



Welcome

Hi, and welcome to the June 2004 Apollomemories newsletter.

We have to begin with an apology for the lack of feedback we have been giving over the past couple of months. Unfortunately Scott's laptop ended up in the repair shop for 9 weeks! All sorted now so we are currently catching up on all your emails and contributions.

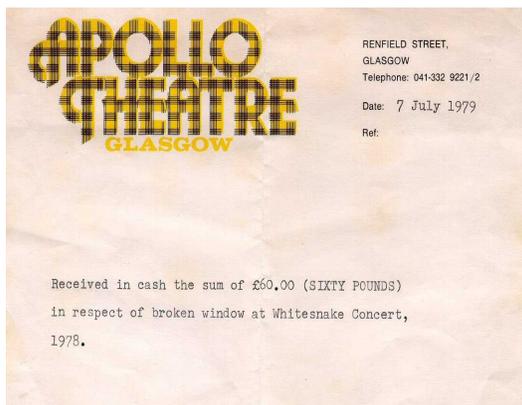
Despite our wee problems the site has continued to do very well and we are now a regular top 10 Scottish website.

Glasgow's Miles Better

Apollomemories contributor Stewart Aird sent us this little story of peace and love in the heart of the city:

"The receipt below was given to me after I was ordered, by Glasgow district court, to pay for the main door which I "accidentally" smashed when being thrown through it by the bouncers during the Whitesnake /Magnum gig in October 1978.

I was being thrown out for not clapping in time or not having enough dandruff coming out my hair when headbanging or something like that. Of course when the door got broken I was a "wee B*****d" and was brought back in for a ritual beating culminating in a broken ankle, 12 weeks off work and £60 being paid to the Apollo....an expensive night. I bet Whitesnake's insurance paid for the door as well."



The "Big Yin" at the Apollo

As well as being Scotland premier music venue in the 70's and 80's the Apollo also hosted a number of successful stage shows (Hair, The Banana Splits etc) as well as comedy performers.

Perhaps the most famous of these shows was the record breaking run by Billy Connolly in 1975.



The highlights of the dozen sold out shows were released on LP as "Get Right Intae Him" and featured such classics as "The Janny Song", "A Wee Swearie" and "Willies". The gatefold sleeve features a picture of Billy dressed as the Pope relieving himself in one of the backstage wash hand basins!



If you were at one of these shows we would like to hear about your memories. Is it true, for example, that there was a real bomb scare and that everyone just laughed thinking it was just a rouse by Billy?



Apollo Sell Out

Whenever a band sold out the Glasgow Apollo they were presented with a trophy to celebrate. In this image Debbie Harry displays the statue given to Blondie following their "Whistle Test" show in 1979



The little statues were apparently bought as a job lot from a stall in the Barras (famous Glasgow market place). We are trying to track down more of these images for the site.

Missing Tickets

Apollomemories now has over 700 stubs from shows at the venue. This Hawkwind "Boarding Pass" is one of the most unusual we have been sent to date:



However, we still haven't managed to dig up a 1973 Johnny Cash stub from the 5th and 6th of September 1973. Keep looking!

Memorabilia

Our black t-shirts have now sold out. We are going for the retro look next time!

Letters and Feedback

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

Contact Information

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

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.....and finally

As mad Ted Nugent says "If it's too loud you're too old"!!

