



Welcome

Hi, and welcome to our 5th Apollomemories newsletter.

In just 6 months we have now managed to attract over 100k hits. Not bad for something that started over a few pints of cider!? Lots to report.....

A Bouncers Tale

The new forum section about Apollo bouncers has attracted a number of the lovable rogues to contribute to the website.

One such "rogue" was Bernie Dunn. Taking his life in his hands Apollomemories visited Bernie at his home in Glasgow last week.

If you lost your KISS plectrum, Quo drum stick or Roller's scarf to an Apollo bouncer, Bernie's treasure trove of memorabilia is probably where it ended up.

Bernie tells a great story about the famous "Its Good Its Greens" carpet.

Apparently there used to be rolls of the stuff hidden upstairs above the Apollo stage. The ever enterprising bouncers saw the opportunity to make a few bob and offered rolls of the carpet to performers for £50 a go, a week's wages at the time.

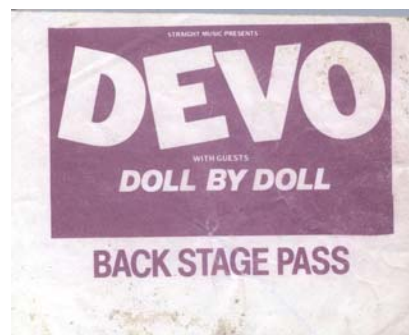
Bernie remembers acts such as John Denver and Rod Stewart purchasing a few roles and discreetly depositing them in their tour buses after their respective shows at the Apollo.

Bernie and the boys dined out on the carpet for a few months until one day being called up to the manager's office. "Where is all the carpet?" the manager asked. "We dinnae ken" replied the bouncers. "So how do you explain this?", the manager enquired opening a copy of "Women's Own" for the lads to have a look.

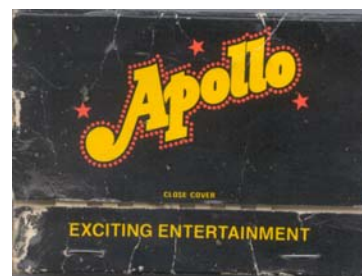
The centre spread showed a picture of Rod Stewart's new home in America complete with palatial games room carpeted wall to

wall with "Its Good its Greens" carpet! Bernie and his colleagues were able to blag their way out of it by blaming some innocent concert goers for selling the gear to Rod! Some things never change!

Apollomemories is pleased to say that Bernie is now in bouncer remission and has very kindly agreed to share him memories and mementoes with us all. Here is just a small sample:



Does anyone remember the support act?



Yes they even made "Apollo" matches!



Gary's first theatre show when he was supported by OMD.

Thanks to Bernie for helping us out.



The Lynch Family Get in Touch

Frank and Linda Lynch have been in touch with us this month. Frank ran Unicorn Leisure, which owned the Apollo for a number of years. He is also credited with being responsible for Billy Connolly's big TV break as a guest on Parkinson (UK chat show) and for the management of Slik (Scottish pop act featuring Midge Ure of Ultravox). Frank and Linda who met at Clouds disco now live in the USA.

Linda writes, "...great to hear how many people are interested in the site! Although not at all surprising. I am so pleased you have done this, I thought it such a tragedy for our fabulous place to just turn into dust, quite literally! Take care, with very best wishes..."

An exclusive interview with Frank will be published on the website soon.

David Essex Fan in the WC!

Our new PO Box facility has encouraged many of you to write to us about your Apollomemories. Here is one which made us giggle.

"My friend Irene and I were going to see David Essex, our other friend Liz was still at school so had no money.

The night of the concert we had just got into our seats when Liz appeared.

She had skipped school that day she had gone to the Apollo and sat in the toilets all day. She was in the from about 9.30 am until 8pm!"

Missing Tickets

We'd still like to try and get hold of the Johnny Cash stubs from the first ever shows at the Apollo on the 5th and 6th of September 1973. Get to work everyone!

Is that a toilet I see before me?

Spot the urinal! We thought this story was a wind up! Thanks to Dave for this picture!



Letters and Feedback

We would welcome feedback on our newsletter theherald@glasgowapollo.com and Website as well as any suggestions.

Contact Information

Suggestions and contributions should be emailed to Scott@apollomemories.com

We can now also be contacted by post at Apollomemories, PO Box 354, Northwich, CW9 6WT

If you would like to advertise on our website or newsletter or if you would be interested in our web development and management please contact us on: advertising@glasgowapollo.com

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As you know Apollomemories was delighted to be asked to help with the publicity for "The Blast from the Past Concert" at the Clyde Auditorium on 28th Feb 2004.

The show was a great success. Watch out for another "Blast" in 2005!