

BEYOND THE GRAVES

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LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS - THE SIXTIES

What was happening in Ryde?

Elmfield Congregational Church
COFFEE MORNING
to be held on
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th
10 to 12
Bring-and-Buy Stall in Schoolroom

**Adge Cutler
and His
Wurzels**

Ryde Town Hall
SATURDAY, SEPT. 14th

Borough of Ryde
GARDEN SHOW
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th
Town Hall, Ryde
TO BE OPENED BY
MR. PETER CLARK
OF SOUTHERN ITV

JUMBLE SALE

at the Weston Hut, St. John's Hill
on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th**
at 6.30 p.m.

ADMISS

Ryde Town Hall
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th at 7.30 p.m.
The Dunford Orchestra

 **Ponda-Rosa**
ASHEY near RYDE
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(Bars open normal Licensing Hours)

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Borough of Ryde Centenary Celebration Match
RYDE SPORTS
v.
PORTSMOUTH

at **PARTLANDS** • **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th**
Kick-off 6 p.m.
Admission 2s. 6d., Stands 2s. O.A.P.s and Juveniles 1s. 6d.

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Nightly at 8 p.m., including Sundays
KEN BARNES presents
**SUMMER
MUSIC HALL**
THE ISLAND'S FINEST ENTERTAINMENT
This Week No. 2 Programme
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Saturday, Sept. 21st

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This Saturday

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at the

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to THE BEDOUINS

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EVERY SATURDAY
Dinner Dance
in the Dining Room

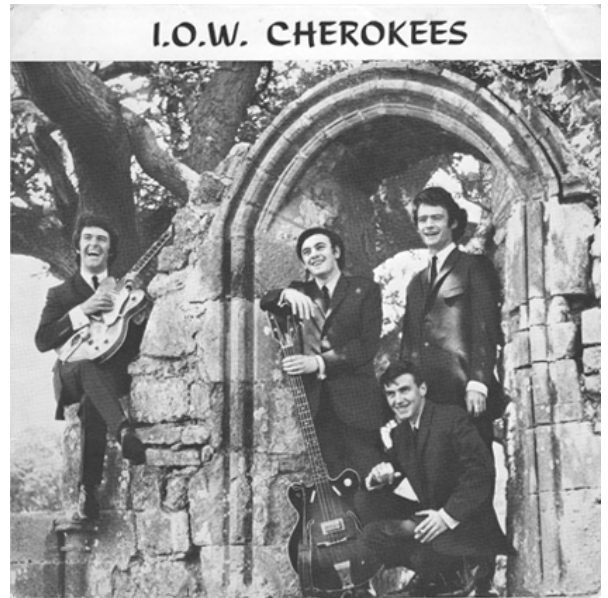
ROCKIN' RYDE

THE CHEROKEES

In the 1960s one of the most popular bands on the Isle of Wight was The Cherokees.

The main members of the band were Graham Bletchley - rhythm guitar and vocals; Brian Sharpe - lead guitar and vocals; Crann Davies - bass guitar and vocals; Ken Young - drums.

The group's first regular booking was at the Queen's Hall; from there they moved to The Lakeside, and then The Royal York Hotel in George Street, Ryde. It was at The Royal York that the group established the 69 Club which, for several years, was the most popular club on the Island.



The group recorded their first record on 17 April 1966 at Olympic Sound Studios, it was an EP called "The Isle of Wight Cherokees". The sleeve notes say: "The IOW Cherokees and the 69 Club have for some years formed the major part of the Isle of Wight's beat music and dance scene. Now, at last, recorded for posterity, here are four of the Club favourites - starting with the knockout 'Girl Don't Tell Me'; the tempo slows for the ever popular 'Stewball'. Side two opens with 'Anthony Boy' which has been drawing squeals of delight and pain for more than three years, and finally we have 'I'm a Fool', great to dance to if you've got your feet tied together."

69 CLUB
now at the
ROYAL YORK HOTEL, RYDE
Featuring
THE CHAPS
(I.O.W.'s Cherokees)
Admission 5/- Membership 1/-
© SPECIAL NOTICE. Please attend early to avoid disappointment.
The management strictly reserve the right to refuse or revoke membership to/of any person who by manner or appearance may cause embarrassment to other club members.
There are a Restricted Number of Memberships
now available for the 69 club
Doors open 8 p.m.
LATE TRANSPORT RETURNING TO SANDOWN AND SHANKLIN

Isle of Wight Times 5 November 1964

"In short, a selection which highlights the boys' versatility and which has been well worth waiting for."

