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Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **allherfaces**

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Posted: **Fri Dec 30, 2011 8:37 pm**

Hi, I'm sitting here with Carolyn (BornTooLate) who is pawing through issues of the DSB for her research. 😊

We got to talking about the Philips Recording Studio, and she said there was a bed and breakfast hotel at that location!

Here is the link:

<http://www.parkwoodhotel.com/>

It's address is listed as 4 Stanhope Place.

A web search tells me that the PHilips Recording Studio was located at the basement of Stanhope House at 2-4 Stanhope Place.

<http://www.philsbook.com/philips.html>

I always thought the recording studio was in Stanhope House which, according to Goolemaps is actually located across the street from 4 Stanhope Place where the B&B is. You know, the place with the steps leading up to the door....

So, I'm hoping one of you can solve this mystery.

Where was the Philips Recording Studio? WAs it in Stanhope House? Or was it across the street at 2-4 Stanhope Place? Or something else entireley. 🤔

Sorry I don't have photos of the exteriors but you can look up STanhope House and 2-4 Stanhope Place (both London W2) on googlemaps and see what I mean.

Carolyn is going to email the B&B owner and see what he says, but thought some of the rest of you might have insight into this.

Wouldn't it be cool to visit the basement that once held the studio? Maybe the ladies loo is still there. 😊

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **Chris80**

Posted: **Fri Dec 30, 2011 10:01 pm**

Hi Nancy,

I have searched for the right adress of the former Philips studio, before I traveled to London for DD this year. I found then the same question in another old forum and there it is mentioned that the studio was in Stanhope house at 2-4 Stanhope Place.

[http://dustyspringfield.forumco.com/top ... IC_ID=4867](http://dustyspringfield.forumco.com/top...IC_ID=4867)

On my google searches there was always mentioned Stanhope house at 2-4 Stanhope Place as adress, so I assume it is correct!

Perhaps some London insiders can clear last doubts!

PS: Many greetings to Carolyn! 😊

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **countrycake**

Posted: **Fri Dec 30, 2011 10:42 pm**

I wrote to Philips in 1966 as my copy of All I See Is You did not come in a picture sleeve. The compliments slip which accompanied their response showed:

Philips Records
Stanhope House
Stanhope Place
London W2

Stanhope House is still called that, as it turns up on Google Maps when you enter it as a location. Here is a link to it:

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&client=dell-usuk&channel=uk&tab=wl>

If you increase the map detail, Stanhope House is shown on the map. The Parkwood Hotel is shown on Google Maps as being on the opposite side of Stanhope Place from Stanhope House, which is on the corner of Stanhope Place and Connaught Place.

One of the links contained in the original posting has interior photographs of the Philips Studios. I am pretty sure that the guy sitting at the control desk in the 1959 photo is Johnny Franz.

Jim

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **countrycake**

Posted: **Fri Dec 30, 2011 10:46 pm**

Here's a better view of Stanhope House:

http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&cp=40&gs_id=4f&xhr=t&q=stanhope+house+stanhope+Place++london&gs_upl=&bav=on.2,or.r_gc.r_pw.,cf8&hq=&hnear=0x4876053515717cc5:0x8032d457238a4d9a,Stanhope+House,+Stanhope+Pl,+London+W2+2HH&gl=TqLJINGaOuiK7b0B&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&ct=image&resnum=1&sqi=2&ved=0CCcQ8gEwAA

Jim

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **countrycake**

Posted: **Fri Dec 30, 2011 10:49 pm**

In my last posting I should have added that you need to click on the photo on the left of the page and then use the direction arrows to get different views.

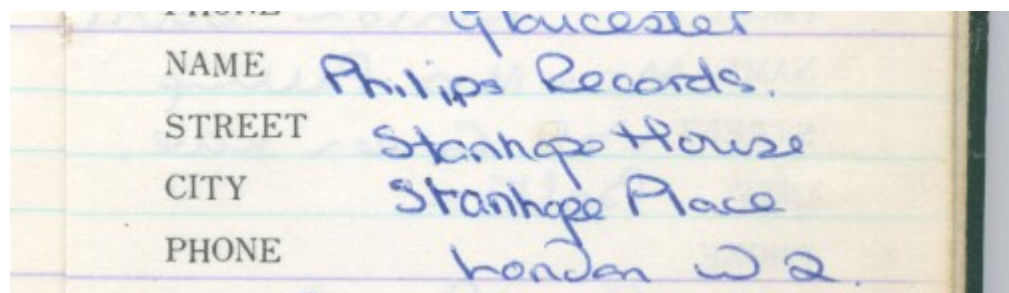
Jim

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Sat Dec 31, 2011 11:00 am**

I still have my little black address book from the 60's and the address for Philips Records is in there.



