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TOP GIGS OF 2006

YMWBB's Top 10 Gigs of 2006

HEROES - Happy Frenchman, Folkestone - March

Not sure if I have included them in previous years' lists and you could pick out many of their gigs as they are so consistent, but Heroes belting out the best of New Wave covers in a packed Frenchman is always a great night. The Jam, The Clash, Adam and the Ants, Stray Cats, Vapors, Tenpole Tudoralways going to go down well with those of us of a certain age.

LENNY - Leas Club, Folkestone - April

An Easter Sunday special from one of the bands of the year who went from strength to strength at what we have always said would make an ideal venue, with a great stage Lenny could have made it into the chart with a couple of their other shows last year, but few would argue that this was a memorable night.

INTENSIFIED - Gleis 22, Munster, Germany - April

Could have picked out any of the overseas dates really as the crowds, hospitality and experience always makes it special, but the Gleis is like a spiritual home for me, so it has to be this one from the spring dates.

JESSE JAMES / BATTLESKA GALACTICA / T*A*R

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone - May

Must admit to being a bit slow on the uptake with Jesse James, but they for me were one of the discoveries of the year. A hugely successful local promotion and always good to see Battleska and T*A*R make a go of thee things.

THE AGGROLITES / THE SPLITTERS - The Shed, Leicester - September

Could have picked any of US band The Aggrolites' dates really on their first UK visit of the year, but this was my first visit to Leicester and the hospitality was great from The Splitters, ska stalwarts.

INTENSIFIED - UT Connewitz, Leipzig, Germany - October

An amazing venue, an old cinema (dating back to 1912) and absolutely packed even though The Business were playing down the road. Traditional ska/reggae/rocksteady legends Intensified - complete with four-piece horn section - thrive in this type of environment and again seem to have dominated this run down. Joined tonight by long-standing German ska band Skaos and local heroes Die Tornados on their new album release night.

SPUNGE / MORE THAN NORMAL / 3dBs DOWN

Lanterns, Folkestone - November

Put this one in at the last minute ahead of the Discharge/Jester/Days of Pain/Surgery Without research gig in May (the show that Chaos Vince always dreamed of ... and I can't help feeling that Jester should have made the list somewhere). But UK ska stalwarts Sponge were really good and I was moved enough to spend dollar on buying More Than Normal and 3 dBs cds And Ben (MTN) will probably get upset if he's not in the Top 10!

THE PEACOCKS / LOS SALVADORES / 7 DAY CONSPIRACY

Beer Cart Arms, Canterbury - November

Swiss punkabilly trio The Peacocks remain arguably the best live band out there and again live up to the hype on the last 2-Tone night at the Beer Cart. The two others bands were let down by the inadequate pa (noise problems with the council) but deserve a mention for being top blokes.

THE DUALERS / INTENSIFIED

Brentwood Centre, Brentwood - December

My first experience of The Dualers but it won't be my last. Brothers Si and Tyber Cranstoun have built up a massive following busking around the country and here went out with their six-piece band. Hugely entertaining. A 2000 sell out. Some achievement. Impressive venue as well.

THE AGGROLITES / INTENSIFIED

Camden Underworld, London - December

The Aggrolites return to support Madness on their Christmas arena tour of the UK (Birmingham NEC and Wembley Arena no less) and take time out to let rip some vintage dirty reggae with soul mates Intensified. I saw The Aggros' first European gig and put on their first UK tour, it's been a privilege to watch them grow and flourish since.

MARTIN ALLCO CK'S Top Gig of the Year:

THE CARDIACS - Astoria, London- November

PUNK AT PIPERS

Pipers in Folkestone hosts another punk gig on Saturday February 3rd with Ipswich's RED FLAG 77, Irish folk punk stalwarts NECK, the legendary Canterbury pop-punksters BELINDA CARBUNKLE, THE REMAINS, VISUAL OFFENCE (from Norwich) and new band HALF DEAD BODYS.

The Tontine Street venue played host to a series of legendary gigs during the 1980s, including Henry Rollins' Black Flag, before becoming infamous as a nightclub in later years.

It's £5 to get in and there's a late bar. Contact Daveee Wild on 07984 350796 or chaospunk@hotmail.com

LONE STAR COMEDY CLUB

The Lone Star Comedy Club kicks off 2007 at the Lanterns in Folkestone on Saturday January 20th with PAUL KERENSA, GLENN WOOL, JASON KAVAN and compere STEVE ALLEN.