The Cherokees became very successful in Sweden with two of their own compositions: 'I feel good' and 'Deep Blue Feeling', but their love of the Island soon brought them back home. In 1968 the group was described as "The Island's top group for the last seven years" in the 'Islander Magazine'.

THE ISLAND'S TOP POP CLUB
at
The PAVILION, RYDE PIER
EVERY SATURDAY
The Best in BEAT and ENTERTAINMENT with
The Cherokees I.W.
Admission 5/- Membership 1/-
FREE return transport to Brading, Sandown, Lake and Shanklin
Also Pier Tram
Sunday Special - 69 Club presents
The Midnight Creepers
Admission 3/6

Isle of Wight Times 9 September 1965



HOVERCRAFT AND REVIVALISTS HAD SOMETHING IN COMMON *THEY BOTH UPSET SOME RESIDENTS!*

What has the clash of tambourines and cries of "Come and join us" got in common with the high-pitched whine of the hovercraft engines? Both of them have annoyed Ryde residents.



The newly-introduced hovercraft service between Appley Beach and Southsea came in for criticism following complaints about the noise. It was suggested that the position of the hovercraft or the beach huts might be moved.

"Not only are children frightened, but sand and spray is thrown about and quite a number of people have decided not to further rent these huts."

Not far from Appley, in the Simeon Street Recreation Ground area, another kind of noise has caused upset. This was due to a gathering of "Henri's Revivals" for a week in June and their "earnest and penetrating celebrations".



The Parks and Entertainments Committee gave assurance that the revivalists would not be allowed to site their marquee in the same position again.



The Committee was well aware of the trouble in connection with the hovercraft, and pointed out that the service was of an experimental nature.

"HOVERCRAFT TOO NOISY" SAYS APPLEY ESTATE

Eighty-three residents of Appley Estate have sent a petition to Ryde Corporation complaining about the noise and "other inconveniences" caused by the Ryde - Southsea hovercraft service. The terminus on Appley beach is only a short distance from the estate.

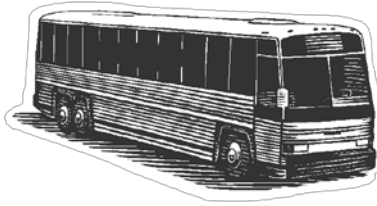


Source: Isle of Wight Times 16 July 1964, 10 December 1964

MORE COMPLAINTS! THE NOISY NIGHTS IN DOVER STREET

Isle of Wight Times 12 November 1964

An elderly woman in Dover Street complained that drunken rowdies were passing her house up until 3am and lorries were parking outside her front window.



Another woman also said a lorry often parked outside her front window and complained that coaches used Dover Street during the summer, sometimes eight at a time. She went on to say that a few hundred yards from her house were two hotel dance halls and that since they had changed to "pop" music attendance had doubled. Visitors to these two places often left their cars parked in Dover Street and she was constantly being disturbed by the slamming of car doors until late at night.

A man who resided in Dover Street said that his house was affected by the railway tunnel which ran only 50 feet away. Trains passed through the tunnel at least 60 times a day and every time the rumble could be heard from the house, which trembled. His house was also affected by the parking of cars in Dover Street by people attending nearby dances.



AND MORE COMPLAINTS!

Isle of Wight Times 12 September 1963

Dear Sir, in West Hill Road the residents are law-abiding, quiet and undemonstrative, but at carnival time, can the police, the town council, the carnival committee, or anyone, do something to prevent jean-clad hoboes brazenly entering our gardens, trampling our crops, breaking our fences and hedges to gatecrash?....RATEPAYER.

Isle of Wight Times 12 April 1962

"Short-sighted", "Inconsiderate" and "Senseless" were terms applied by Ryde Council members at the County Education Committee's proposal to close the town's further education classes. The grounds for the closure, said the Education Committee, were those of economy (the Ryde classes are believed to have cost a net £450 annually).

Isle of Wight Times 16 August 1962

Dear Sir, I wonder whose bright idea it was to have scent machines installed in the ladies convenience in Ryde (at six pence a time). Residents and visitors alike agree the real need is a machine for soap leaves - plus tissues - or even a good deodorant. This would prove more hygienic than all the pseudo French perfumes!

Isle of Wight Times 13 December 1962

Hoteliers are not satisfied with the facilities that Ryde has to offer in wet weather, early and late season, and lack of entertainments for children. Ryde Borough Council Parks and Entertainments Committee have accepted a request to meet two representatives of the association to discuss proposals for added seasonal amenities.



Isle of Wight Times 23 January 1964

"Just like cattle" was the term used on Tuesday to describe the treatment of passengers queuing on Ryde Pier during the summer, and that the Island's railways were outdated and unsatisfactory.

