

The Mecca Locarno, in Arundel Street



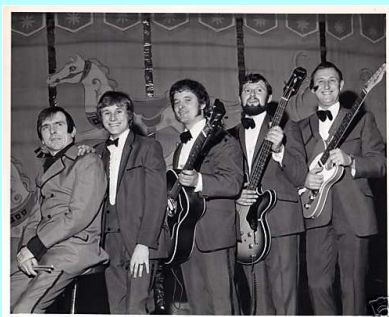
MECCA DANCING—LOCARNO
ARUNDEL STREET. Tel. 25491
Thursday 7TH MAY Thursday
OPENING NIGHT
GALA DANCE
Hats ! Balloons ! Prizes !
Non-stop Dancing, 8 p.m.—1 a.m., 10/-
Jack Hawkins Orchestra
Bob Fitzpatrick Group.
Few remaining tickets available.
Admission strictly limited.

Opening night 7th May 1964



The Jack Hawkins Band,

Trumpets: Terry Porter Tony Lindford. Trombone Harold Price Sax's: Ray Nabarro Alto/Violin, Colin Campbell, Steve Kennal, Tenors and Tommy Hawkins(brother of Jack), Baritone sax. Piano Joe McMillan, Bass t.b.a. Drums Kenny Duff Vocals: Elaine Hope and Barry St. Clair. M.D Jack Hawkins



The Mel Douglas Set

<p>Let's Go Dancing! Outstanding Bands Courtesy and Service All Visitors Welcome Record Night - Mondays - Top DJ's Non-Stop Dancing - Every Evening Over 21 Night - Every Wednesday</p>	<p>EVENING PROGRAMME</p> <p><i>Sunday</i> "Over 21 Club Night" General Dancing 7.30 - 11. Members 4/- Guests 5/-</p> <p><i>Monday</i> "On the Record" Night 7.30 - 11. 4/-</p> <p><i>Tuesday</i> (General Dancing, 7.30 - 12. 5/- unless privately booked—see local press)</p> <p><i>Wednesday</i> "Over 21" Night, 7.30 - 12. 5/-</p> <p><i>Thursday</i> "Up 'n' 20" Night, 7.30 - 11. 4/- Top Band and Groups and Records</p> <p><i>Friday</i> Weekend Gala Night, 8 - 1 a.m. 6/-</p> <p><i>Saturday</i> Late Poles Night, 8 - 1 a.m. 7/- before 8 a.m. 5/- after 9 p.m.</p> <p><i>Saturday Afternoon</i> Junior Disc Session, 2.30 - 4.30 1/-</p> <p><small>*All admission prices subject to alterations</small></p>
<p align="center">MECCA DANCING</p> <p>NIGHTLY (Mondays Excepted) TO Jack Hawkins and his Big Band and the MEL DOUGLAS FOUR</p>	



John Peters Progression 1969/70, L to R Danny Barbour drums, Kirsty, Jon Peters, Marc Tuddenham Guitar, 2nd girl, George from Poland keyboard



The Mod Squad at The Mecca around 69/70s. Some of these people still live in Portsmouth From Left to Right Pete Humphries, and Elaine?. Sheila Nugent (nee Bruce), Jimmy Nugent, Marty and Lorraine. Bloke ? and Sally, Bloke ? and Bev

MECCA DANCING
LOCARNO
ARUNDEL STREET
PORTSMOUTH
Tel: 254912

TOMORROW
Tuesday 26th August


THE JOHNNY HOWARD SHOW BAND

FEATURING STAR VOCALISTS
Danny Street - Laura Lee
Tony Stevens

8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

ADVANCE TICKETS 4/- on the night 7/-

WE ARE NOW TAKING BOOKINGS
FOR YOUR WEDDING RECEPTION

 **CHEAP** An advert from 1970 for a night out at the Mecca ballroom, Arundel Street, Portsmouth.



The Mike Allen Collection with Ricky Dean 1972 to 1973



The Mecca band from 1973 called the Terry Warren Fraternity,

In the white trousers. Terry Porter who took the name Terry Warren. Playing bass is Dave Knight, Behind him is lead guitarist Paul Newman. On drums is Mike 'Mutton' Hutton. Others are unknown.