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Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Sat Dec 31, 2011 5:01 pm**

OK, so it was in the basement of Stanhope House on Stanhope Place--is that address 2-4 Stanhope Place, as listed on the website I linked to? If so, how can there also be a 4 Stanhope Place across the street where the B&B is located? ? ?

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **countrycake**

Posted: **Sat Dec 31, 2011 6:20 pm**

I have had another look, but this time I have used Google Streetview to view at each property in Stanhope Place.

On the opposite side of the street from Stanhope House are nos 1 to 8, ie both odd and even nos. No 9 is on the same side as Stanhope House. It is the first property as you enter from Connaught Square. Moving towards the junction with Connaught Place the numbers go up to 12, again odd and even nos on the same side. The next property is on the corner with Connaught Pl. As the door is open I can't see the no, but assume it is 13. When you cross Connaught Pl, the next property in Stanhope Pl is Stanhope House.

I don't think that Stanhope House ever had a street number. Certainly one of its current occupiers, ie Stanhope House Estates Limited, gives its address as simply:

Stanhope House
Stanhope Place
London
W2 2HH

I think Stanhope House has been sub-divided since the days of Philips Records. In the old days it not only housed the recording studios but also the corporate HQ for Philips Records UK until they moved to Mayfair in the 70s. It probably includes the part behind scaffolding and green plastic sheeting shown on Streetview.

Sandie Shaw recorded most of her hits at Stanhope House, because she preferred the studios there to those of Pye, her own record company. This is surprising given Dusty's complaints about the 'dead' sound at Stanhope House. Mind you, when Burt Bacharach recorded his album Hit Maker! he did it at Pye Studios in London and bemoaned the primitive nature of the equipment there.

Hope this solves things.

Jim

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **BornTooLate**

Posted: **Sat Dec 31, 2011 6:41 pm**

Hello all,

The issue that was raised with this question is that there seem to be two different locations (on opposite sides of the street) with the same street number (2-4).

Nancy disputed my assumption that the building is now a B&B because of exterior pictures not matching the exterior of the B&B, and that the B&B is on the other side of the road.

I might call the B&B to find out.

Unless Carole G knows. And I've recently told her that I assume she magically has every answer.

Also- there's a book about '60s British popular music called "Please Please Me" and it has a list of the addresses of all the old recording studios. It's on Google books, for those who are interested. Maybe the author of that book has the answer.

I can also throw this out there: Addresses of buildings can change. They can in America, at least. But I've only heard that happening for properties on which high profile murders have taken place...so maybe not...

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **BornTooLate**

Posted: **Sat Dec 31, 2011 6:47 pm**

P.S. I had the link for this thread open since last night and didn't refresh the page before replying, thus I didn't see the December 31st posts before replying. I apologize if I repeated anything that's already been said. Aaaawkward....

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Sat Dec 31, 2011 9:29 pm**

Thanks for the contributions ya'll!

It's still puzzling to me that the one website I found that gave some history of the Philips studio listed its address as 2-4 Stanhope Place. Carolyn, I hope you will contact the B&B guy (and maybe stay there on your extra night?) and see what insight he has into where Philips was located.

If anyone has an email address for any businesses or residents of Stanhope House, please forward them on. I did find a phone number for Stanhope House Estates but no email contact.

I would really like to know if we could tour, or at least take a peak of the basement where all that wonderful music was made.

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Sat Dec 31, 2011 11:34 pm**

Wait a minute - all the stories about the recording of YDHTSYLM have the studio on the second floor and the equipment in the basement. That's why the sound engineer discovered the echo in the stairwell as he was coming back up from fiddling with the equipment in the basement. So if the descriptions of one of these buildings put the studios in the basement it can't be the same place Dusty recorded.

