

The Hi-Fi's Gig List

1962

Date	Venue	backing	supporting individual earnings
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			
January 1962			
Mon;1st	Purley Palm Court	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Tues;2nd	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Weds;3rd	Charlton Two K's Club	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;6th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Mon;8th	Purley Palm Court	Vern Rogers	£1.5s
Weds;10th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri;12th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.5s
Sat;13th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Weds;17th	Streatham The Bedford	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Fri;19th	Edmondton The Kings Head	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sat;20th	Brixton Maccabi	Vern Rogers	£3.00
Tues;23rd	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Sat;27th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
February 1962			
Fri;2nd	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;3rd	Redhill Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Weds;7th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Sat;10th	Walton-on-Thames ?	Vern Rogers	£3.10s
Weds;14th	Croydon Kennards Blue Room	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri;16th	Edmondton The Kings Head	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;17th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Mon;19th	South Norwood Stanley Halls	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Tues;20th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Weds;21st	Charlton Two K's Club	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Thur;22nd	Battersea Town Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Sat;24th	Earlsfield ?	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sun;25th	Edmondton The Angel	Vern Rogers	£2.00
March 1962			
Fri;2nd	Shoreditch ?	Vern Rogers	£3.00
Sat;3rd	Aylesbury Grovesnor Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£3.00
Fri;9th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Sat;10th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;16th	Edmondton Kings Head	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sat;17th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Thur;29th	Poplar The Spy Club	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;31st	Waltham Abbey Youth Club	Vern Rogers	£3.00
April 1962			
Thur;5th	Hackney 59 Club	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;6th	Edmondton Kings Head	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;7th	Bayswater Porchester Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;14th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sun;15th	Edmondton The Angel	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Mon;16th	South Norwood Stanley Halls	Vern Rogers	£1.00
Tues;17th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;21st	Hemel Hempstead ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Mon;23rd	Torquay 300 Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£4.00

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Wed;25th	Charlton Two K's Club	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;27th	Dagenham Leys Hall.	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;28th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£3.00

Nero & The

**This was Ford Motors
social club**



May 1962

Fri;4th	Edmondton Kings Head	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;5th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Fri;11th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;12th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Thur;17th	Poplar The Spy Club	Vern Rogers	£2.00
fri;18th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;19th	Orpington Civic Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Mon;21st	Esher ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Wed;23rd	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;25th	Waltham Abbey Town Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00

Set list for the night

Rogers notes on the back

I don't care if the sun don't shine

Hey Little Girl

Hey baby

Climb Every Mountain

Take Good care of my baby

You Are My Sunshine;instrumental

Daisy,Daisy;instrumental

Love Letters

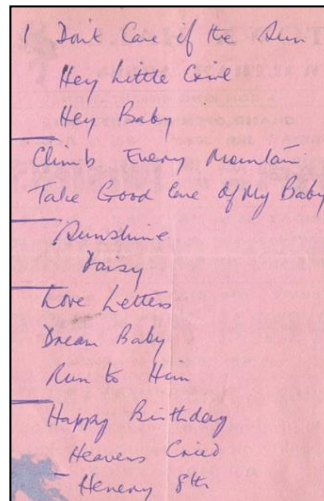
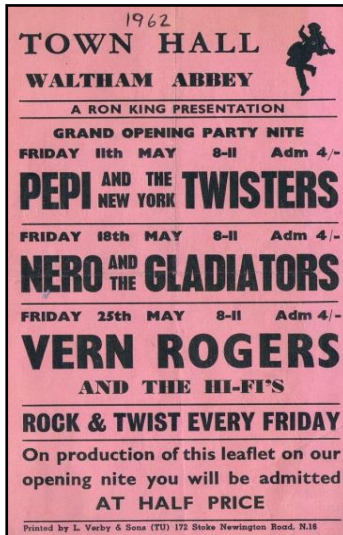
Dream baby

Run to Him

Happy Birthday Sweet 16

The Heavens cried

I'm Henry the Eighth



Sat;26th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers
Sun;27th	Edmondton The Angel	Vern Rogers
Tues;29th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers
Wed;30th	Croydon The old Greyhound	Vern Rogers

Carnival Queen contest

Addiscombe Boys' Club Carnival Queen contest entry forms must be in by Wednesday. The contest, to be held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Wednesday, May 30, is open to all girls born, residing or employed in Croydon.

Girls are advised to wear summer or party dresses, and personality counts just as much as looks. Prizes include a course at the Cherry Marshall School of Modelling, a week's holiday at Butlin's, a gown and tiara by Glazer's and hairdressing by Robert.

