead singer/guitarist, said: 'We agreed to play at the wedding but, in between times, we were asked to play at Dalavich Hall. We thought it would be a

quiet warm-up gig for us but it turned out to be one of the busiest and best nights Dalavich has seen in a long time.'

While the band members are kept busy with their day jobs, there is a clear goal they intend on achieving in their music career.



'Everyone that plays in a band wants a record deal,' said rhythm guitarist Ricky. 'We're going for local celebrity status first but the plan is to find gigs in Glasgow and Edinburgh and our ambition is to play King Tut's.'

Although the band cannot boast any critical success has

acclaim yet, their come through word-of-mouth and a video taken at a gig in the Taynuilt Hotel was the 23rd most popular Flashbox video on the website Bebo during one week in May. The Waterfalls are recording a four-track demo with Musicworks in Oban but their songs can be heard at www.thewaterfalls.bebo.com