The Terry Warren Fraternity on the revolving stage. Terry Porter (Trumpet), Ian Buchanan (Tenor Sax), Chris Waters (Trombone), Mike Hutton (Drums), Paul Newman (Guitar), Dave Knight (Bass Guitar), Pete (Vocalist), Chas Lamb (Piano, Hammond Organ + Leslie Speaker) A ten-piece Band - luxury!!

1975 June 243th Rufus Thomas.

MECCA DANCING
LOCARNO BALLROOM
ARUNDEL STREET, PORTSMOUTH

**TONIGHT, SATURDAY,
Our Great Spectacular**

Dancing to the fabulous sounds of Tony Strudwick, and our resident group Shapes and Shadows. Spot prizes, balloons, galore.

Dancing from 8 till 2. Late transport to Gosport, Fareham, Leigh Park.

**SUNDAY NIGHT
ARE YOU OVER 25?**

If so come and dance the night away to the musical sound of our band and group. Dancing from 7.30 till 11.30.

MONDAY NIGHT IS SUMMER DISCO NIGHT

Groove to the sounds of the Top 20. Disco stomping from 7.30 till midnight.

P.S. Radio Luxembourg 200 Roadshow, live on stage on Thursday, August 7, with the super group Jigsaw.

Don't miss this. Admission 60p



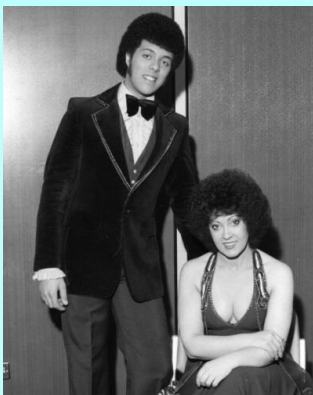
PLANNING A TRIP . . .Koffee 'n' Kreme, Portsmouth's "New Faces" winners. A cabaret stint in Las Vegas was the prize for winning the TV talent show. Contracts signed by Bett Hannah and Lance Ellington, vocalists at Portsmouth Locarno, meant a tour, London Palladium booking and a Royal Command Performance.

TOP ACTS

LA COSTIERA restaurant, Glasgow, is providing the best cabaret available. Elaine Simmons, the glamorous singer, will be there for four nights from next Monday.

Then, direct from three weeks at London's Savoy Hotel, Koffee 'n' Kreme, winners of the gala final of television's "New Faces," will be appearing from February 26 to March 3.

Koffee is Londoner Lance Ellington, son of band leader and "Goon Show" voice Ray Ellington, and actress Anita West. Kreme is Glaswegian Bet Hannah who, at the age of 16, bought a guitar and launched herself in the city's pubs.



also there were Lance Ellington with the late Bet Hannah as singing duo Koffee 'n' Kreme. In 1977, they recorded the Sedaka/Greenfield song "My World Keeps Getting Smaller Everyday/Sunshine and flowers."

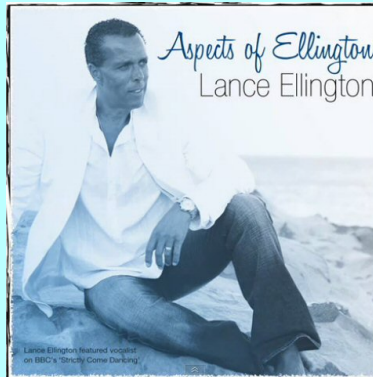
In the spring of 1977 Joe Jackson becomes musical director for popular cabaret act Koffee 'n' Kreme, Lance Ellington sang with the late Bet Hannah as a singing duo and had been winners on the TV talent show "New Faces" 20th November 1977.

TV shows

'Get It Together' EPISODE 4 - 27th April 1977 with
 T Rex - The Soul of My Suit, Koffee'n'Kreme - The World Keeps Getting Smaller, Blue - Gonna Capture Your Heart.
 STAR TREATMENT 6x25mins (1979) Six young talented individuals or groups, not yet stars, are each given the "star treatment" in their own half-hour show. Grace Kennedy, Koffee 'n' Kreme, Sweet Substitute & Cannon & Ball are amongst the artists.

ASPECTS OF ELLINGTON - son of Ray Ellington and featured singer on Strictly Come Dancing. Upbeat Recordings URCD239D
 Lance Ellington, also played trombone with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra.





In 1975 it was Eddie Gray & his Shades of Gray.

From the NEWS Supplement "Portsmouth in the 60's"

In Arundel Street, The Mecca was the largest venue in the City and it hosted the more popular commercial groups.