Cabaret artists at the ball and contest will include Vern Rogers and the Hi-Fi's, and Steve Merrick.

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June 1962

Fri;1st	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;2nd	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;8th	Waltham Abbey Town Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sat;9th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£3.10s
Sun;10th	Clapton Macabbi	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Mon;11th	Staines Town Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;15th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;16th	Orpington Civic Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sun17th	M.V.Royal Daffodil to Calais France	Vern Rogers/ Gene Vincent Sounds Incorporated	



Gene Vincent along with John St. John (lead guitar)
(born John Gillard, 1 April 1940, Dartford, Kent)
from Sounds Incorporated, who backed Gene on the return trip from France. The Hi-Fi's backed Gene on the trip to Calais. Brian Bennett, Hi-Fi's pianist is seen in the back of this picture, with the shades on watching the event. Len Ford in the dark suit is standing behind Brian minus his head.

French text on picture, attempt at translation below.
It was Jack Good, a celebrated producer, who thought that Gene needed a more aggressive image if he didn't want to disappoint the English public. But Gene maintained that he was inspired by Hamlet for this image. And yet it was following the accident, where his friend Eddie Cochrane died. He stayed in England and Gene adopted his celebrated black leather costume, which became his brand image.

copied below e-mails from Len Ford to Michel Leconte

Hi Michel,

I have some questions I would like to ask you about this picture below from June 12th 1962

I would be very pleased to hear from you if you can spare some of your time.

My name is Len Ford and I was lead guitar in a group The Hi-Fi's and backed Gene on this trip

aboard the MV Royal Daffodil from London to Calais, where we joined up with Sounds Incorporated.

The man sitting left in the picture with his hand on his chin and dark glasses on was our pianist Brian Bennett.

I was standing just next to him behind John-St-John, lead guitarist in Sounds Inc.

Please do make contact. Best regards, Len Ford

From MICHEL LECONTE:

"I was 15 years old when I took this photo of Gene Vincent performing on the "Rock Across the Channel" one-day festival in Calais in 1962.

Gene Vincent has always had a place in my heart and in my mind."

Michel Leconte, Graphic Designer, France

Hi Len,

You have my permission to use it on your web site on the Hi-Fi's.

Keep me informed when it will be done, I'll be happy to remember these years when we were young !

I remember this day, June 12th 1962. I was 15 years old, living in Calais,

It was a revelation for me and I began to learn guitar playing. A few years later I played bass guitar in a local group named The Coasters (we ignored there already was a group existing with that name) and we played in Boulogne-sur-Mer at the opening of a Gene Vincent's concert.

(it was his last tour in France and he was backed by the Sunlights).

We were very influenced as teenagers by the music coming from London and Radio Caroline

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After a few years I moved to Paris and became photographer and illustrator for a magazine and later news graphics designer for TV channels. I play bass guitar with friends but not as a professional. I'm happy to hear from you! Are you still playing Rock and Roll ? Best regards Michel



M.V.Royal Daffodil

Mon;18th	Esher ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Wed;20th	Charlton Two K's Club	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Thur;21st	Battersea Town Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri;22nd	Esher ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;23rd	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Tues;26th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Wed;27th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri;29th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;30th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
July 1962			
Sat;7th	Orpington Civic Hall	Vern Rogers	£3.00
Sun;8th	Edmonton The Angel	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Holidays			
Mon;30th	Staines Town Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00

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August 1962

Sat;4th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;10th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Sat;11th	Kings Lynn Corn Exchange	vern Rogers	£2.10s
Mon;13th	Esher ?	Vern Rogers	gig got cancelled
Sat;18th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;24th	Guildford Plaza	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;25th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Wed;29th	Shenley Hospital	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Thur;30th	Leytonstone The Red Lion	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Fri;31st	Farnham ?	Vern Rogers	£2.5s

September 1962

Sat;1st	Orpington Civic Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sun;2nd	Edmondton The Angel	Vern Rogers	£1,10s
Mon;3rd	Esher ?	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Tues;4th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Wed;5th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri;7th	Southampton Park Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Sat;8th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£3.00
Tues;11th	Kilburn Empire State Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;15th	Liverpool Hollyoak Hall	Vern Rogers	£4.10s
Sun;16th	Liverpool Blaire Hall	Vern Rogers	£4.10s
Wed;19th	Walton-on-Thames ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;21st	Anfield Plain Miners Social.	Vern Rogers	£5.00
Sat;22nd	Harlow ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Thur;27th	Leytonstone The Red Lion	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;28th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Sat;29th	Wandsworth Town Hall	Vern Rogers	£3.00
Sun;30th	Bishops Stortford ?	Vern Rogers	£1.15s

