

It's only rock'n'roll but we like it!

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The rowing clubs of Nottingham situated between Trent Bridge and the Forest Ground are part of the Rock and Roll history of the city and from the '60's to the '80's featured some of the iconic bands of the country.

Dave Sharp, an active member of Nottingham Rowing Club, has been part of the local music scene since the early '60s. He played lead guitar in 'Blues and Roots' in the 60s, in 'Cisco' in the 70s and is now with 'The Cyclones' from Derby, a group which club members suggested should be re-named 'Rock and Roll Dinosaurs' or even 'Rocking Pneumonia'.

He has been very active in club fundraising and has been responsible for re-building a wing of the clubhouse, purchasing new boats and keeping interior decoration to a high standard with money from the 'Tea and Toast' fund which provides refreshments for crews training at the week-end.

Dave regards life at the rowing club as a lifesaver since retiring from his graphic design business. His latest project, put together by Ray Cross Signs, is a panel on the club wall showing many of the bands that have played at the Boat Club, together with their records.

In the 60s Spencer Davies recorded 'Keep on Running' and 'Gimme some Loving'; Brian Auger and Julie Driscoll had 'Wheels on Fire' used in the 'Absolutely Fabulous' series; in the 70s Led Zeppelin produced 'Stairway to Heaven' and the 80s had Berlin with their Top Gun hit 'Take My Breath Away'.

This list is already a great favourite of guests from the local community when they are at the club celebrating birthdays, weddings, retirements, promotions or just having a party. It is a source of happy reminiscing as they re-live memories of the great days of live music on the riverside.

Down at a musical

bands who have played

- 1953** RAY CRANE JAZZ BAND
RICHARD HALLAM BAND
*Local Bands
charted regular
to 22 months
throughout 1953/4*
- 1963** BOB WILSON JAZZ BAND
- 1964** BLUES AND ROOTS
throughout 4 & 5 had begun Friday residency made over 130 appearances
- SPENCER DAVIS GROUP with Steve Winwood
"Keep on moving" "Gimme some good lovin'"
- HUMPHREY LITTLETON BAND *"Red piony blues"*
- 1965** ALEXIS KORNER'S BLUES INCORPORATED
The most enter discoverer of the Rolling Stones
- THE MOJOS
Universal group, biggest hit record "Everything"
- JOHN LEE HOOKER
Mississippi Delta Blues singer "Rocky Road" "Bluesy"
- RONNIE JONES & THE BLUEJAYS *Local Band*
- THE ARTWOODS *Art Wood, brother of New Wood (Blues)*
- BRIAN AUGER TRINITY with JULIE DRISCOLL
"This wheel's on fire" (The All Star theme song)
- CHRIS FARLOWE & THE THUNDERBIRDS
"Out of time" "Paint it black" "Thunderbirds and ginkgos"
- THE SENSATIONAL ALEX HARVEY BAND
"Defish" "The Boston Tea Party"

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