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**Garry***august 17, 2009 at 18:57*

The geezer who used to dance to Arthur Brown at the Cofton was called Pete Oakes or Oakesy as everybody knows him. I still see him most Fridays for a drink. Even now on very special occasions we can manage to persuade him to do his so called "Fire Dance". The song was actually called "Fire".

Spent many evenings in the Cofton. DJs were Ray T, Stevie Dee etc. Bands like Walrus Gumboot and Falcon Lodge also played there. The Cofton definitely deserves it's own page. It was knocked down about 10 years ago to make way for a BP Petrol Station.

Reply

**Ruth Cheshire***may 22, 2012 at 17:17*

Hey Gary 😊 haven't checked this page for ages, sorry I missed your comment ! It's great to know that you still see Pete 😊 and that he still does his dance lol ! Those parties we used to have were amazing weren't they ! Great times ! Do you still see any of the other guys ? Bob Chambers, Pete Phillips, Neil Morris, Steve Walker and his brother, Dave ( Daisy) Tony Oakes and any others 😊 Hope you see this reply sooner than I saw yours ! xx

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**heather finnerty***september 16, 2009 at 22:35*



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 **Bernie Thevenin** Where were you the night John Lennon was shot?  
April 9, 2010 at 3:59pm · Like

 **Granny Coombes** with you, I think>? lol  
April 9, 2010 at 4:08pm · Like

 **Tom Davidson** I think I went to this too  
April 9, 2010 at 7:35pm · Like

 **Gary Cutler** at this gig  
April 10, 2010 at 1:38pm · Like

 **Wendy D'Boss Hannan** I was at this gig too, in the stalls too so was Swampy but I didn't know him then, we were only a few seats apart too!  
April 10, 2010 at 9:58pm · Like

 **Bernie Thevenin** I was right at the front  
April 10, 2010 at 10:02pm · Like

 **Carl Baker** I was there too. still got my stub.  
April 14, 2010 at 5:14pm · Like

 **Phil Moore** i remember this being my very first big gig, Killing joke Cath tried to sneak me into the crown, but i got kicked out, i was only 12, but at the gig, Cath and some other punk girls looked after me, it was awesome, !  
April 29, 2010 at 11:35am · Like

 **Tonytone Mullaney** Me , one , arm griff went



Barbarellas was by far the best punk venue back in 77, along with Rebeccas it was definately the place to go if you liked some heavy Dub tunes to listen to in between some great gigs.

Bands i have seen at Barbarellas include

The Killjoys, supported by Model Mania and Crimefighters. Early Killjoys days, there were loads of em on stage including a saxophonist. ( 06.06.1977)

The Damned and The Adverts. The damned were superb live, i think rat Scabies set his hands alight at this gig.( 11.06.1977)

The Police,before they got too famous hence only a £1 in (09.07.1977)

The Saints, brilliant Aussie band (16.07.1977)

Chelsea, supported by The Cortinas. The night Elvis died (17.08.1977). Gene October told us but we didnt beleive him!

The Slits (26-08-1977), a little high i was, jumped on stage, got slung out! Dont think that was anything unusual back in those days.

The August Bank Holiday special, loads of bands all for a quid (29.08.1977)

Generation X (10.09.1997) what a poser, great live band though.

The Damned supported by Wreckless Eric?? I think it was something to do with The Stiffs greatest hits as Ian Dury was drumming for Eric. This wasnt long after Marc Bolan died and The Damned done a blistering tribute to him as an encore, this was definately one of Barbarellas greatest punk nights (22.09.1977). Still only a £1 in too. Sept 24, The Fabulous Poodles and Sept 30 Jon Foxx's Ultravox.

Oct 8 , The Saints.,15 London and 29 The Killjoys who by now had established themselves as one of the best live bands around.

Split Enz on Bonfire night, and Radio Stars on the 26th Nov.

There was another all dayer on Boxing Day again featuring The Killjoys and the last gig i have listed is for Tue 24 Jan 1978 featuring Model Mania, The Lous (frech all girl band) and The Clash. Strummer was well peed off that Barbarellas had charged us £2 in and promised that next time it would be 50p in, and true to form Joe kept his word but unfortunately i missed that gig.Again, The Clash played Barbs on the day of the ill fated Rag Market gig, i didnt hang out long enough to see the gig but spent a great day hanging around Brums cafes meeting punks from all over the UK including Strummer and Simonen themselves.

I vaguely remember seeing Wilko sometime in 78 and also Subway Sect and that band who sang " i Am The Fly" sometime in 78. Barbs closed around this time and there was never really anywhere that could replace it. The Cedar Club tried, i was there the night of The Cedar Club's first gig, quite lively but...