GLENN WOOL began his comedy career eight years ago in his home town of Vancouver. He moved to London four years ago and quickly became one of the rising stars of the London comedy circuit.

In 2002 Glenn performed on the prestigious comedy stage at the Glastonbury Festival, the Kilkenny Comedy Festival and the South African Comedy Festival.

He took his first one hour solo show, Bizarre Cocktail, to the Edinburgh Festival. His edgy and incisive material attracted a great deal of attention and the show sold out and received great critical acclaim.

TV credits include The BBC Stand Up Show and BBC's Edinburgh Comedy. Glenn appeared as a guest last autumn on BBC Northern Ireland's music show, Elvis Has Left The Building. More recently he has starred on the BBC's Live Floor Show.

Sent to a public school from four years old. Son to an English dad and Indian mum and a wife of Jamaican/Trinidadian origin How could JASON KAVAN not be a comedian?

Jason trained as an actor but has always had a love of comedy. As a kid he memorised the whole of Eddie Murphy's Delirious and would then re-enact it out at school.

His first stage performance was at the age of seven at The London Palladium in The King & I with Yul Bryner and Virginia McKenna. He'd like to say he's done bigger shows than that since but He's working on it.

After starring in the feature film Nine Days of Hell with Marek Larwood, Marek encouraged Jason to try stand-up comedy.

STEVE ALLEN has worked in comedy since 1997, as a writer of topical comedy for several radio shows, including Chris Tarrant. The last official RAJAR figures showed that Steve's work reaches a weekday audience of over 20 million people. After success in writing, Steve broke into stand-up in early 2002 and since then has become a regular performer across London and the South East.

Steve has a warm and friendly style and mixes topical and observational material with an array of neat one-liners.

PAUL KERENSA: "F***ing funny." - Ricky Gervais.

"Excellent one-liners ... extremely confident and professional ... inspired prop-based maths putdowns ... he impressed with his control of the stage and the crowd - I hope we'll be seeing a lot more of him in the future." - Funny.co.uk

"Paul's material is very cleverly written and at times borders on the ingenious ... Some near to the knuckle material that belies his laidback stage manner ... Had us in the palm of his hand ... One to watch." - Grinreaper.co.uk

"Do I know you?" - Harry Hill.

Tickets are £8 each or £64 for a table of eight on the main dance floor area. Tickets are available from the Lanterns itself or call Richard on 07810 864228 to book your place. Doors open at 8pm, with the show starting at 8.30pm.

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WED JAN 3rd

ANDY MAC

Britannia, Margate

TALLON

Seahorse, Greatstone

RAG MAMA RAG

The Anchor, Sevenoaks

PAUL DUNTON

The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

Lock-In djs

The Chambers, Folkestone

THUR JAN 4th

SHIVER

Villager, Vigo, Meopham

Luke Smith presents ...

Orange Street Music Club, Orange Street, Canterbury

CLINTSTONES

Walnut Tree, East Farleigh

FRI JAN 5th

DAYFALL,

AWKWARD,

SAVALAS

Homelands, Kingsnorth

Ashford Town FC

MAKER,

HURST-PIERPOINT,

RED LIGHT RUNNER

Beacon Court, Gillingham

TWO MEN and a TREE

Orange Street Music Club, Orange Street, Canterbury

VIAGRA FOOLS

Britannia, Margate

BACKBURNER

The Frenchman, Folkestone

MENTAL FLOSS

The Rose, Broadstairs

SHIVER

The Star, Ashford

SCARY MARY

Firs Club, Cheriton

TILT

East Kent, Whitstable

HEDLONG

Lower Bell, Aylesford

MEL HARRIS

Angel Inn, West Malling

KIT PACKHAM'S

ONE JUMP AHEAD

The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

Port-O-Jam ska djs

The Chambers, Folkestone

SAT JAN 6th

LIVE 'n' KICKIN

Britannia, Margate

ANDY MAC

Cambridge Arms, Walmer

CLINTSTONES

The Frenchman, Folkestone

LENNY

White Horse, Selhurst, London

DAMAGECASE

Bradstow Mill, Broadstairs

THE MIGHTY HUSH

The Star, Ashford

NORIA

Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

THE SHARPEE'S

The Duke's Head, Hampton

THE INTERNATIONAL

GROOVE QUARTET

The Grey Lady Music Lounge,
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

SUN JAN 7th

RUN VT

Alexandra Hotel, Chatham 5-7pm

ANTIQUA ROADSHOW BAND

Clarendon Hotel, Deal

BREAKTHRU

Dove Inn, Dargate, nr
Faversham

WILSON FORD

Two Brewers, Whitstable

MON JAN 8th

"The Stable" presents ...
D-FINITIVE,

THE CRAYONS,

THE FORE

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

Yamaha presents ...

Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

CHEVRON

Walnut Tree, Maidstone

TUES JAN 9th

SAM BAILEY

Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

WED JAN 10th

Comedy -

PAUL FOOT,

LLOYD LANGFORD,

CHRISTINA MARTIN,

LEE BANNARD

Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

FORTUNE FADED GLORY,

JIM GOES SOLO,

THINGS I'VE SEEN

Grand Hotel, Folkestone

LENNY

Seahorse, Greatstone

M'LARKI

Britannia, Margate

THUR JAN 11th

ZOO FOR YOU with

SUZY THOMAS

Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

FABULOUS BOOGIE BAND

Walnut Tree, East Farleigh

SUBURBAN KINGS

Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham

FRI JAN 12th

THE JONES'

The Frenchman, Folkestone

THE SHILLING WHORES, SUM OF NOTHING, HOLLYWOOD SUICIDE

The Command House, Chatham

BODY MACHINE

Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

EMPHATIC, STRANGEDAY,

THE SPACEPARADE

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

HEROES

The Pewter Pot, Birchington
(duo)

FALLEN ANGELS

Britannia, Margate

SLUG PIXIES

East Kent, Whitstable

(Carry On) NEARLY FAMOUS

Horse and Groom, Ramsgate

EK1

Hole in the Roof, Deal

THE SHARPEE'S

Queen Victoria, Herne Bay

STORMY MONDAY

The Three Horseshoes

Hernhill, nr Faversham

DINO BAPTISTE DUO

The Grey Lady Music Lounge,
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

CLACKET LANE

The Loft, Cambridge

TURMOIL

Firs Club, Cheriton

SAT JAN 13th

LED BY ZEPPELIN

Homelands, Kingsnorth

Ashford Town FC

TALULA, ZEROCON

Red Lion, Northfleet

EASYKILL, 9-VOLT,

STARSCREAM, ONE DAY ELLIOTT,

FALL TO FICTION, CHRIS DREW

(RainEater)

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

PAUL BOOTH QUINTET

Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

LIVE 'n' KICKIN

Park Inn, Folkestone

LENNY

Yew Tree Inn, Barfreston, Deal

ZAMBU

Britannia, Margate

EQUILIBRIUM

Woolpack Inn, Smeeth

THE SHARPEE'S

Marina Fountain, St Leonards

SUNNY SIDE UP with

TIM HAIN

The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

SUN JAN 14th

JUICY LUCY

Alexandra Hotel, Chatham
5-7pm

THE BRANCO STOYSIN TRIO

Villager Hall, Halstead

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MON JAN 15th

"The Stable" presents ..

**DOCTOR FONDA, STATUES,
TEARS OF RE**
The Forum, Tunbridge wells

CHEVRON
The Flower Pot, Maidstone

DR BOB
Walnut Tree, Maidstone

TUES JAN 16th

KING DAVIDS TRIO ROYALE
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

WED JAN 17th

WEZ
Britannia, Margate

SULTAN
Seahorse, Greatstone

PAUL DUNTON
The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

Salsa night
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

THUR JAN 18th

THIS TOWN NEEDS GUNS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

TALLON
The Frenchman, Folkestone

ROB JOHN GAMBLE TRIO
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

THE FLING
Rising Sun

Beltinge, Herne Bay

FRI JAN 19th

**DUNCAN BLACK,
BOSSK,
NOVEMBER COMING FIRE**
Homelands, Kingsnorth

Ashford Town F. C.

