

The Hi-Fi's gig list

1961

Day & Date	Venue	backing	supporting	individual earnings
				£.s.d.
Sun:1st	Park Lane Ballroom.Croydon	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Tues:3rd	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Sat:7th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£2.00
Sun:8th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Tues:10th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Weds:11th	Kennards Blue Room	Vern Rogers		£1.10s
Sat:14th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers		£2.10s
Sun:15th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Tues:17th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Wed:18th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers		£1.10s
sat:21st	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Sun:22nd	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Tues:24th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Fri:27th	The Old Greyhound Croydon	Vern Rogers		£2.00



Alan Stainer- Vern Rogers- Len Ford- Malcolm Wright- Brian Bennett behind malcolm
Sainsbury's dance 1961 Len singing Tie Me Kangaroo Down.
with his new Futurama 111 guitar This was stolen from
The Park Lane Ballroom Feb 14th 1961

sat:28th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£2.00
Sun:29th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Tues:31st	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
			February 1961	
Fri:3rd	Beddington,St Mary's Hall	Vern Rogers		£2.00
Sat:4th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£2.00
Sun:5th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Tues:7th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Wed:8th	Barnet	Vern Rogers		£1.10s
Fri;10th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers		£2.00
Sat:11th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£2.00
Sun:12th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Tues:14th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Wed:15th	Maidstone ?	Vern Rogers		£1.10s

Len bought his Gibson Les Paul special. From Lew Davis, Charring X road cost 90 guineas

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Fri:17th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat:18th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sun:19th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Tues:21st	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Sat:25th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sun:26th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Tues:28th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00

March 1961

Fri:3rd	Beddington, St Mary's Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Sat:4th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sun:5th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Tues:7th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Wed:8th	Maidstone ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Sat:11th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sun:12th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Tues:14th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Wed:15th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri:17th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat:18th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sun:19th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Mon:20th	The Old Greyhound Croydon	Vern Rogers	£1.10s



Alan Stainer Mel Wright Len Ford Brian Bennett Vern Rogers

Sainsbury's dance 1961.

Tues:21st	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Sat:25th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sun:26th	Park Lane Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.00

End of residency, venue closed and building demolished; Nestle skyscraper & new Greyhound hotel plus the underpass and Fairfield Halls to be built

Wed:29th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
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April 1961

Tues:4th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers		£2.10s
Wed:5th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers		£1.10s
Sat:8th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	Joe Brown	£2.10s
Tues:11th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	Adam faith	£1.10s
Fri:14th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers		£2.00
Sat:15th	Blackfriars "Sainsbury's Social Clu	Vern Rogers		£2.10s
Mon:17th	South Norwood Stanley Halls	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Tues:18th	Wallington Public Hall	Vern Rogers		£1.10s
Wed:19th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers		£1.10s
Sat:22nd	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers		£2.10s
Tues:25th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers		£2.10s

May 1961

Fri:5th	Beddington St Mary's Hall	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Fri:12th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers		£2.00
Sat:13th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers		£2.10s
Wed:17th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers		£1.10s
Sat:20th	South Norwood Stanley Halls	Vern Rogers		£2.00

Wallington-based group **Vern Rogers & the Hi-Fi's** made a return visit to Croydon to play a 'Rock 'n' Roll Ball' at the Stanley Halls, South Norwood on Saturday 20th May.

The group were the resident rock band at Croydon's Park Lane Ballroom up until its closure a few weeks beforehand and had since appeared at dance halls in London and the Midlands. They hoped that the concert at the Stanley Halls would be the first of another series of local dates. On 3rd June the group travelled to Bletchley in Buckinghamshire to back pop singer Ricky Valance, with a coach trip organised to take their Croydon fans to cheer them on. Hopefully they had more success than the Cresta's who backed Valance earlier in June!

On 23rd June they were back on home ground to play a benefit concert at St. Mary's Hall, Beddington in aid of Wallington & Carshalton CND.

Tues:23rd	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers		£2.10s
Thur:25th	Chingford ?	Vern Rogers		£1.10s
Fri:26th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers		£2.00
Sat:27th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	Shane Fenton	£2.10s
Tues;30th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers		£1.10s

June 1961

Thur:1st	Hackney. The 59 Club	Vern Rogers		£2.10s
Fri:2nd	Beddington St Mary's Hall	Vern Rogers		£1.00
Sat:3rd	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers & Ricky Valance		£2.10s
Sat:10th	Aylesbury Grovesnor Ballroom	Vern Rogers	Paul Raven(Gary Glitter)	£2.10s
Tues:13th	Chingford ?	Vern Rogers		£1.10s
Fri:23rd	Beddington St Mary's Hall	Vern Rogers	for Wallington/Carshalton CND	£2.00
Sat:24th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers		£2.10s
Fri:30th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers		£2.00

