

Minor Details



From left: Dave age 3, sister Sylvia and brother John



Back: Sister Hazel, mum, brother-in-law David, dad
Front: Sylvia, Dave age 4 and John



Brother Philip and Dave, age 2



Dave, age 4

Schooldays



Dave's school photo, age 6



From left: Dave age 9, mum, dad and sister Sylvia

Rockin' Rollin' Spacemen



Family summer holiday in a caravan, Lowestoft
From left: Sylvia, mum, Dave age 10, and dad



Dave the "Tarzan"



Dave age 12, Great Yarmouth



NEW CYCLES FOR TWO

For enlisting 26 new readers of the Guardian Journal and the Evening Post and News, 13-year-old David Taylor, of Sandfield Road, Arnold, today received a voucher for a Moulton Super-4 bicycle.

David was presented with his voucher by Mr. R. O. Hooton, distribution manager of T. Bailey Forman Ltd. since the voucher scheme began in February, 1969, Mr. Hooton has presented over 150 bicycles to enterprising newsboys.

James Gordon (13), of Grassmere, Cotgrave, had to received his voucher earlier as he was playing Rugby today.

Nottingham Evening Post, 1970

Going to Heaven



Dave the Ted, age 14



Sign on an English pub wall in the early 1970s



Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem pub in Nottingham, the oldest Inn in England



Dave wearing the 'offensive weapon' metal belt

Ain't No Music 'cept Rock & Roll



Last quake

POP fans in Nottingham will be getting almost the final tremor of the Earthquakes.

This Derby-based group is splitting up after four years — a decision forced on it by the illness of its lead guitarist Bill Clamp.

Its farewell performance is on Monday when it plays for the Buddy Holly memorial dance at Cleopatra's, Derby.

But there will be one last appearance in Nottingham on Sunday evening at the Boat Club.

Plans are being made for new group to be formed on the ruins of the Earthquakes.

Postman

Dim Light Boogie



The Adam & Eve pub, Hackney

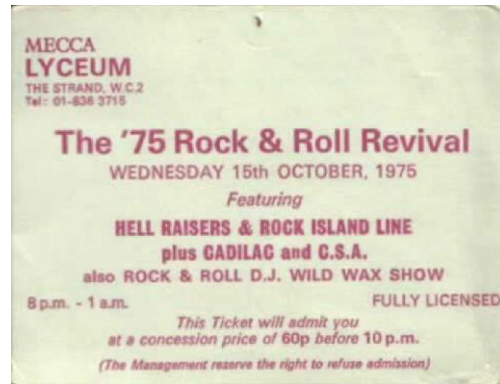


Rockabilly Music Just Hit Town





Graham Fenton & Dave, 1976



Lyceum entrance ticket, 15 October 1975

Go Cat Go!



The iconic Ted, 'Sunglasses' Ron Staples (left) with Graham Fenton on top of Dave's 'upright' piano at Pickett's Lock, 1976



Pickett's Lock 'live' recording, the LP Rock'n'Roll is still Alive!

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Kuusrock, Finland 1976 poster

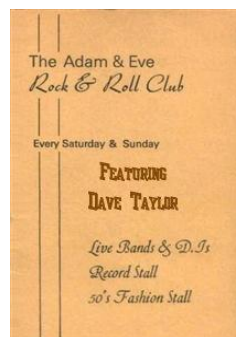


Twelve o'Clock Rock





Little Tina & Flight 56 at the Lyceum, London, 1977
Tina Dawes, Nick Barnes and Rockin Dave



