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In 2000/2001 I was fortunate to have guitar maker Tony Zemaitis supply me with his guitar-making paraphernalia such as jigs, patterns, and written letters. Parts, etc. on his retirement. He called me "Dave Of England" and "Keeper of the Jigs" amongst other things, and allowed myself and associate Kevin Parsons to produce near-replicas of his guitars without using the Zemaitis name, which was to be used elsewhere. I have repaired, owned and inspected many older and well known Zemaitis guitars to study their construction.

The guitar pictured above is a genuine "Dave Of England" 12 string jumbo guitar made by Kevin Parsons using Zemaitis body jig numbered "8", and was completed in 2010 for Bob Fountain. It is the only 12 string made by us that has a separate bridge and tailpiece construction and bracing pattern, to spread string tension, and ensure stability, light weight and full tone. This guitar features many custom appointments such as hand-engraved aluminium details and abalone inlays, and was entirely hand-made. The body is made with a spruce top with flamed maple back and sides. The neck is mahogany, has an ebony fingerboard and head face, and a maple rear head face.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Brewis'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large initial 'D' and a circular flourish at the end.

D V Brewis