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ON THE FRONT COVER

The man with the hair and ukulele is Mick Box lead guitarist with the rock band "URIAH HEAP", formed way back in London in 1969.

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Here I sit, alone and 60, bald and fat and full of sin; cold the seat and loud the system, as I read the Harpic tin. - Alan Bennett

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of The Old Codger eccentric entertainment magazine. This offering is just to cover the Havant area, there is a lack of a printed guide, since the long running 'Music Eye' in Portsmouth closed along with the Johnson press 'Guide 2' both ending in December 2015. I used the 'Music Eye' and 'The Guide 2' for advertising, great believer of live entertainment and was disappointed when they both closed.

So not to bore you here we are, but it's down to bands and venues to send us gig listings news and any other info relating to **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS.**

So if your running an open mic night or ukulele night, regular gig nights then this Old Codger would love to know

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WELL I NEVER!!

SCREAMING LORD SUTCH - was the founder of Britain's 'Monster Raving Loony Party' , real name, David Edward Sutch was born in 1940 in Kilburn, London. He changed his name in the 1960's when

he recorded a number of very strange Rock & Roll records, He stood for election to the House of common's in the UK Parliament 39 times but strange to say, was never elected. A number of The Monster Raving Loony Party's proposals did, however, later become law, like reducing the age of voting to 18, passports for pets and pub all day openings. These were deemed very loony ideas at the time!

ROCK ON THE AIR WAYS

Did you know? That there is a popular local Rock radio station? Known to many as 'THE FLASH' is a non profit community Radio Station run entirely by volunteers.

Based in Havant, South Hampshire home for Classic Rock, Blues and supporting local bands, pounding out some great tracks.

They have recently joined forces with a popular school in Leigh Park, signing an agreement with Park Community School which will give the not for profit broadcasters a new home also creating exciting opportunities for the school and it's students.

They have an excellent and informative web site, where you can not only listen to the current program but get all the information on how the station started, news updates, local gig guide etc.....

For more information go to -

www.theflashonair.co.uk

THIS MONTHS MUSIC QUIZ.....

- (1) Who was Cilla Blacks first manager?
- (2) Which PARK was Donna Summer in in 1778?
- (3) Who had a 1989 hit with *'Love Changes Everything?'*
- (4) Which Pickets took *'Only You'* to the top?
- (5) Which super group is Agnetha Faltskog a member of?
- (6) Which Annie had a number one hit album with 'Diva' ?
- (7) How did T Rex's Marc Bolan meet his death?
- (8) What completes the trio with Earth and Wind?
- (9) Where did Police put their *'Message'*?
- (10) Which Attraction were *'Perfect'* in 1988?
- (11) Which 'Night' did The Drifters enjoy at the movies?
- (12) Which day of the week did The Boomtown Rats not like?
- (13) Which sister had a hit with *'Frankie'*?
- (14) What did Eddie Grant *'Not Wanna Do'* in 1982?
- (15) Which Rolling Stone plays dulcimer on *'Lady Jane'*?
- (16) Which Joe played with The Bruvvers?
- (17) Which part of the UK does Lisa Stansfield come from?
- (18) What was the name of Bob Dylan's own record label
- (19) What was P J Proby's most famous split on stage?
- (20) Which Gary sang in The Union Gap?
- (21) What do the initials NEC stand for?
- (22) Which Chrissie sang with The Pretenders?
- (23) What did Seal sing about *'A Kiss From'* in 1994?
- (24) What city are Berlin from?
- (25) Where did Madonna implore them not to cry for her in 1996?
- (26) How is David Solberg better know?
- (27) Which animal was the subject of Rolf Harris's first chart hit?
- (28) How many Pet Shop Boy's were there?
- (29) Who formed a duo with Lyle?
- (30) What was Garth Brooks first album called?

Answers on page 10 of this issue

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ELKIE BROOKS

The singer of over 20 hit selling albums, who found fame with the band 'Vinegar Joe' in the 70's who went on to have solo hits with 'Pearls A Singer' and 'Sunshine After The Rain' is currently on a 2017 tour.

I attended her show at 'The Anvil' Basingstoke on Friday 16th June, now 72 years of age I was amazed at the energy of her show and Elkie still has a powerful and electric voice. I've found in most things in this life, passion and love of what someone does comes across every time.

The first half was made up of some amazing standards from Arthea Franklin, Bob Dylan, an amazing cover of The Moody Blues 'Nights in White Satin' which Elkie released as a single reaching no 33 in the UK top fifty in July 1982.

From a collection of her hits too a mix of Jazz,going back too the thirties,Soul and Rock. The second half of the show was a more blues rocky event, just as good but with a faster beat!!