Maggie

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **BornTooLate**

Posted: **Sat Dec 31, 2011 11:48 pm**

allherfaces wrote:

Carolyn, I hope you will contact the B&B guy (and maybe stay there on your extra night?) and see what insight he has into where Philips was located.

I, unfortunately, can't stay there on the extra nights because there's a 5 night limit. Unless I beg. But my sister and friend who are my travel buddies want to go to friggin' Stonehenge. We don't have time to go to Stonehenge. So our first night or two may end up being outside London. I hope not, though.

I'm loving how much fun this detective work is. Thoroughly enjoying it. I feel like I need tweed and a pipe, though. I have the tweed. Not the pipe.

But when we've exhausted our ideas, I could get in touch with the B&B. Just let me know. I don't want to bother them if I don't have to, ya know?

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Sun Jan 01, 2012 12:17 pm**

I can't explain the two buildings being no.4 but this is definitely the Philips recording studio. Photo courtesy of Mark.



Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Sun Jan 01, 2012 3:54 pm**

That's where I always thought it was. Think I need to write to the man who did the website on old recording studios and ask some questions.

Still would like to know who the current tenants of the building are.

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Sun Jan 01, 2012 4:18 pm**

Could be more than one company in there but Elka Shipping seems to be one.

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **countrycake**

Posted: **Sun Jan 01, 2012 4:35 pm**

For what it is worth, I think that Carole is correct. The picture she shows is clearly where the studios were located. If you use Streetview and approach Stanhope Place from Bayswater Road, you can get a better view of the front entrance of Stanhope House, which makes it clear that there is no street number on the building or on the entrance from the street.

I now find that Stanhope House Estate Limited, mentioned in one of my earlier postings, no longer exists as the company was dissolved in 2004. Here is a link to a webpage that gives details of 4 companies who appear to be currently located in Stanhope House.

<http://www.192.com/places/w/w2-2/w2-2hh/#>

Telephone nos are given, but, alas, no e-mail contact details.

The fact that 2-4 Stanhope Place has been mentioned somewhere on the net as the location of the studios does not make it true. It just means that some other mortal made a mistake, just like I made a mistake in assuming that Stanhope House Estate Limited was still in existence.

During the 60s also recorded at Olympic Studios in Barnes, London. In fact, virtually all of her early work was recorded at Trident. The tracks recorded there were All Cried Out, Anyone Who Had A Heart, Another Night, Can I Get A Witness, The Colour of Your Eyes, Don't You Know, Every Day I Have To Cry, He's Got Something, I Can't Give Back The Love I Feel For You, I Just Don't Know What To Do With Myself, I Only Want To Be With You, I Will Come To You, I Wish I'd Never Loved You, Love Power, Mama Said, Mockingbird, My Colouring Book, Needle In A Haystack, Nothing, Once Upon A Time, Something Special, Standing In The Need Of Love, Stay Awhile, Summer Is Over, Twenty Four Hours From Tulsa, When The Lovelight Starts Shining Through His Eyes, Will You Love Me Tomorrow, Wishin' and Hopin', and You Don't Own Me.

A few tracks for See All Her Faces were recorded at Trident Studios, Soho, London, eg Crumbs Off The Table, Girls It Ain't Easy and Girls Can't Do What The Guys Do.

I Close My Eyes and Count To Ten and Sweet Ride (non-soundtrack UK recording) were recorded at Chappell Studios, London.

Jim

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Wed Jan 04, 2012 8:35 pm**

Thanks again, everyone. If I get the time, I will write to those who put up the website about recording studios. And will contact current residents of the building to see if some of us could take a gander. Anyone volunteering with the latter, step on up. I'm sure an English accent would be more welcome on the blower than my Southern twang.

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Mon Jan 23, 2012 6:10 pm**

Simon Bell has posted this on the LTD facebook page:

Read the thread on the website regarding Philips Studios at Stanhope Place. The studios were in the building on the corner of Bayswater Road & Stanhope Place, not in the building now called Stanhope House. It was in those studios that I first sang with Dusty, in rehearsal for TOTP for A Love Like Yours. I tried to post online but couldn't log in.

Re: Philips Recording Studio at Stanhope Place

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Mon Jan 23, 2012 11:33 pm**

It's the same building as in Mark's picture, I showed Simon a photo I took from the other side (taken from Hyde Park looking across Bayswater Rd) and he agrees. Just in case what he said confuses the situation further!

