

THE HI-FI'S GIG LIST

PRE 1961

There are no records for this period and all venues taken from memories, facts and pictures

Should any visitors to this website have any details or memories of any gigs, or stories then please contact The Hi-Fi's through the website for inclusion within the lists.

There are many missing gig details and possibly pictures and press adverts etc.

Venues with a ? after the town please tell us if you know the name.

1957 LONDON UNIVERSITY

First gig with Len Ford, the vocalist at this time, for this one gig was Kieth Bennett, no relation to Brian Bennett

? 1957/8

CRYSTAL PALACE

GRANADA CINEMA



Brian Bennet

Alan Stainer

Mel Wright

Ian (Jim) Duncombe

Len Ford

Roger Newell

Wearing red shirts with gold ties, Alan Stainer forgot his or was just a rebel.

?date 1957/8 DARTFORD

GRANADA CINEMA

The group played the 3 Granada cinemas regularly
Crystal Palace was the first one, then Sutton and
lastly Dartford

?date 1957/8 WALLINGTON

Roger Newell's local school, also a young JEFF BECK in the crowd.

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? 1958/9

SUTTON

GRANADA CINEMA

Wearing the original pink jackets



Roger Newell Mel Wright

Alan Stainer

Ian (Jim) Duncombe

Len Ford

Brian Bennett

?date 1958

PUTNEY BALLROOM

St MARGARETS CHURCH HALL

?date 1958

WIMBLEDON

THE PALAIS

?date 1958

CROYDON

KENNARDS STORE

13th Oct 1958

BRADFORD

ALHAMBRA THEATRE



Shirley Bassey

The Hi-Fi's

The Skating Merenos

Lane Twins

Howard Jones & Reggie Arnold

Billy O'Sullivan

Richman & Jackson

Bob & Marion Konyot

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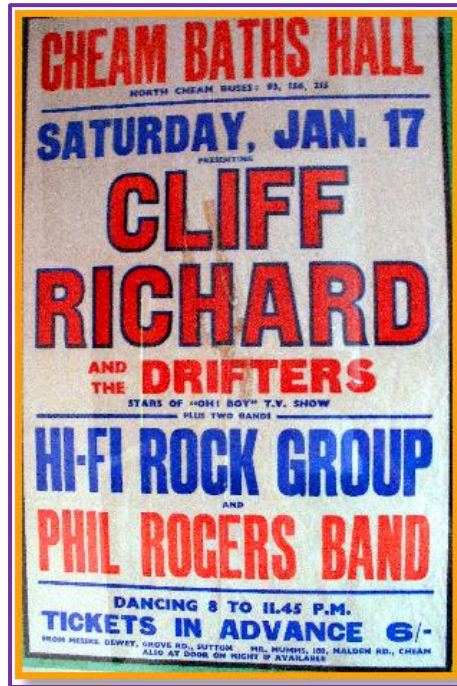
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17th Jan 1959

CHEAM

PUBLIC BATHS HALL

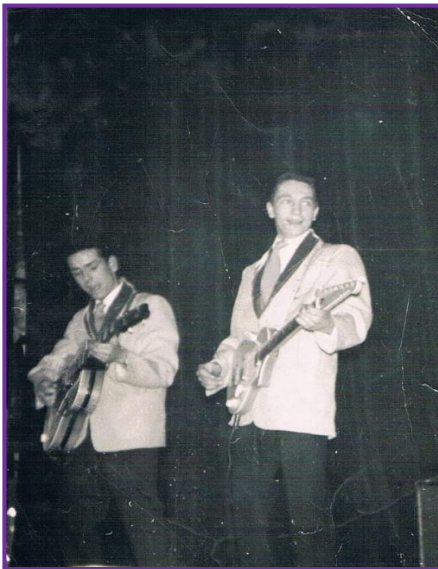
Cliff was thrilled when he was given a copy of this poster in November 2013.
He had it framed and it now hangs at home in his hall of fame



6th May 1959

CROYDON

THE OLD GREYHOUND, Sainsbury's dance



Alan Stainer.

Len Ford



Len with his Antoria guitar at Sainsburys 1959 Xmas dance

Nov-59 PUTNEY BALLROOM

St MARGARETS CHURCH HALL

Emile Ford & The Checkmates were No 1 on the charts.
The girlfriend of Vern Rogers, Joyce Mottershead (now Pettie) remembers this gig, as when she went into the dressing room Emile and his group were in their Y fronts

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- ?date 1960 CARLYON BAY ,ST AUSTALL THE LIDO
- ?date 1960 BRIGHTON AQUARIUM BALLROOM. Florida rooms.
- ?date1960 PURLEY ORCHID BALLROOM
- ?date 1960 STREATHAM LOCARNO

Upto this date The Hi-Fi's and Vern Rogers had played some 50 gigs in the Park Lane Ballroom. Owner Ed Waller liked the group and advertised that they would be playing another season.

- 16th July1960 CROYDON PARK LANE BALLROOM

Posters around Croydon advertised a new season of Saturday night dances at the Park Lane Ballroom, beginning in July with 'Pop music's Brightest band' - **The Hi-Fi's**. With over 50 appearances at Park Lane, the group had built up a solid reputation as Croydon's best rock 'n' roll band, but the 'bright' tag probably came from their penchant for wearing tangerine and purple jackets on stage.

The group comprised guitarist Len 'Sandstorm' Ford, Al Stainer on bass, pianist Brian Bennett, Mel Wright on drums and 19 year old vocalist Vern Rogers. The Croydon Advertiser noted that the dancers applaud the group for the quality of their dance music, but

- ?date 1960 PECKHAM CO-OPERATIVE BALLROOM.**With Chris Farlowe & The Thunderbirds.**
- ?date 1960 CROYDON THE GUN TAVERN

MV ROYAL DAFFODIL



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12th June 1960 MV.ROYAL DAFFODIL

Boat trip to Margate and return,
Promoted by Ed Waller owner of Park Lane Ballroom, Croydon, Surrey.



The Hi-Fi's

Malcolm Wright

Len Ford

Vern Rogers

Alan Stainer

Brian Bennett on camera

? July 1960

WINCHESTER ?

Unknown venue, Allan Stainer left the band after this gig.

late 1960's

WALLINGTON.
Ellis Hall, St Elphege's Church.
Close by Wallington Public Hall

Maybe 2 or 3 gigs here, it was the first gig that Len Ford took along his girlfriend, Josephine Brooks. They married in 1965 and are still together, soon to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary 2015