The 5 members of Elkie's backing band were very tight, the sound was excellent, they enjoyed the gig as much as the audience - what a brilliant night. Keep rocking Elkie Brooks. For her web site go to -

www.elkiebrooks.com

The Anvil, Basingstoke, North Hampshire is an excellent venue, which has some very

top names appearing that quiet often don't venture to the south coast venues.

For more info go to -

www.anvilarts.org.uk

MORE THAN JUST.....

Your local music shop, Havant Music Mart, has since opening in North Street Arcade in 2011 after 3 years there, moved to larger premise's at 49 West Street, Havant (on the corner of Brockhampton Lane) The shop now carry's over 175 guitars from Classical, Acoustic and a wide range of Electric's plus amplification. It also has a wide range of over 50 different Ukulele's, now very popular. Run as a general music shop there are Banjo's, Mandolins, Violin's Brass and woodwind plus a large range of case's and accessories, which include a wide selection of strings, stands, spares and carry bags.

A work shop is on the premise's with the shop covering repairs on most instruments. Part exchange is welcome, with a range of top brands like Tanglewood, Freshman, Vintage, Luna, Dean, Mahalo, Excelsior, Native series, Stentor Violin's and accessories. With a selection of secondhand always available the shop has a reputation for competitive prices on new and used.

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ROCK AND ROLL

July see's the birth of the great Bobby Day 1st 1930, Bill Hayley 6th 1925, Dion Dimucci 18th 1938, and Paul Anka 1941.

If there ever was an anthem to Rock 'n' Roll, then it was the song "Rock Around the Clock", performed by Bill Haley and His Comets, the songs powerful refrain and driving beat ushered in the new style for a new era in popular music, yes Rock 'n' Roll was here to stay.....

In 1955 Bill recorded the landmark song which held down the number 1 spot for over 8 weeks and went on to sell over 45 million copies worldwide.....

In Britain 'Rock Around the Clock' re-entered the charts several times and surprising 'Rock Around the Clock' was not Bill's first million seller. 'Shake Rattle and Roll' was recorded months earlier and was almost banded from being broadcast on the radio. Bill Haley had started his recording career in 1951 when he lead a small Country and Western band, which failed to compete with the likes of Hank Williams and Webb Pierce, so Bill decided to add a rhythm and blues feel to the band, with the bands new style and sound they renamed the group, recording their first hit in 1952 called 'Crazy Man Crazy'. After signing with

Decca this new band with a great new sound the World was about to hear.

Their record sales hit the roof!! Decca could not make the singles fast enough, as every country wanted the bands music.

'Rock Around the Clock' featured in 15 different films and recorded in 37 different languages, with over 140 different versions globally. Bill and the Comets also recorded also recorded 10 other chart topping hits, including 'See You Later Alligator' which like 'Rock Around The Clock' become an icon, a symbol of an era.

Bill Haley and the Comets had made their mark on history and on the World music scene, Bill the guy from Detroit.

Bill Haley who went on to perform on the revival circuit of the sixties and seventies, saw his signature song become a U.S.A hit for a second time when 'Rock Around The Clock' appeared on the 1974 soundtrack of the film 'American Graffiti' and the hit TV show 'Happy Days', it was estimated that the track sold over 100 million records world wide.

Sadly Bill Haley suffered and died from a heart attack at his home in Harlingen, Texas on February 9th 1981, he was aged only 55 years old.

KEEP MUSIC LIVE - SUPPORT THE VENUES

THE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Every effort on the part of THE Old Codger is made to give correct information. Please contact the venue to check that what is listed is still on, before setting out on your journey.

JULY '17

Saturday 1st

Trevor John Band @ Heroes, Waterlooville
Loco Fest @ Wedgewood Rms Portsmouth
Punk Pirates @ Fareham Pub Trinity St

Sunday 2nd

Off The Kerb Edinburgh @ Wedgewood Rooms, Albert Rd, Southsea, Portsmouth

Tuesday 4th

Dirt Royal @ Wedgewood Rms, Portsmouth

Wednesday 5th

The Shadders (The South coast Shadows Club) @ The Heroes, Waterlooville

Thursday 6th

Acoustic Session @ Heroes, Waterlooville
Living End @ Wedgewood Rms, Portsmouth

Friday 7th

Sorted @ The Fareham Pub Trinity St
Mr Big Stuff @ The Heroes, Waterlooville
Bog Rolling Stones @ Wedgewood Rooms

Saturday 8th

Let's Rock Southampton The Retro Festival @ Southampton Common
Rock Saltz @ The Fareham Pub, Trinity St
Mighty Fly @ The Heroes, Waterlooville
Burt Cassim 2017 @ Wedgewood Rooms

