



PIRATES UPDATE

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BORDERLINE GIG SET FOR FRIDAY 23 JUNE!

Following the success and the tremendous interest generated following the Grey Horse and Dingwalls gigs, we are pleased to announce that the lads will be playing the highly regarded Borderline in London's west end on the night of Friday 23 June. For those who haven't been there, The Borderline offers an altogether more intimate and some would say more atmospheric ambience than Dingwalls and we are expecting another rip-roaring night where prisoners are not expected to be taken.

Get Your Tickets Early!

As the maximum capacity of The Borderline is significantly less than the audience who turned up at Dingwalls, we advise you to get your tickets early to avoid being disappointed!

Booking Details

The Borderline is located in Orange Yard, Manette Street, London W1V 5LB (off Charing Cross Road - nearest L.T. underground station Tottenham Court Road, Central and Northern Lines) Tel.: 0207 734 2095 Doors open at 8.30pm. **Advance Tickets £10, available from:- Stargreen 0207 734 8932 Ticketmaster 0207 344 4444/(4040 24hr answering) TicketWeb www.ticketweb.co.uk or 020 7771 2000 (S.T.B.F). Alternatively, £10 in person from the venue 1.00-7.30pm, or £12 on the night subject to availability.**

As The Borderline metamorphoses into something else, bang on 11.00pm, the lads will be on stage at around 9.00pm. These times will be handy for anyone contemplating a long journey.



From the archives c.1984, showing the lads backstage at The Lyceum after supporting Bo Diddley. John wanted to return to his car business and it was to be the last set played by himself, Frank & Mick together as The Pirates for close on 16 years. Arty, Instamatic image, taken by The Grey Horse, Kingston, mine host Dave Beaupré.

WWW.PIRATES

Jason, Frank's son, launched a web site and we hope to keep it updated on a regular basis.
www.The-Pirates.co.uk
For live band pix go to
www.johngalpin.co.uk
Send us your e-mail address to get the latest band info on:-
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WHATS ON CD?

These titles are in catalogue.
Out Of Their Skulls Plus
Zircon Zirc 1003
Skull Wars Plus
Zircon Zirc 1006
Happy Birthday Rock & Roll Plus
Zircon Zirc 1010
Out Of Their Skulls (Double)
West Side WESD 201

DINGWALLS GOES DOWN A STORM!



So that's how he does it! John gets a close up view of how you play simultaneous lead and rhythm at over three thousand miles an hour.



It's not only dogs who get to look like their owners. Some bass guitars evidently do too.



Another mighty performance out of the traps from fearless Frank!
Photos Paul Slattery



Pulling power! Amazingly, we had around 12 people who came specifically from Japan to see the Dingwalls gig! One such was Yukiko Akagawa from Kanagawa who had the dubious privilege of being snapped in the dressing room with Frank, Mick and BBC Radio 2's 'hot shot' producer Geoff Barker.
Photo Merv Studios

SIX DECADES AND STILL GOING STRONG!

Amazingly, there has now been a Pirates line up over six decades! Seems improbable, but work it out for yourself, as Johnny Kidd commissioned the first crew back in 1958. Now we know they haven't been playing *continuously* for all that time, but its one hell of a record just the same, which we believe is unmatched in the UK, even by the likes of The Shadows.

WE'RE ON T.O.T.P.

Well T.O.T.P. '2' actually! Footage from Dingwalls 20 years ago with the lads playing Gibson Martin Fender appeared in BBC 2's retro music slot.

STOP PRESS

Mick has recorded an instrumental for a Sun tribute album with veteran Elvis sidemen Scotty Moore and DJ Fontana. The Pirates were due to back Van Morrison on another track but plans unravelled at the last moment....