The Jack Hawkins Band played at the Mecca Locarno Ballroom in Arundel Street from 1964 to 1969. The Arundel Street Locarno Ballroom opened on Monday 4 May 1964 with a "Gala Night" dance.

Opening night 7th May 1964

Noteable visiting musicians to the Portsmouth Mecca Locarno

1967 August 17th Geno Washington & The Ram Jam Band Jack & the Jacobites

21st March 1968 The Symbols

8th August 1968 Grapefruit

14th November 1968 Greatest Show On Earth

2nd January 1969 Thursday The Iveys, Badfinger

21st January 1969, The Pretty Things and the Alan Bown Set

6th May 1969 Badfinger with The Rainbow People

June 5, 1969 Thursday, Badfinger with The Rainbow People

14th April 1970 The new Heaven, now managed by Rikki Farr, at The Lord Mayor's Pop Bonanza

26th August 1970 Howard Show Band, Danny Street, Laura Lee, Tony Steves

1st July 1971, Slade

16th March 1972 The Sweet

1st July 1972 Slade

6th September The Equals(did not turn up!) plus Stuart Henry

13th Blackfoot Sue

20th September 1973 Geordie

27th The Foundations plus Stuart Henry, admission 40p

2nd October 1973 Family, Duster Bennett

13th June 1974 Mungo Jerry

20th June 1974 Blackfoot Sue

22nd October 1974 Lindisfarne, Wally

3rd December 1974 Curved Air

4th March 1975 Boxing, Wayne Evans v Dave Connell, Evans won on a TKO

1st December 1975 Captain Beefheart

19th January 1976 Crazy Cavan & the Rhythm Rockers, Shazam, Riot Rockers

9th February 1976 Shakin' Stevens & the Sunsets, Matchbox

2nd March 1976 Flying Saucers, Shazam, Rocking Pneumonia

6th April 1976 Crazy Cavan & the Rhythm Rockers, Riot Rockers, Rocking Devils

4th May 1976 Remember This, Shazam, Matchbox

1st June 1976 Crazy Cavan & the Rhythm Rockers, Hell Raisers, Shazam

29th June 1976 Yakety Yak, Freddie Fingers Lee, Matchbox

3rd August 1976 Crazy Cavan & the Rhythm Rockers, Thunderbirds, Sunstroke

9th September 1976 Flying Saucers, Rocking Devils

2nd November 1976 Shakin' Stevens & the Sunsets, Shakin' Stevens & the Sunsets, Fight 56

25th November 1976 Steve Hillage

15th February 1977 The Sensational ALEX HARVEY BAND

1st March 1977 AC/DC Bon Scott, Jenny Darren

20th March 1977, Sound check: 4.30pm The Damned on stage: 7.30pm plus The Smiths, T Rex on stage: 8.45pm

April 24th Christy Lee and her Band, Koffee n Kreme, Fresh Pages

MECCA DANCING
LOCARNO BALLROOM
 31, Arundel Street, Portsmouth 25491
 TONIGHT

GRANDE JUBILEE FINALE BALL
 For the Over 21's
 with
CHRISTY LEE AND HER BAND AND SINGERS
 with **FRESH PAGES**

Non-stop Dancing 8.00 till 2.00
 Lots of Spot Prizes and fun with Christy on this our finale to the Jubilee
 Admission on this Night £1

FRIDAY 1st JULY
 WE INVITE YOU TO OUR
'FUNKY CHICKEN PARTY NIGHT'
 Dancing to
CHRISTY LEE AND HER BAND AND SINGERS



with
 Our Resident
 Group
FRESH PAGES
 and
GLENN RICHARDS
 in the
BALI HAI
 8.00-2.00
 Admission 80p
 Plus free chicken
 and chips if you
 arrive before 9.30
 p.m.
 Late Transport to Gos-
 port, Fareham and
 Leigh Park

25th April 1977: Graham Parker and the Rumour,
 14th June 1977 The Jam
 1977 August 23rd Tribute to Elvis
 1977 August 24th Mood Indigo, Christie Lee Band & Singers
 1977 August 25th Danny Williams, Christ Lee Band & singers, Koffy'n'Kreme, Mecca Portsmouth
 21st December 1977 Ross Mitchell Band and Singers plus Mood Indigo