Sunday 9th

Joe Black @ Wedgewood Rms, Portsmouth

Wednesday 12th

Dan McKinnon @ Hambledon Folk Club, The Youth Hut, West St 02392 632719

Friday 14th

Cracking Jack @ The Admiral Drake, Portsmouth
Comedy Club @ Wedgewood Rooms
Steve Hampton @ The Fareham Pub

Saturday 15th

Electric 80 @ The Heroes, Waterlooville
Bemos @ Wedgewood Rms, Portsmouth

Sunday 16th

The Worried Men @ Bird in Hand, Fareham

Thursday 20th

Mark Thomas @ Wedgewood Rooms

Friday 21st

Black Rose @ The Heroes, Waterlooville
Glitter Bags @ The Fareham Pub

Saturday 22nd

The Jaspers @ The Heroes, Waterlooville
Rock of the Pops @ Admiral Drake, Ports
Kill Em Dead Cowboy @ Wedgewood Rooms, Albert Rd, Southsea, Portsmouth

Wednesday 26th

The Shadders @ The Heroes, Waterlooville

Friday 28th

The Mafia @ The Heroes, Waterlooville
Triple X @ Admiral Drake, Portsmouth
Comedy Club @ Wedgewood Rooms
Midnite Sun @ The Fareham Pub, Trinity Street, Fareham

Saturday 29th

Superheroes @ The Heroes, Waterlooville
China Lake @ Admiral Drake, Portsmouth
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Sunday 30th

Underdogs @ Admiral Drake, Portsmouth
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Mondays

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Tuesdays

Open Mic @ Robin Hood, Rowlands Castle
Open Mic @The Vestry, Chichester

Wednesdays

Open Mic @The Old Barn, Portsmouth
Open Mic @ La Havana, Chichester
Open Mic @ Golden Lion, Havant

Thursdays

Open Mic @ Crown Hotel, Emsworth

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MUSIC QUIZ**

- (1) Brian Epstein (2) MacArther
- (3) Michael Ball (4) Flying
- (5) Abba (6) Lennox
- (7) His car hit a tree (8) Fire
- (9) In a Bottle (10) Fairground
- (11) Saturday (12) Mondays
- (13) Sledge (14) Dance
- (15) Brian Jones (16) Brown
- (17) Rochdale
- (18) Accomplice Records
- (19) His Trousers (20) Pucket
- (21) National Exhibition Centre
- (22) Hynde (23) A Rose
- (24) Los Angeles (25) Argentina
- (26) David Soul (27) Kangaroo
- (28) Two (29) Gallagher
- (30) Ropin The Wind

So how did you do? Did you get more than 20 right? Then your over 50 and remember your music..... ?

THEY SAID WHAT?

A wonderful woman my grandmother - 86 years old and not a single grey hair on her head. She's completely bald - Les Dawson

I'm so grey, I look like I'm gonna rain sometimes. And my pubic hair is going grey. In a certain light you'd swear it was Stewart Granger down there. - Billy Connolly

People ask me how long it takes to do my hair. I don't know, I'm never there.
- Dolly Parton

I knew I was going bald when it was taking longer and longer to wash my face.
- Harry Hill

Musicians don't retire; they stop when there's no more music in them.
- Louis Armstrong

How can I die? I'm booked - George Burns

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GRUMPY OLD MUSICIAN

July, summertime here again, complete with more queues bigger and better. We British do love our queue's, if we are not queuing for the Bank then we are queuing for stamps, if we are not queuing for food then we are queuing for the bus to go and get food, or stuck in a traffic queue!

Too drive to get food or fill up with petrol at the supermarket filling station as there are no longer that many roadside petrol stations left so it's left to the supermarkets to fill us up (and queue).

The local recycling centre is a good place to waste your time queuing, mind you you do have to time certain places just right to join a queue otherwise you'll miss out!

There is nothing worse than having a day of queue withdrawal symptoms! The truth is any where is a prime target in this day and age for a queue as modern technology works wonders from the cash point machine to the bank to the post office even the humble supermarket has invented a new way of adding a queue yes self serv-

ice tills! Of course it's July, summer time hot weather, queues to the beach - I think I will stay at home.....

WRINKLE'S WIT & WISDOM

Arnold Schwarzenegger is getting old. He's changed his catchphrase from 'I'll be back' to 'Oh my back' - David Letterman

Actress years seem like dog years and that makes me about 266. - Actress Sharon Stone

The Rolling Stones are on tour again. They were going to call the tour 'The Rolling Stones Live plus Keith Richards - David Letterman

Anti-wrinkle cream there may be, but anti-fat-bastard cream there is not - Dave, Full Monty

The easiest way to diminish the appearance of wrinkles is to keep your glasses off when you look in the mirror. - Joan Rivers

I'm not worried about senility. My grandfather said 'When you become senile, you won't know it.' - Bill Cosby

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