CLACKET LANE
Club Fabulous, London

**CITY SUNSETS,
THE ROX,
THE RACE,
STOWAWAY STERLING,
INMOTION**
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

JIMMY JONES
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

TORTILLA ARMY
Britannia, Margate

HEROES
Gate Inn, Hythe (duo)

SHIVER
East Kent, Whitstable

THE SHARPEE'S
Earls, Maidstone

MEAN RED SPIDERS
The Frenchman, Folkestone

JAG
Kings Hall, Dover

JONATHAN WELLS
Cambridge Arms, Walmer

BAD PENNIES
Lower Bell, Aylesford

EK1
Belle Vue Bar, Cliftonville

ROBERT REID TRIO
The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

SAT JAN 20th

**PAUL KERENSA, GLENN
WOOL, JASON KAVAN,
STEVE ALLEN (compere)**
Lone Star Comedy Club
Lanterns, Folkestone

* Call Richard on 07810
864228 for tickets *

**SOME BODY,
newHOMES,
PINS,
SPORTSDAY MEGAPHONE**
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

TURMOIL
Park Inn, Folkestone

MTK
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

BLOW
Britannia, Margate

HEROES
Railway Bell, Folkestone (duo)

DAYFALL
The Frenchman, Folkestone

LENNY
Bailiff Sargent, St Mary's Bay

MOOD REACTION
Woolpack Inn, Smeeth

GREAT MATES
Cambridge Arms, Walmer

THE SHARPEE'S
Joiners Arms, West Malling

DOVER SOULS
Louis Armstrong, Dover

LIVE 'n' KICKIN
Birchington United Services
Club

MOOD REACTION
Woolpack Inn, Smeeth

**HOBO JONES &
THE JUNKYARD DOGS**
Lower Bell, Aylesford

BLUES SHIFT
The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

SUN JAN 21st

FRANK TERENCE
Lower Bell, Aylesford (2.30pm)

UNITING THE ELEMENTS
Alexandra Hotel, Chatham (5-
7pm)

THE SHARPEE'S
Horse & Groom, Ramsgate

MAC & ROG
Two Brewers, Whitstable

Acoustic Lounge
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

MON JAN 22nd

"The Stable" presents ...

**EXUS,
OUR MYSPACE
THEORY,
SUCKER**
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

LEIGH HIGHWOOD
Walnut Tree, Maidstone

UKC Music Society ...
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

TUES JAN 23rd

**KATIE BRADLEY and her
BLUES MACHINE**
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

ONE LOVE
New Inn, Sandwich

WED JAN 24th

DOCTOR DARK
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

THE FLING
Black Horse, Thurnham

MAD FOR IT
Britannia, Margate

ONE LOVE
Plough Inn

Norton, nr Faversham

EQUILIBRIUM
Seahorse, Greatstone

PAUL DUNTON
The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

THUR JAN 25th

LENNY
Camden Rock Café, London

FALLEN ANGELS
The Frenchman, Folkestone

**HOMESPUN featuring
DAVE ROTHERAY
(Beautiful South) &
SAM BROWN**
Mick Jagger Centre, Dartford

**DOLLS HOUSE,
THE BLOW UPS,
BLIND ARCHERS**
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

MENTAL FLOSS
Dirty Habit, Hollingbourne

GOLD TOP
New Inn, Sandwich

FACE TO FACE
Walnut Tree, East Farleigh

REBECCA DIXON
The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

OSMC Open Stage
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

FRI JAN 26th

HEROES
The Frenchman, Folkestone

TORTILLA ARMY
Earls, Maidstone

**OLD GREG and the
FUSION MINSTRALS**
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

SHIVER
Fleur-de-Lis, Sandwich

TALLON
East Kent, Whitstable

EK1
Brewery Bar, Whitstable

LIVE 'n' KICKIN
Conningbrook Hotel, Ashford

FIDDESTICKS
Angel Inn, West Malling

WEZ
Britannia, Margate

DEEP POCKET BLUES
Cambridge Arms, Walmer

PETER LONG'S DELUXE
Village Hall, Chilham

THE GIANNI QUARTET
The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

SAT JAN 27th

**SIR ART FERGUSON'S
BIG BLUES BAND**
Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury

**MIRA CALIX,
SUNAO INAMI,
POLYNOMIAL**
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

HEROES

Harbour, Folkestone (duo)

SICK NOTE BLUES BAND

The Frenchman, Folkestone

FALLEN ANGELS

Woolpack, Smeeth

LIVE 'n' KICKIN

Village Hall, Smarden

TALLON

Ocean Inn, Dymchurch

EK1

Bradstow Mill, Broadstairs

MATT SHAW as**Meatloaf & The Neverland Nemesis**

Beacon Court, Gillingham

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Britannia, Margate

HARD ROAD

Cambridge Arms, Walmer

SULTAN

Louis Armstrong, Dover

BLUES BANDITSThree Horseshoes
Hernhill, nr Faversham**TILT**

Yew Tree Inn, Deal

ROB HUGHES QUINTETThe Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells**SUN JAN 28th****CHRIST CHURCH****"Listen and Play Series"**
1pmOrange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury**EK1**