October 1962

Fri;5th	Croydon Kennards Blue Room	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Thur;11th	Leavsdon Hospital	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Fri;12th	North Watford Youth Club	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Sat;13th	Waltham Abbey Youth Club	Vern Rogers	£3.00
Sun;14th	Clapton Macabbi	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Wed;17th	Shenley Hospital	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Wed;17th	BBC Audition Film	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sat;20th	Croydon St Jame's Hall	Vern Rogers	£4.00
Tues;23rd	Swanscombe ?	Vern Rogers	£0.15s
Fri;26th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Sun;27th	Oxford Town Hall	Vern Rogers	£3.10s
Sun;28th	Bracknell ? Cinema	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Tues;30th	Waltham Cross	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Wed;31st	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s

November 1962

Thur;1st	Leytonstone The Red Lion	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;2nd	Tunbridge Wells ?	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Sat;3rd	Walton-on-Thames ?	Vern Rogers	£3.00

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Sun;4th	Edmonton The Angel	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Mon;5th	Leyton Baths	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Fri;9th	Watford Youth Club	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Sat;10th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.15s
Sun;11th	Guildford Plaza	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Tues;13th	Waltham Cross ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Wed;14th	Charlton Two K's Club	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Thur;15th	Bracknell ? Cinema	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Fri;16th	Tunbridge Wells ?	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sat;17th	Romford Market Hall	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Sun;18th	Clapton Macabbi	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Wed;21st	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri;23rd	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Sat;24th	Wickham Bishops ?	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Sun;25th	Pigale Club, Piccadilly, London	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Fri;30th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.15s

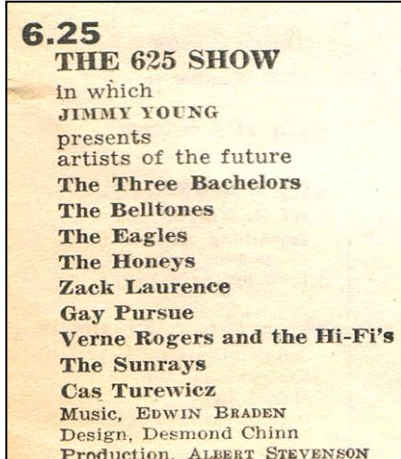
December 1962

Sat;1st	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Sun;2nd	Leytonstone Maccabi	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;7th	Kilburn Empire State Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£2.10s
Sat;8th	Aylesbury Grovesnor ballroom	Vern Rogers	£3.5s
Sun;9th	Pigale Club, Piccadilly, London	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Wed;12th	Barnet ?	Vern Rogers	£1.10s
Fri;14th	Anfield Plain Miners Social.	Vern Rogers	£5.00
Sat;15th	Weybridge Public Hall	Vern Rogers	£3.00
Sun;16th	Bracknell ? Cinema	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Mon;17th	Holborn ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Thur;20th	Luton ?	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Fri;21st	Southampton Park Ballroom	Vern Rogers	£2.5s
Sat;22nd	Hemel Hempstead ?	Vern Rogers	£3.10s
Sun;23rd	Guildford Plaza	Vern Rogers	£2.00
Mon;24th	Bletchley ?	Vern Rogers	£4.00
Wed;26th	Scunthorpe ?	Vern Rogers	£3.5s
Fri;28th	Epsom Ebbisham Hall	Vern Rogers	£1.15s
Sat;29th	Clacton Town Hall	Vern Rogers	Gene Vince £7.10s
Sun;30th	Pigale Club, Piccadilly, London	Vern Rogers	£0.00

nobody turned up, bad weather snow & ice

Mon;31st	Bristol BBC TV 625 Show	as Verne Rogers & the Hi-Fi's	£5.00
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promoting their first single Be Everything to Anyone



Verne spelt wrongly

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The full page from the Radio Times issued December 27th 1962 which has details of "The 625 Show" that Vern Rogers & The Hi-Fi's appeared on. Bad snow on the journey took all day from Croydon to Bristol shovels in the van helped

RADIO TIMES December 27, 1962

BBC tv TUESDAY

JANUARY 1

5.0
RUBOVIA
by GORDON MURRAY
THE CLUE
Presented by the
BBC Puppet Theatre
Puppeteers:
AUDREY ATTERBURY
BOB BURA, JOHN HARDWICK
Voices:
VIOLET LAMB, JAMES BEATTIE
DEREK NIMMO, ROY SKELTON
Settings and costumes,
Andrew Brownfoot
Additional settings,
Hazel Martindale
Puppets and production,
GORDON MURRAY
BBC film

