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Sex Pistols/The Clash @ Black Swan 1976

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10-10-2012, 01:06 #1

Beckyx
Registered User
Joined: Aug 2007
Total Posts: 1

Hi there,

Just wondering did anybody go to The Clash's first ever gig with The Sex Pistols at The Black Swan as it was known back then (Boardwalk)? July 4th 1976 I think it was!

Would love to talk to you or if you know someone who did?

Thanks 🙏🙏

10-10-2012, 06:49 #2

Nagel
Registered User
Joined: Aug 2010
Location: Bloody Sheffo
Total Posts: 5,948

I chose not to go at the time and opted to stay in and watch the tellybox, saving myself 50p. I'd never heard of the Sex Pistols, but months later they were huge. I never did see them, but saw the Clash a couple of times.

10-10-2012, 10:56 #3

garypeacock
Registered User
Joined: May 2012
Total Posts: 124

I wasn't there, but in the intervening years I met thousands who said they were.
So someone should be able to help.
Saw the Clash a number of times later on if that helps.

Tony Beesley has written a couple of books on that era and may be able to point you to someone. Try www.ourgenerationpunkandmod.co.uk

See my columns for Alfreton town FC and the Amber Valley voice at <http://deathoftheregular.wordpress.com/>

10-10-2012, 14:59 #4

beefface
Registered User
Joined: Jan 2011
Total Posts: 756

Wasn't there but been loads of times to see some fantastic acts, even played there myself a handful of times, so experienced a minor depressive episode last week when I heard on Radio Sheffield that it may be being tuned into a Tesco Express!

10-10-2012, 15:14 #5

Steptoad
Registered User
Joined: Apr 2008
Total Posts: 1,501



Quote:
Originally Posted by **beefface** *Wasn't there but been loads of times to see some fantastic acts, even played there myself a handful of times, so experienced a minor depressive episode last week when I heard on Radio Sheffield that it may be being tuned into a Tesco Express!*

Hasn't Sheffield reached a Tesco saturation point?

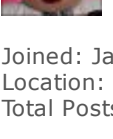
10-10-2012, 16:18 #6

robcalder
Registered User
Joined: Oct 2012
Total Posts: 127

I wasn't there either, but was in town that night. I always thought it was later than 1976?

10-10-2012, 16:29 #7

Bushbaby
Registered User
Joined: Jan 2004
Location: Sheffield
Total Posts: 1,570



The Clash were billed as "The 101ers" on the posters...and Mick Jones and I were born on the very same day.
The only song I remember was Steve Hibbert's "Pressure Drop" which I knew well from my old Trojan collection. There was a lot of shouting and political grand standing.

<http://www.acmretro.com/geeor.html>

11-10-2012, 09:42 #8

eastbank
Registered User
Joined: Jul 2007
Total Posts: 5,361



Quote:
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missed them at the black swan...the anarchy tour of 1976 scheduled to play city hall in december...put council stopped it... finally saw them on christmas day 1977 at huddersfield...cost me a fiver...money well spent..

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11-10-2012, 18:02 #9

melthebell
gets coat
Joined: Mar 2005
Location: Near whitby, originally from Sheffield
Total Posts: 58,745
Status: Online



i never went 😞
i was only 7 😞

Does your wife know what your up to mel when your in your own little world?

11-10-2012, 18:10 #10

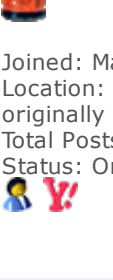
Bypassblade
Registered User
Joined: Jan 2010
Location: Just beyond insanity
Total Posts: 13,270

Quote:
Originally Posted by **melthebell** *i never went 😞
i was only 7 😞*

Was that in dog years Mel 🙏🙏

11-10-2012, 18:16 #11

melthebell
gets coat
Joined: Mar 2005
Location: Near whitby, originally from Sheffield
Total Posts: 58,745
Status: Online



Quote:
Originally Posted by **Bypassblade** *Was that in dog years Mel 🙏🙏*

fraid not 😞

im only a young whippersnapper lol

Does your wife know what your up to mel when your in your own little world?

31-10-2012, 22:37 #12

Alex94
Registered User
Joined: Aug 2011
Total Posts: 6

Funnily enough i've just been watching an interview on YouTube with John Lydon and Keith Levine of Public Image Ltd in which they discuss how they first met at this gig.

Sheffield Forum will not allow me to post the link, but if you want to watch it, copy and paste the following into the YouTube search box "Public Image Ltd.- Interview With JJ Jackson (MTV 1982) 2nd Part".
The relevant conversation takes place at 9:04, in which Lydon refers to the Black Swan as "that awful club in Sheffield".

At this first meeting they apparently discussed the possibility of starting their own band if the Pistols ever split up, which is exactly what they did after the Pistols did. Looks like the spark that created Public Image Ltd started at the Mucky Duck!

04-11-2012, 21:43 #13

Jordan 1989
Registered User
Joined: Mar 2012
Total Posts: 118

Bet when you get men of a certain age drunk enough this is just like Woodstock... everyone was there!

04-07-2016, 16:06 #14

Bilge
Registered User
Joined: Dec 2004
Total Posts: 2,199

Forty years ago today. It would be nice if the place reopened in time for the 50th anniversary.

[bilge balderdash baloney claptrap cobblers codswallop drivel hogwash hooley poppycock tosh tripe twaddle](#)

04-07-2016, 17:56 #15

darra
Registered User
Joined: Mar 2005
Location: Woodhall Spa
Total Posts: 510

A mate of my mate worked for Virgin records and tipped us off about the gig. If I remember the pistols were on the bill as the paint spots or something. We weren't sure whether he was winding us up or not so didn't go

01-07-2017, 21:51 #16

blake
Registered User
Joined: Aug 2010
Location: Lahug, Cebu city, Philippines
Total Posts: 2,469

the Clash played Sheffield only one more time - January 27, 1980. At the Top Rank.

by that time they'd been round the block a bit, and played not just Hull and Bradford, but also Houston and Boston.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhACPRwzIOo>

02-07-2017, 10:22 #17

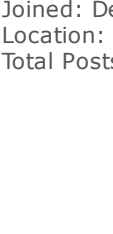
SaintsAll
Registered User
Joined: Jul 2015
Total Posts: 37

Hi, I was at the Sex Pistols gig at the Mucky Duck with my mates. We used to shop in Malcolm McClaren / Vivienne Westwoods shop called Let it Rock, and got to hear about the Pistols then. When we heard they were playing Sheffield we had to go and check them out. All went well until my mate admonished Johnny Rotten for his shabby attire and he responded with a colourful reply. Around the same time we saw Kilburn and the High Roads there.

Last edited by SaintsAll; 02-07-2017 at 10:26. Reason: clarity

04-07-2017, 00:39 #18

Grappler
Registered User
Joined: Dec 2006
Location: Sheffield
Total Posts: 7,864



Quote:
Originally Posted by **blake** ***the Clash played Sheffield only one more time - January 27, 1980. At the Top Rank.***

by that time they'd been round the block a bit, and played not just Hull and Bradford, but also Houston and Boston.

Not true, they played at The Lyceum, October, 1981

The White Rose of Yorkshire, the twin Blades of Sheffield Steel, the club at the heart of the city.