Rockhouse LP cover, 1977 The Adam & Eve entrance ticket



Dave (centre) with his band Red Hot

Rockin' in the Same Ol' Way

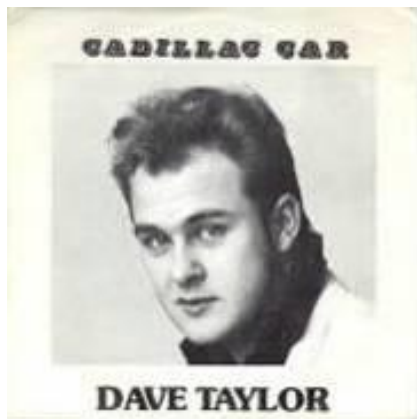


Dave Taylor's Rocket 88, fronted by Dave, Jussi Ikonen 2nd left

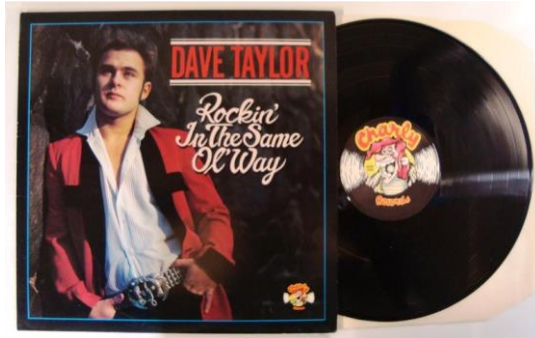
Mind Your Own Business



All by Myself/Peggy Sue, Dave's first single release, 1978



Cadillac Car/Rockhouse single, 1979



The LP Rockin in the Same Ol' Way, 1979



Finland, 1979



Dim Light Boogie/Mona Lisa single, 1980

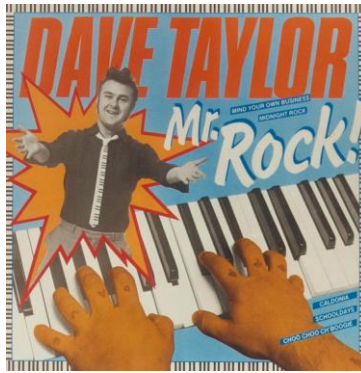


Dave and Jyrki Hämäläinen after sauna at Jyrki's house, Helsinki 1988

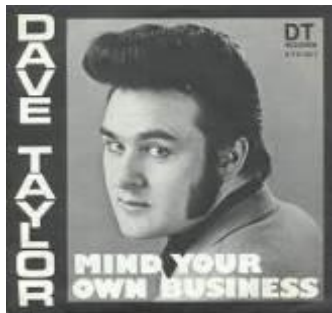


Dave on stage in Helsinki, 1980

Mr Rock!



Mr Rock LP, 1982, on Dave's own DT Records label



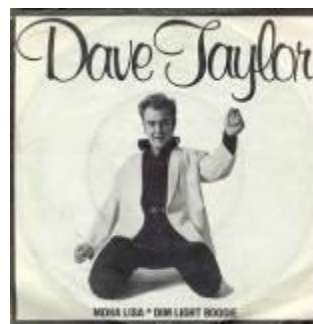
Mind Your Own Business/Rock Me single 1982, DT Records



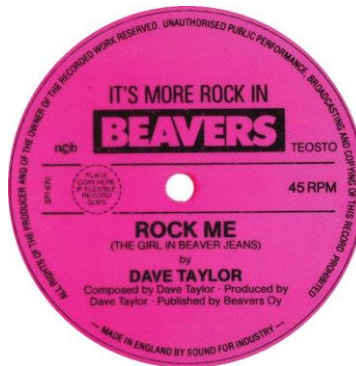
1981 single, Here Comes Countrybilly!



Somewhere in Finland, 1981



Dim Light Boogie/Mona Lisa single, 1979



The Girl in Beaver Jeans - promotional flexi disc for Beavers, 1981



Dave with girlfriend 'Manna', 1980



Beavers Jeans was one of Dave's sponsors for many years, 1979 poster



The show must go on... Dave playing his set with a fractured wrist

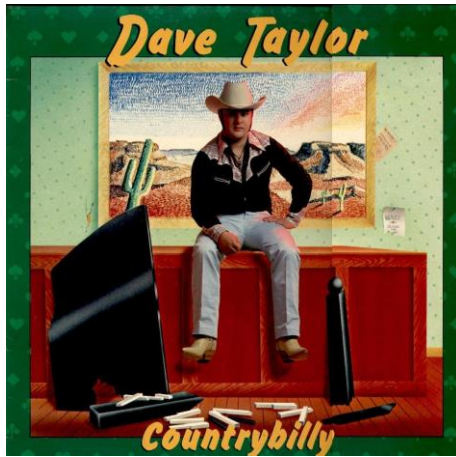


The Dave Taylor Band at Tavastia Club, 1981

Rhapsody in Boogie



Cadillac Car/Rockhouse single on the Charly Records label, 1979



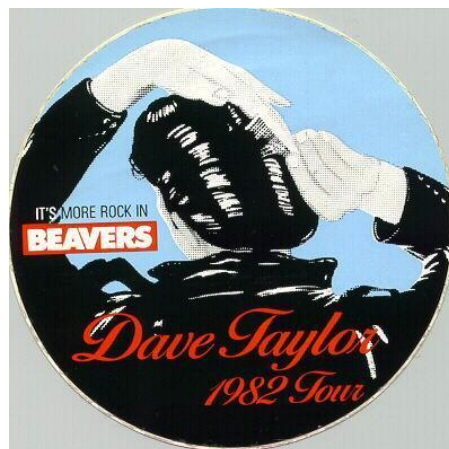
Countrybilly LP, 1981



Jive, Jive, Jive LP, released by Charly Records in 1981



Dave (right) with Carlos Segarra (2nd left) and friends in 1981, Barcelona, Spain