6.50
TONIGHT
Look around with
Cliff Michelmore
Derek Hart, Alan Whicker
Fyfe Robertson, Trevor Philpott
Kenneth Allsop
Macdonald Hastings
Julian Pettifer
Robin Hall, Jimmie Macgregor
Associate producers,
Ned Sherrin, Elizabeth Cowley
Jack Gold, Derrick Amore
Michael Tuchner
Assistant editors,
Gordon Watkins, Peter Batty
Editor, ANTONY JAY

8.25
THE DEFENDERS
A new film series
of the courtroom dramas
starring
E. G. MARSHALL
and
ROBERT REED
with
Guest star
ED BEGLEY
in
The Seven Ghosts of
Simon Gray
See page 25

5.25
ADVENTURE
A second showing of a weekly
series of films taken by travel-
lers and explorers on their ex-
peditions throughout the world
Balloon from Zanzibar
In 1862 Jules Verne published his *Five
Weeks in a Balloon*, describing a
fictitious air journey from Zanzibar to
Senegal. One hundred years later
ANTHONY SMITH and DOUGLAS
BOTTING flew by balloon from Zanzibar
across the sea channel to the mainland
of Africa. In this first of three films
the balloonists are forced to land in
the African bush.
Narrator, Anthony Smith
Flown by
Douglas Botting and Alan Root
Film editor, Robert Walter
Presented by Brian Branstom
Series edited by
DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

7.29
HEADLINE NEWS

7.30
COMPACT
A series by
HAZEL ADAIR and PETER LING
Happy Birthday
It is *Compact's* birthday, also Iris's,
and there are celebrations to mark
both occasions. Mark carries out some
private research into the car racket
and Ian makes a surprise announce-
ment.
Clare.....JANET HARGREAVES
Brian.....KEITH BUCKLEY
Mark.....GAILLE DAVIES
Ian.....RONALD ALLEN
Janet.....CHRISTINE POLLEN
Babbage.....DONALD MORLEY
Clancey.....ANN MORRIS
Hector Calhoun.....RICHARD CALDICOT
Tim Gray.....SCOT FINCH
Gussie.....FRANCES BENNETT
Sally.....MONICA EVANS
Iris.....LOUISE DUNN
Susan Caley.....SONIA FOX
Alison.....BETTY COOPER
Nathan Hirsch.....CLEMENT MCCALLIN
Adrian.....ROBERT DESMOND
Harry Jennings.....ANTHONY OLIVER
Stan Millet.....JOHNNY WADE
Chloe.....BETTY ELLIS
Designer, Jane Martin
Costume supervisor, Olive Harris
Producer, DOUGLAS ALLEN
Director, GERALD WILTSHIRE
See facing page

5.50
THE NEWS

6.0
TOWN AND AROUND
A daily presentation of
news and views from
London and the South-East
Introduced by
Richard Baker
followed by
THE WEATHER

6.25
THE 625 SHOW
In which
JIMMY YOUNG
presents
artists of the future
The Three Bachelors
The Belltones
The Eagles
The Honeys
Zack Laurence
Gay Pursue
Vern Rogers and the Hi-Fi's
The Sunrays
Cas Turewicz
Music, EDWIN BRADEN
Design, Desmond Chinn
Production, ALBERT STEVENSON

9.15
THE NEWS

9.25
CHALLENGE
Raymond Baxter
introduces the story of
A YEAR OF SCIENCE
including
YEAR OF THE SATELLITES
THE PARTICLE MYSTERY
SCIENCE AND THE WEATHER
SECRETS OF THE CELL
EXPLORING THE OCEANS
In the past twelve months science has
advanced on many different fronts. A
team of scientists tell the story of these
advances on film, in the studio, and in
outside broadcasts.
Script, G. RATTAY TAYLOR
Designer, Harry Smith
Directed by Bill Wright
Produced by
GLYN JONES
See facing page

10.25
**INTERNATIONAL
CONCERT HALL**



Clifford Curzon
playing
Beethoven's Piano Concerto
No. 5 in E flat major
(Emperor)
with the
BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Leader, Hugh Maguire
Conducted by
Sir Adrian Boult
before an invited audience
† Presented by Walter Todds
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January 15: Tibor Varga playing
Brahms' Violin Concerto in G minor
with the Philharmonia Orchestra
conducted by Norman Del Mar

11.5
LATE NIGHT NEWS

11.15
THE WEATHER
Close Down

† BBC recording

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