Clarendon, Deal afternoon

LENNY

Sports & Social Club, Aylesham

MON JAN 29th**"The Stable" presents ..
AND HIS VOICE BECAME,
OFFLIMIT,
SAFE 13**

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

ERIC'S ACOUSIC AUDIENCEOrange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury**TUES JAN 30th****BOB FRIDD**Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury**WED JAN 31st****HEROES**

Royal Oak, Lydd (duo)

THUR FEB 1st**HEROES**

Neptune, Dymchurch (duo)

Comedy Forum

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

FRI FEB 2nd**LAKES,
ONE DAY ELLIOTT,
CURB**

Homelands, Kingsnorth

Ashford Town FC

LIVE 'n' KICKIN

The Morehall, Folkestone

EK1Gulbenkian Theatre
University of Kent, Canterbury**ROCKETERR**Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury**SAT FEB 3rd****BLOC PARTY**Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
* Sold out ***FLAG 77,
NECK,
BELINDA CARBUNKLE,
THE REMAINS,
VISUAL OFFENCE,
HALF DEAD BODYS**
Pipers, Folkestone**NOT YOUR HERO,
CHAIRMEN OF THE BORED**
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells**TORTILLA ARMY**

The Archer, Whitfield

TALLON

Gore Court Arms, Sittingbourne

HEROESSmallholders Club
Springvale, Rainham**SUN FEB 4th****TALLON**

Earls, Maidstone (6pm)

**CLOCKS +
GRACE**

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

LIVE 'n' KICKIN

Dolphin, Broadstairs

EK1

Sports & Social Club, Aylesham

TUES FEB 6th**HAIL-BOP**Orange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury**FRI FEB 9th****THE VIOLETS**

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

LUCY KITTOrange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury**TORTILLA ARMY**

Fleur-de-Lis, Sandwich

SAT FEB 10th**MBAWULA**

Mick Jagger Centre, Dartford

LENNY

Harbour, Folkestone

LINCHPIN

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

JULIA JONESOrange Street Music Club,
Orange Street, Canterbury**FALLEN ANGELS**

The Star, Ashford



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CHARTHAM, KENT CT4 7LD****DARREN BROWN - "WIZ"**
18/01/1962 - 06/12/2006

This issue is dedicated to Wiz, formerly lead singer with the band MEGA CITY FOUR, who sadly died following a blood clot on his brain on December 6, 2006.

He was taken ill at a rehearsal earlier in the week and died at St Georges Hospital in Tooting, south London.

Wiz, aged 44, was living and working in Farnborough, Hants. He had just finished writing material for an album for his current band IPANEMA and returned from a successful tour in America.

Also including Wiz's guitarist brother Danny, brother Gerry Bryant and drummer Chris Jones, MEGA CITY FOUR were a much-loved band in the old-school indie, pop-punk style during the late 1980s/early 1990s in the halcyon days of the likes of Senseless Things, Snuff and Carter The Unstoppable Sex Machine. The band released six studio albums between 1989 and 1996 and achieved success as a live touring band travelling the world.

The band's second studio album, "Who Cares Wins" (1990) was followed by a compilation of their early 7" singles, called "Terribly Sorry Bob" (1991). Mega City Four subsequently moved to a major record label to record studio albums "Sebastopol Rd" (1992) and "Magic Bullets" (1994). Their final studio album, "Soulscraper", was released on Fire Records in 1994.

They also released a live album, a Peel Sessions disc and numerous singles. Music journalist Martin Roach wrote a biography of the band, published in 1993.

Wiz subsequently moved to Montreal and joined legendary Canadian band Doughboys. Along with Gerry Bryant, Wiz also played in Serpico before forming Ipanema.

Personally, I found Wiz one of the most genuine figures I came across in my days of editing the fanzine "A New England". Mega City Four's debut "Miles Apart" 7" single (1988) was epic in a "Teenage Kicks" kind of way and their debut "Tranzophobia" album (1989) was essential for anybody's vinyl collection of the time.

Inspirational. R.I.P.

Visit www.megacityfour.co.uk and check out their back catalogue.

Richard Murrill.

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