1982 Poster



From left: Dave, Montse, Stella and Emilio Diaz Arnau in Kent, 1998

Rock Me



Stella & Dave's 'wedding photo' as published in the Finnish Suosikki magazine, 1982



Drummer Paul Robinson's personalised drum skin



Rockin Dave and Peter Neilson at his private party in London, 2004



Rockin Dave & Band at a private garden party in England, 1987



Haircuts publication, 1985, with Rockin Dave and his 'Duck's Arse' hair style from the album cover, Countrybilly

Won't You



Dave and Stella in the Kangaroo Bar, Hong Kong, 1985



Street view close to Dave's Hong Kong apartment on Nathan Road, Kowloon, 1985



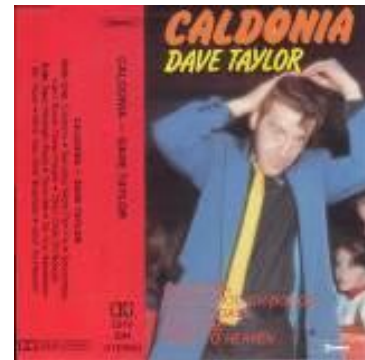
Rockin Dave and Chris Vadham in Kent, 1999



Rockin Dave in London, 1987



Midnight Rock! LP by Nervous Records, 1983



Chevron cassette release 1986, cover photo is Roy Williams of Nervous Records



Rockin Dave (plus rider!) with Screaming Lord Sutch, 1987

After the Rain



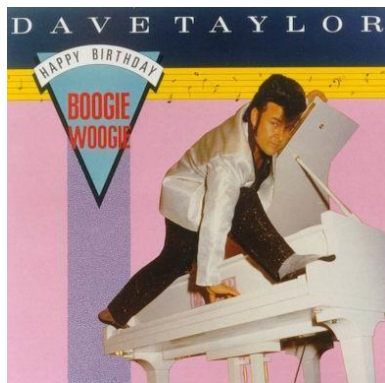
Steppin' outa Line EP 1986, Tonpress release



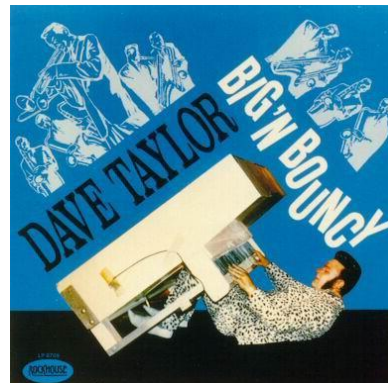
Joe Banana's opening night, Hong Kong, 1986



Dave's framed gold lamé jacket at Joe Banana's, Hong Kong 1986



Happy Birthday Boogie Woogie LP, 1988

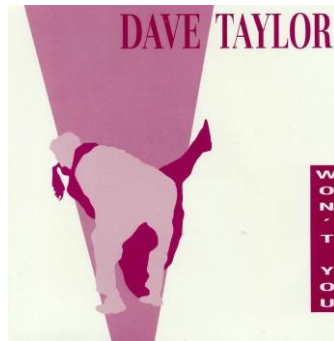


Big'n'Bouncy LP release by Rockhouse, 1988



Dave going for a Chinese... London, 1987

Under the Moonlight



Won't You/Under the Moonlight vinyl single, 1988



Rockin Dave and Carlos Segarra in Benidorm, Spain, 2007



Dave (right) with Brian Poole & Black Cat

The Dave Taylor Rock & Roll Show at Fiesta de la Merce, Barcelona, Spain 1987:





Fiesta de la Merce audience stretched way back to the lights in the distance

Skyjive



AFF course in Headcorn, 1989, instructors Pete Allum and Rod Bartholomew



Dave kitted up for his first parachute jump, 1989 in Cranfield

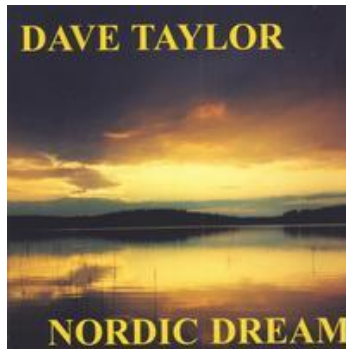
Dave's Boogie



Dave on Tom Constable's Harley, Los Angeles, 1991



Russian poster, 1991, headlining 'Dave Taylor'
(No-one told the designer that Dave is actually a piano player!)