25th April: Graham 1978 Parker and the Rumour.
 21st May 1978 The Vibrators, The Depressions.
 24th September 1978 The Stranglers
 16th November Siouxsie and the Banshees
 17th December 1978 The Clash

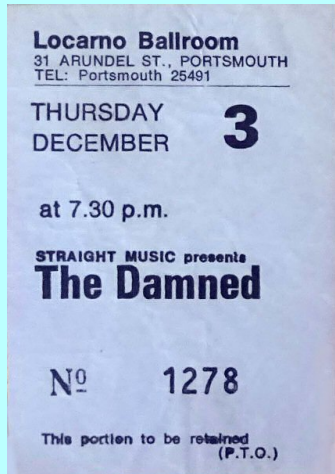
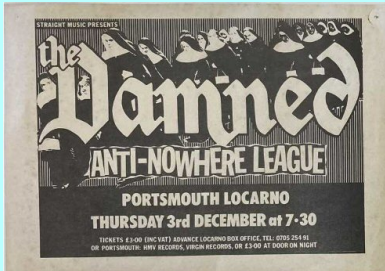
8th March 1979 Thursday The
 Pop Group

13th March 1979 Gordon
 Giltrap plus John Glover
 24th April 1979 Stranglers
 Portsmouth Locarno "this gig
 was cancelled due to poor
 ticket sales".

5th July 1979: Joe Jackson
 19th July 1979 Pretenders
 21st July The Hollies
 18th October 1979 Penetration
 23rd October 1979 Stranglers
 13th November 1979 The
 Damned

29th January 1980 Pretenders
 8th April 1980 Secret affair
 20th May Brand X, Bruford
 3rd June 1980 Iron Maiden
 10th June 1980 Dexys Midnight Runners
 1st July 1980 Iron Maiden
 10th October 1980 Pretenders
 22nd October 1980 UK Subs, Citizens, Frames

26th July 1981 Pretenders
 1st September 1981 Joe Jackson's Jive / The Time,
 13 October 1981 Tuesday U2
 13th October 1981 Comsat Angels supporting U2
 3rd December 1981 Thursday The Damned



16/03/1982 Theatre of Hate The Meteors

22nd October 1984 The Clash

28th October 1988 Halloween Horrors Fright Night

5th May 1989 The Discogheque
 30th October 1989 Laser Spoetacular with DJ's Dave Joyce and Pete Couzens

13th April 1990 Miss Easter Bunny Competition
 11th August 1990 The Dream Team
 25th August 1990 Ann Summers Road Show
 26th October 1990 Empire The Portsmouth Party 2, 6 DJ's

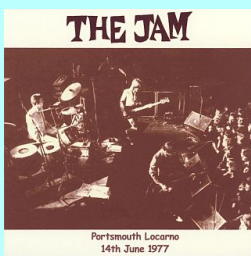
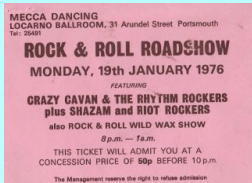
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Christy Lee behind the drums, and her band were resident in the early 1970, the second photo is her age 77 in 2020 as seen on Britains Got Talent.

Moments later she surprised the judges with a drum solo!.

Christy Lee and her band were replaced by the Ross Mitchell Band in the later 1970's and Mood Indigo. Also the Al Wood Band.





The name was changed to Ritzy's






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 9.00pm - 2.00am
 NO DRESS RESTRICTIONS
 Over 18's only.
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**LASER SPECTACULAR
 MONSTER STOMP**
 on
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 THE NIGHT AWAY
 DOORS OPEN
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 DJ DAVE JOYCE
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**THE BIGGEST
 PARTY IN TOWN**
 on
 Tuesday 26th December 1989
 FREE admission with this ticket
 B4 10.30pm, £1 afterwards
 All the fun with your daily Sun

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LAZERSHOW
ON
FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER
AND
FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER
WITH Dj's **DAVE JOYCE**
& **ARTHUR B.**
9pm - 2am

**ADMISSION £1 B4 10pm WITH THIS TICKET
FULL PRICE THEREAFTER**

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'THE DREAM TEAM'

ON
SATURDAY 11th AUGUST 1990
LADIES ADMITTED **FREE** WITH THIS TICKET
BEFORE 10.00pm
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ON SATURDAY 25th AUGUST 1990
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