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July 1961

Sat:1st	South Norwood, Freemasons Arn	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Wed:5th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Thur:6th	Chingford ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri:7th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sat;8th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£3.00
Mon:10th	South Norwood Stanley Halls	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Tues;11th	Wallington Public Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Wed:12th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Thur:13th	Chingford ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri:14th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat:15th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10
Tues:18th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Wed:19th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Thur:20th	Chingford ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri:21st	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat:22nd	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Tues:25th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Wed:26th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Thur:27th	Chingford ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri:28th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat:29th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.10s

August 1961

Tues:1st	Wallington Public Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
	Away on Summer Holidays		
Mon;21st	South Norwood Stanley Halls	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Tues:22nd	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Wed:23rd	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Thur:24th	Chingford ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri:25th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00

September 1961

Sat:2nd	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Tues:5th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Thur:7th	Chingford ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Sat:9th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Tues:12th	Wallington Public Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Sat:16th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Fri:22nd	Barking ?	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sat:23rd	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sat:30th	South Norwood Stanley Halls	Vern Rogers	£2.00



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October 1961

Mon:2nd	The Old Greyhound Croydon	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Tues:3rd	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri:6th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat:7th	Kennards Blue Room	Vern Rogers	£2.00

Maybe holiday time or Vern Rogers had exams at work

Vern Rogers had a car accident perhaps this is when it was.

He suffered whiplash and need to recuperate.

Len Ford & Alan Reynolds toured 4 TV stations backing
Jack Good and Jackie Atom (aka actor Trevor Peacock)
this included Manchester, Thank Your Lucky Stars with Brian Mathew
Ipswich, Bristol and possibly Southampton.

we never did get
paid for these
gigs

This press cutting was incorrect as it mentions the full group.



November 1961

Sat:11th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sun:12th	Cricklewood ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Mon:13th	Caterham St John's Hall	Vern Rogers	!10s
Tues:14th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Sat:18th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Mon:20th	Ponders End ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri:24th	Hendon poss; Maccabi Club	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Mon:27th	South Norwood Stanley Halls	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Wed:29th	Charlton Two K's Club	Vern Rogers	£2.00

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December 1961

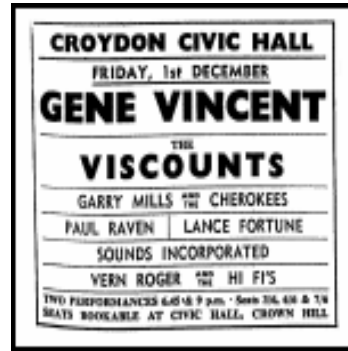
Fri:1st

Croydon Civic Hall

Vern Rogers

£1.10s

Shown below is the inside spread of the programme for the Gene Vincent concert at the Civic Hall. There are a few notable local names involved; on the bill itself were Vern Rogers & the Hi-Fi's, a popular band also booked to play the Stanley Halls that Xmas and Paul Raven, later to achieve worldwide fame after various name changes. The guest at the Wallington Public Hall is Norbury's own Eden Kane, whilst the support act Pete Lincoln is really Peter Sarstedt, Eden's younger brother. And it is no surprise to see that the Civic Hall concert was organised by Fred Bannister, a local promoter who ran the rock nights at both of the other venues.



Programme

TERRY KING *your Compere*

VERN ROGER and the HI FI'S — *Those local Stars*

LANCE FORTUNE — *Dynamic Singing Star*

GARRY MILLS and the CHEROKEES
Decca Recording Artists

THE VISCOUNTS
Britain's Foremost Vocal Group

Interval

PAUL RAVEN — *A Vocal "Tower of Strength"*

SOUNDS INC — *Brilliant Multi Instrumental Group*

GENE VINCENT
International Star of T.V., Films, Radio, etc.

Extracts from the Council's Requirements and Conditions —

- 5 All entrances shall be available as exits.
- 12 Persons must not be permitted to stand or sit in any gangway.
- 20 All exit and entrance doors . . . must be thrown open for the use of the audience at the end of each performance.

Settings and Lighting by RICHARD COOMBS
Show Presented by FREDERICK BANNISTER PROMOTIONS

Refreshments on Sale during Interval

Sat:2nd	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Tues:5th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat:9th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Wed:13th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri:15th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Tues:19th	Wallington Public Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri:22nd	South Norwood Stanley Halls	Vern Rogers	£3.00

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STANLEY HALLS
SOUTH NORWOOD

Rock Sessions
EVERY MONDAY

TOP POP DISCS FABULOUS BEAT COMBOS
7.30—10.30 ADM. 2/6

XMAS PARTY SESSION
FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER

BOBBY ANGELO and the TUXEDOES
plus plus plus
VERN ROGER and the HI FIs
7.30—11 Singing and Jiving Contests, etc. ADM. 3/6

Sat:23rd	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Tues:26th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri:29th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat:30th	Sheerness Co-op Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s

a ? mark after the town played at indicates that the venue name is unknown.

Should anyone have further details then please contact The Hi-Fi's through the website