Nordic Dream CD, 2004

Blast Off!



Dave and his AFF instructor, Jack Gregory, at jump debriefing



Make (left) and Bobby as roadies on the Finnish tour, 1988



Dave's photo in 1986 of the Suzie Wong Club, Hong Kong



Rockin Dave's flying lesson in a Cessna 152
at Manston Airport, Kent, 1992

Jumpin' at the Woodside



Jump & Jive! Imatra parachute display 1990, Finland



Imatra parachute display 1990, bird's eye view. Pick a roof... any roof!
Audience on the street (centre) waiting for Dave to land and join his band on stage



Finnish Iltalehti newspaper headline on 3 July 1990: "Rock star makes an emergency landing by parachute into a pub in Imatra"



Dressing room in Lapland!

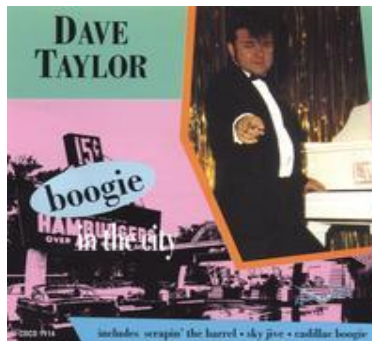


Midsummer Eve show poster, Posio, Lapland, 1990

Mona Lisa



From left, Cherie & Joop Visser with Rockin Dave in his house in Kent



Boogie in the City CD, Charly Records release, 1994



Rockin Dave & Lucky Luciano
in one of Dave's locals in Kent



Bye! Dave skydiving over Headcorn

You're Wrong



Rockin Dave at Empuriabrava Parachute Club, Spain, Christmas 1999 -
the photo appears on A Rocker's Guide to the Galaxy CD cover, released 2007

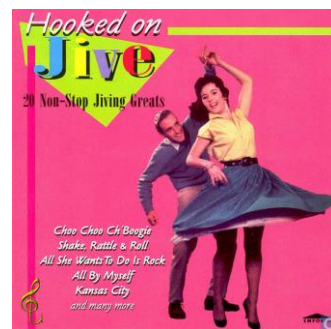
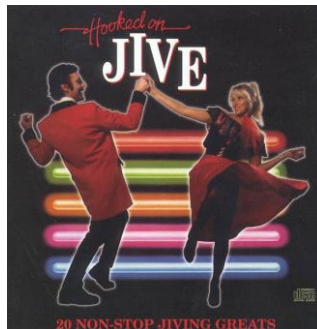
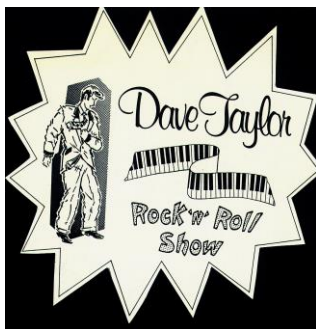


A private garden party in West Sussex

Back to Basics



Caricature of Dave by a Spanish street artist, 1987



Logo and Hooked on Jive CDs, K-Tel, 1996 and Emporio, 1998

Drivin' Home

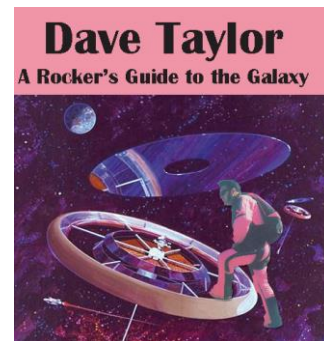
Imatra Big Band Festival, 1988:



Shotgun Boogie CD, 1998



Cannes Film Festival



A Rocker's Guide to the Galaxy CD, 2007



Dave and Tony Rocco, recording session in Midnight Rock Studio, 1998

That's the Way

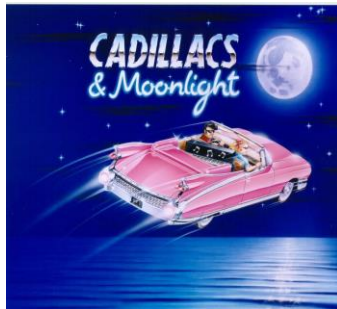


Dave with Rosy - back in the UK

Sunset at Lake Saimaa



Night parachute jump at Headcorn - above the landing area at 200ft



Cadillacs & Moonlight CD release, 1997



Rockin Dave publicity photo, London, 1996

REVIEW - SHOTGUN BOOGIE a CD by Rockin' Dave Taylor

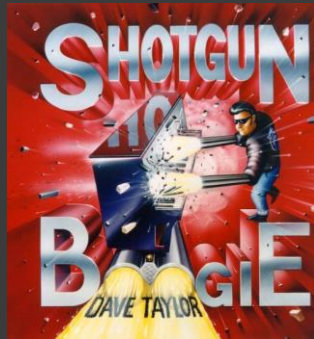
Over the last few years BPA member and Headcorn local skydiver Dave Taylor, has been seen tickling the ivories at the Herc Boogie in Sweden, the Espace Boogie in France, the Christmas Boogie in Empuriabrava, and even at the BPA's AGM rave. But I doubt if many of the jumpers that have boogied to Dave's 50's Rock n Roll were aware of his long involvement in the music business.

Since going professional in '74 at the age of 17, Dave has made his living as a musician, playing along the way with the likes of Bill Haley, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee-Lewis, BB King and Shakin' Stevens to name a few.

During a successful period in Scandinavia in the late 70's and early 80's fronting his own band, Dave picked up the nickname - 'the Acrobat Pianist' after his style of climbing all over his piano whilst thrashing out a toon with various parts of his anatomy. After returning to the UK he toured with the US Group *Big Daddy* who achieved a UK Top 10 hit, and appeared on radio and TV shows including *The Kenny Everett Show*, *The Old Grey Whistle Test*, *Pebble Mill at One* and *Razzmatazz*.

Since getting hooked on skydiving about ten years ago, Dave has managed to combine his two passions - as you do, by jumping into some of his music gigs, under the title of the *SkyJivers* parachute display team.

Once, when booked to play at the Imara Big Band festival in Finland, Dave jumped onto the roof of a multi-storey building in the town centre - apparently he got the wrong roof, and had to climb through a fire-light to end up in the bar with canopy over shoulder looking for a beer!



In the last decade Dave has produced several albums of his own music, either Jump-Jive, Boogie Woogie or 50' style Rock n Roll, produced by his own record label *Midnight Rock Records*. The latest of these is the subject of this review (Oh yeah, I nearly forgot).

Called *Shotgun Boogie* the CD contains 21 songs, 14 of them written by Dave himself and all of them fronted by Dave and his piano. If you like this genre of music, then you'll like this album. The various tracks range from fast and furious, to the occasional Elvis like ballad, with plenty of musically accomplished instrumental solos. The few tracks not written by Dave himself, the title track among them penned by Tennessee Ernie Ford, are well performed, and if you're already acquainted with them you'll like Dave's band's interpretation. Believe it or not, they even do a rockin' version of Irvin Berlin's *White Christmas*.

Some of the tracks have been recorded with as many as 20 musicians contributing, including piano, electric, acoustic and pedal steel guitars, trumpets, alto, tenor and baritone sax, trombone, bass trombone, bass and drums. The production is of a high quality and very professional, and the CD sleeve includes a pocket biography of Dave including, of course, a picture of him skydiving over Headcorn.

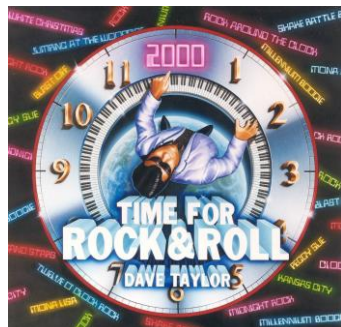
Whether or not you're a 50's Rock n Roll, Jump-Jive or Boogie Woogie music freak, I think you'll like this CD. Anyway it just goes to show that you'll find a skydiver succeeding in which any field you care to look - I like that!

Rob Colpus

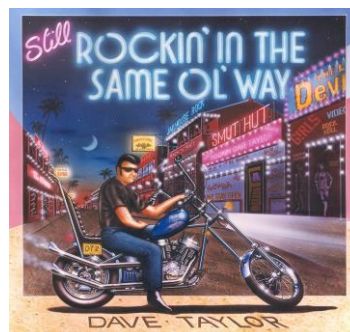
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Sport Parachutist magazine review of Dave's Shotgun Boogie CD release, February 1999

Millennium Rock



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Still Rockin' in the Same Ol' Way
CD release in 2000



Millennium Eve at St David's Spa Hotel, Cardiff



The Good Fellas

Scrapin' the Barrel



Dave enjoying an 'ice-cold' beer at the Arctic Circle, Finland

Chimneys in the Snow



Maybe there is no Santa, but there sure is Father Christmas, pictured with Dave in Lapland (Dave on the right!)