There should be support for the retention of Island lines - but only if they were modernised, which would mean extra costs.

ANIMAL ANTICS



CANNED PIGLET - In the early hours yesterday a small clattering disturbed the silence. Then it grew louder and louder...Elderly Mrs Beatrice Bowers rose from her bed and ran to look out of the window into her garden at 19 Colenutts Road, Ryde. She saw - not a burglar - but a piglet with its head stuck firmly in a watering can, creating havoc in her vegetable patch.

PORCUPINE AT LARGE - Householders were alerted and a 999 call made to the police when a porcupine was spotted trotting briskly up Appley Rise.



Soon a body of resolute men and women, armed with brooms, were trying to encourage "Porky" to enter a large packing case but it broke loose and sped towards Middle Lodge, disappearing in brambles and shrubbery.



The porcupine had escaped from the new pet's corner at the Appley Park end of Ryde Esplanade, which is to be opened next Thursday, by biting through the chain-link gate.

What has orange legs, a black body and two sharp spikes protruding from its nose? Ryde police didn't know either when a beetle of this description was handed in to them alive. It had been found in a bunch of bananas at a local greengrocers. An easier-to-identify regulation boot soon disposed of the mysterious alien.



THE RED FOX – Breakfasting guests at the Appley Hotel, Ryde, watched fascinated as a red fox was chased about the hotel grounds by a red-haired policeman. PC Ronald Short was an appropriate (not to say obvious) choice to be given the task of catching the animal after a surprised waitress noticed it outside.

Eventually the animal was returned to Mr Vernon Winkworth, proprietor of "Pets Corner". PC Short was driven back to the station by (oddly enough) PC Redhead.

STICKS OF ROCK DISAPPEAR - Police have solved the mystery of sticks of rock (always pear flavoured) disappearing with disconcerting regularity at a seafront shop.

PC Cook watched and saw a large white shaggy dog saunter up to the open-fronted display stand at Dinelli's, then when the owners back was turned, deftly removed yet another stick of rock and nip niftily across the road. Eventually the four-legged filcher was cornered. His doggy breath smelt strongly of pears. Having been caught red-handed or rather, yellow-tongued, the villain came along quietly.



Source: Isle of Wight Times 1 June 1961, 29 July 1961, 11 April, 1 August 1963 and 22 August 1963

THE "BUCKET AND SPADE HOLIDAY" ERA



The 1960s was the boom time for the traditional British seaside holiday and Ryde, with its golden sands, made a perfect destination. Warner's Puckpool Holiday Camp, built in the 1930s to accommodate 650 people, and the adjoining Warner's St Clare Camp which opened after the Second World War, were in their heyday. The Puckpool Camp boasted "Every sort of amusement both indoor and outdoor is provided free of charge".

Sun, sea and sand; the three elements to the perfect "bucket and spade holiday"...donkey rides on the beach, building sandcastles, sticks of rock, ice-cream, boating on the lake and strolling along the promenade... Ryde had it all.



Isle of Wight Times 14 June 1962

One notable new feature of the holiday scene was the opening of the new go-kart track at Ryde Airport, where quite a number of people paid 5s. for a six-lap ride round the 500 yard twisting, banked course. The machines hired to the public have been geared down to a 30 mph limit, "To make sure no-one gets airborne on the airport".

Isle of Wight County Press 8 August 1964

Sunbathers on Appley beach at Ryde on Wednesday morning looked twice when they saw the passengers disembarking from the SRN 5 after its 11.30 am crossing. For there, complete with jeans, a leather coat and a crash helmet was a chimpanzee. Taking a few steps up the beach the chimpanzee turned to wave to the pilot Mr Peter Ayles. The chimp, three-year-old Kanoble from Billy Smart's circus at Portsmouth, was accompanied by "Spuggy", one of the circus clowns. "Spuggy", whose real name is Mr Charles Wardle, was on the entertainments staff of Warner's St Clare camp three years ago and when on Wednesday he decided to visit his old friends there he took Kanoble along for company.

1967 Ward Lock Guide

"The Esplanade Gardens and the adjoining promenade are perhaps the most attractive features of the town. The greater part is grass, but the borders are planted with flowers and shrubs, and hedged with tamarisk. Here is Ryde's handsome Pavilion where a theatrical company entertains daily. Near the Pavilion is a small bandstand from which are given morning and afternoon orchestral concerts. There are bowls, tennis and miniature golf facilities, and several tasteful shelters. Beyond is an extensive oval Canoe Lake, on the shallow and secluded water of which juvenile mariners may acquire the rudiments of navigation in perfect safety. Coaches — The trips range from "Round the Island" tours to afternoon and evening runs to places of interest in the Island."