Clockwise: Stella, sister Sylvia & husband Ian, Dave and Juki in Kent, on way to Dave's gig, 2004

Fiddle Diddle Boogie



Vexi Salmi (left) with Dave in Helsinki, 2004, giving a listen to Dave's album, Nordic Dream

Escape to Panama



Rosy and Dave at Headcorn Parachute Club in 2001



Rosy boarding a private aircraft

Poor Ol' Mr Woogie



Freddie Bell and Rockin Dave,
Great Yarmouth 2004

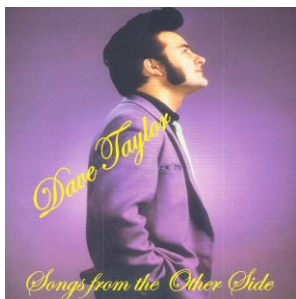


Shake Rattle & Roll Weekender, UK, 2004



Stella at Dave's merchandise stall (with Dave peeking at the back!)

Choo Choo Ch' Boogie



Songs from the Other Side CD, 2005



This is Boogie Woogie CD, 2006



Dave and Phil Bailey at Midnight Rock studio, 2005



Rosy and Dave's marriage ceremony, Spain 2005

Cadillac Car



'Dave's 12-Bar' in Kent



Ok, bear with me for a while... Finnish Lapland

You'd Better Listen to Me Now



Somewhere over Finland (Dave in the pink jump suit)

Keep it up Baby



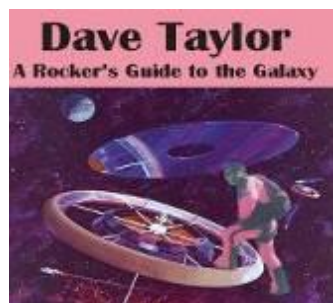
Dave at home in Kent, 2006

That's the Way



Dave admiring the tranquil scenery of Lapland
- inspiration for the Nordic Dream CD

Lipstick, Powder and Paint



A Rocker's Guide to the Galaxy CD, 2006

Boogie Woogie Country Girl



A rest is as good as a change... Rimini, Italy, ready for a sound check

Concerti speciali per lo scatenato Dave Taylor e i Good Fellas

Da 32 anni suona il boogie woogie



FORLÌ - Cantante, pianista dalla tecnica inimitabile, eccellente showman. In una sala piccola Dave Taylor e l'artista inglese la scorsa settimana ha deliziato gli appassionati di Rock'n'roll e Boogie Woogie della Romagna con due spettacoli al Gallery Pub di Cesena e al Circolo Arci di via Valverde a Forlì. Ad accompagnare Dave Taylor nel suo trio italiano (Eolonia e Pachos), gli inseparabili compagni della Good Fellas band. "Sono ormai dieci anni che suono con loro ogni volta che vengo in Italia - esordisce Dave Taylor - sono degli amici per me. In Inghilterra ho la mia band e negli altri paesi europei actiati con cui collaboro. Se il Boogie Woogie è ancora attuale? Ma certo, è una musica che è sempre stata presente e adesso sta ritornando alla ribalta, sono 32 anni che faccio questo tipo di musica, ha sempre mantenuto le sue caratteristiche e ci sono tut in ogni parte del mondo, specialmente in Inghilterra, Spagna e Finlandia, ma anche in Italia lo apprezzate. Insomma, il Boogie Woogie è sempre lo stesso, solo l'audience è cambiata negli anni, ora, però, c'è un pubblico decisamente di qualità". Un pubblico che, oltre alla musica, apprezza anche le evoluzioni sul palco di Dave Taylor. "Ma in queste due tappe - spiega l'artista - ho messo in scena uno spettacolo più tranquillo del solito: la gente veniva per ascoltare e quindi abbiamo dato spazio alla musica. Ma quando il pubblico viene per vederti quello che fai sul palco, come suoni... Beh, il programma è diverso e l'esibizione fisica fa parte dello spettacolo, così come l'abbigliamento. Negli anni '70 c'era uno stile, cignoso, da seguire. Adesso è meno importante, ma lo cerco di starci sempre attento". Dave Taylor, poi, dice di apprezzare i locali italiani. "Sì, perché non si fuma, è festoso, credetemi. In Inghilterra sei costretto ad esibirti in una nebbia di fumo e cantare diventa difficile". Per gli amanti del genere è in uscita il nuovo cd di Dave Taylor: "This is Boogie Woogie"; per informazioni sulla carriera del cantante e sulle sue prossime tappe in giro per l'Europa si può consultare il sito www.mindthetrix.demon.co.uk

Dave Taylor in concerto

Maicol Mercuriali

"32 years of boogie woogie"

Big 'n' Bouncy



The Good Fellas with Dave (sitting at the bar), Italy 2007



On stage in El Campello, Spain, straight after the motorway accident in 2007

It Doesn't Matter

Sea view from the Coveta Fuma plot of land:



All by Myself



Spain, 2008

Poundin' the Tracks



Costa Brava, Spain 2008

Lonely as I Can Be



Dave's first visit in 1985 to Angeles City, Philippines

The Gypsy's Torment



Only in the Philippines!



“Kojak” Dave climatized for the tropics after hair shave

Rockabilly Lumberjack



Boracay, the paradise island's white sand beach



A sign frequently displayed in the Philippines - English lawyers, take note!

Can't Stand Those People



Coyote Ugly transformed into Midnight Rock bar, 2008

Blueberry Hill

Trek up Mount Pinatubo:





Mt Pinatubo lake swim...
Hope the crater doesn't erupt now or I'll want a refund!

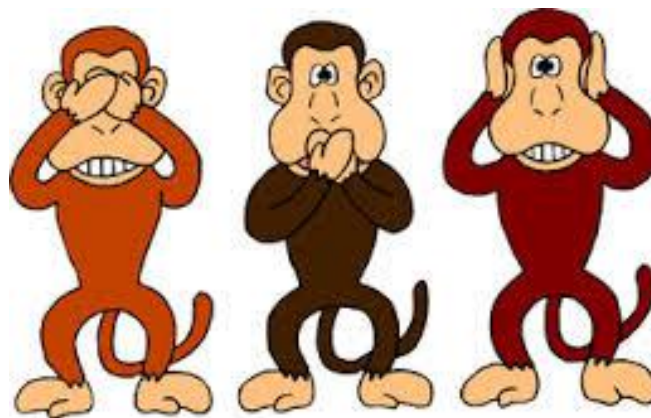


Dave and Stella checking out the Hot Springs of Mt Pinatubo

Midnight Rock



Looking After Number One



Tell Me Why

On stage at Midnight Rock:



Hey Little Girl



Daddy Dave with newborn Cecilia, July 2009

Dave & Cecilia swimming at the Phoenix Hotel pool, Angeles City:



Rockhouse



Picture in a Finnish magazine, 1982

Don't say Goodbye at the Station



Dave and Cecilia, age 1, in Subic Bay, Philippines, 2010

Big Beam Boogie



Rescue kitten, Midnight (hey, what else would you name a white pussycat?!)



Puppy rescued from the roadside by Jeff of Mischief bar



Dave didn't celebrate birthdays, but a regular customer and friend at Midnite Rock bar, Roy Fisher, always brought Dave a birthday cake, every year - this great decoration turned out to be the final cake Dave would cut at Midnite Rock, on 5 March 2015. Over the Midnite Rock logo it reads ROCKIN DAVE IS STILL ROCKIN @ 58.



The Midnight Rock crew and Roy Fisher, in white shirt, next to Dave

Boogie in the City



Rockin Dave's Star on Fields Avenue, Angeles City



Cecilia, 5, at the piano custom-built for Dave in the 1990s by Fazer, Finland



Rockin Dave on stage at Midnight Rock, 2012 and 2015

I've Lost Her Again

Rockin Dave and Lucky Luciano's final show together at Midnight Rock, 26 March 2015:





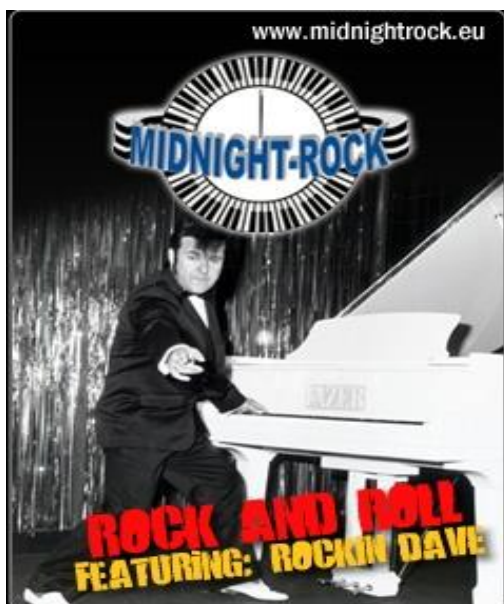
After the show - leopards never change their spots!

Spooky Boogie



The gang outside Midnight Rock, 2015

Goodnight, Goodnight

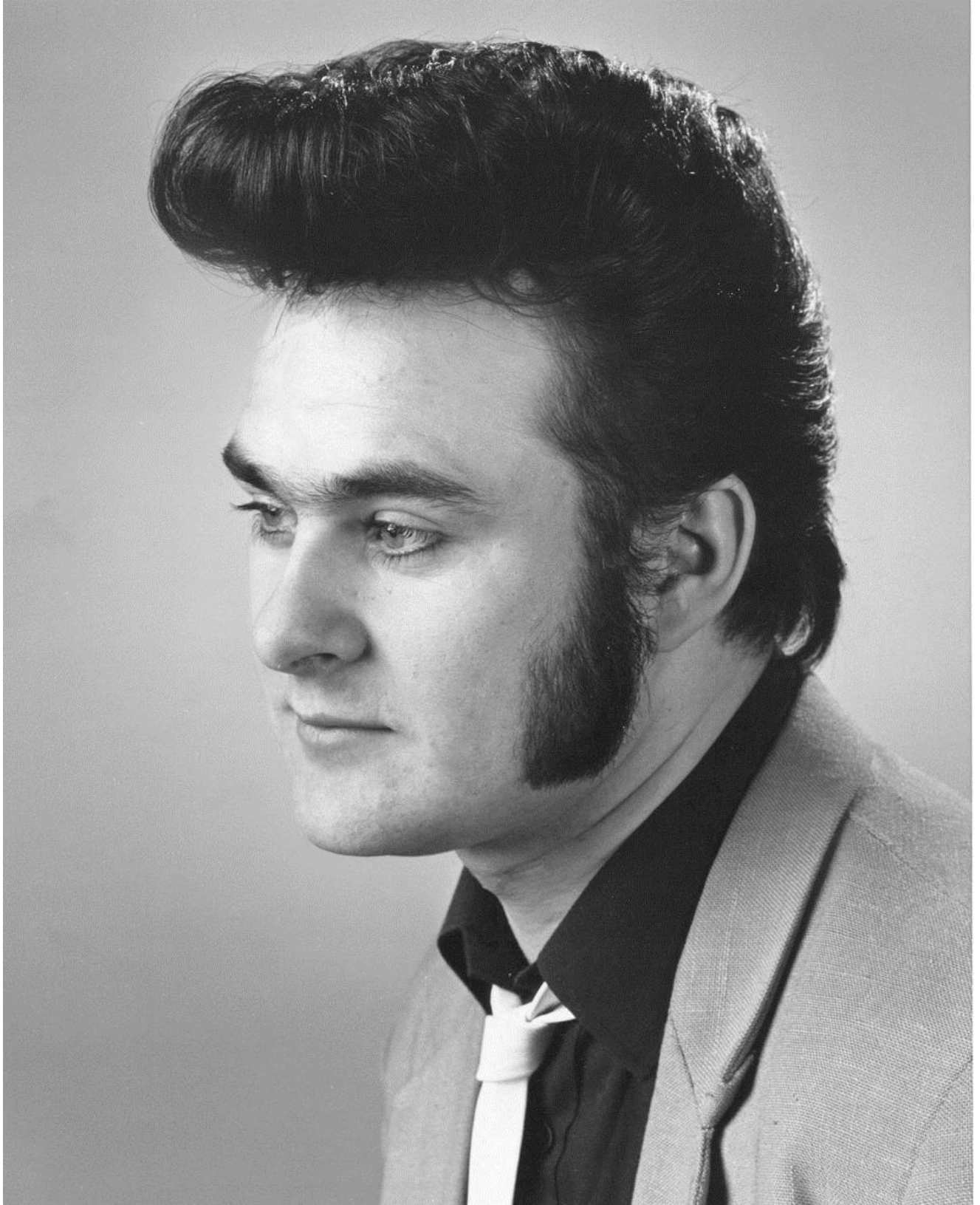


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