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Posted - 02/11/2007 : 04:00:25

Did she smoke cigarettes? And if so what brand and style. You can't tell by her voice but I wonder if she enjoyed a little ciggie with a drink now and than.

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Kathy

Wasn't born to follow



Posted - 02/11/2007 : 06:49:21

Jason, as I understand it Dusty didn't smoke cigarettes for quite a while. I think she started smoking them around the mid 1980s. I'm sure someone could get the date a little closer than that. It's also my understanding that she then smoked pretty well to the end of her life.

xx
Kathy

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mssdusty

I've got a good thing



Posted - 02/11/2007 : 11:15:16

I FIND THAT A SMOKERS WILL PUT A CIGGIE IN HIS/HER MOUTH THE SEC THEY ARE OUTSIDE.SO I AM GUESSING THAT DUSTY DIDN'T SMOKE IN THE 60'S/
AS SHE DIDNT HAVE ONE WHEN CHATTING WITH ME.
MARY

I only think of the day I met Dusty and my pains go away. It's Great!



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Edited by - mssdusty on 02/11/2007 11:15:38

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Posted - 02/11/2007 : 14:41:38

No, she didn't smoke in the sixties.

I believe she smoked methols.

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Posted - 02/11/2007 : 16:18:13

Thanks for the answers everyone. That sounds about right. I am not surprised she enjoyed menthols. I enjoy them nice in a while too especially with a nice cocktail.

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MattMidd1
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Posted - 02/11/2007 : 16:25:47

I may be wrong but I thought she started smoking in the late 70s? Because I read somewhere that just before an interview in 1979 she would put paper in the bin to hide the cigarettes. I might be wrong about that tho - lets ask Carole 😊

Matt.



daydreamer
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Posted - 02/11/2007 : 20:19:18

I honestly don't know the date Matt. It's not something I've ever thought about, I just know I was surprised in the 80's to find her smoking and that her speaking voice was much huskier, but as for when she started, I don't know.

Carole x
"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."

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Posted - 03/11/2007 : 13:39:54

I never saw Dusty smoke in the 60's either, so it was also a shock for me to see her making the 'Pet Shop' video and smoking in between...think I'm right on that, that was the very first time I saw her with a cigarette and my reaction was,'No way.'

Casx



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Posted - 03/11/2007 : 13:44:01

It is my understanding that Dusty started smoking in the mid eighties as she started releasing herself from her other addictions. Until then, although she unfortunately abused many substances, nicotine wasn't one of them. There is absolutely no doubt that Dusty did not smoke in the 60's. It causes me great sadness to think that of all the abuse that Dusty did, it may have been the thing that assisted her to take control of her life that caused her the most harm in the end. 😞

XX
Kathy

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Edited by - Kathy on 03/11/2007 13:49:00



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Posted - 27/11/2007 : 22:16:03

Sadly, Kathy, the very same thing has occurred to me-that perhaps cigarettes were not a good thing for Dusty. I know personally of the damage that cigarettes can do. I smoked cigarettes for 16 years myself-2 years and 4 months free of that ball and chain. My father passed from it. Sick stuff. Advice to those who have not started: DONT.

Sean



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Posted - 27/11/2007 : 23:15:27

I would have to agree, Sean. I was addicted to cigs for years and am so grateful to be free. Unfortunately many AA members become chain smokers, and of course in its way smoking is just as bad as alcohol. It IS a drug as all former addicts



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know. And I've heard it's as difficult to quit as heroin.

Cas, I've seen that same video and it took me aback. Although I knew that she smoked at that period of her life, somehow it seemed incongruous to see her with a cigarette.



Posted - 28/01/2008 : 01:46:44



There was an interview with Dusty printed in the The New York Times dated October 29 1995 the opening few paras of which are :

"She darts around her Manhattan hotel suite waving a can of Lysol, which she carries in her purse for occasions like this. Dusty Springfield, the 56-year-old pop legend and former convent-school girl, has been caught sneaking a smoke.

"It's so impolite of me," she says, still attacking the offending odour, gesticulating the way she used to when she sang "You Don't Have To Say You Love Me," the spasmodic ballad that was her biggest hit. Well, not impolite really, just a little . . . impossible. She's a singer, after all, the finest pop vocalist Britain has ever produced. What is she doing despoiling her voice with nicotine clouds, especially when she's just released her first album in the United States in 13 years, A Very Fine Love?

"Oh, I only started smoking eight years ago," she says, sweetly dismissive. "And I had vocal problems long before that." If she's unconcerned about her voice - the husky-breathy, scratchy-tickly honey glaze of AM radio classics like "The Look of Love" - then what about the ordeal she went through last year fighting breast cancer? Surely, with both her career and her life in remission, she must realize the premium on each puff.

"I know it's stupid, and it will go," she says. "But a bit at a time. I've already had to give up so much."

So that would make it 1987 if my maths is up to scratch!!



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Posted - 28/01/2008 : 07:51:25



That being one of my favourite interviews with Dusty, I should have remembered the quote! So 1987 it is. Thanks Bev.

Carole x
"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."



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Posted - 28/01/2008 : 16:10:07



I'm sure it would have come to you eventually Carole! 🍷



Baby Blue

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Posted - 28/01/2008 : 16:38:07



I think Dusty starting smoking sometime in the 60s. Jerry Wexler made a comment that Dusty threw an ashtray at him once while recording Dusty In Memphis.

I also read that Dusty smoked Menthol cigarettes and her favorite brand was Newports.

I also read that Dusty had her first taste of alcohol while performing at the Brooklyn Fox Theater in New York. One of the Motown Acts gave her a glass of some alcoholic beverage (?) to calm her nerves before going on stage. I can't remember who!!!! Anyone out there know?

Marty



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Posted - 28/01/2008 : 16:49:02



Yes, Wexler said she threw an ashtray, but that doesn't mean it was Dusty's ashtay. I don't think she smoked in the 1960s.

I've also heard she smoked menthols.

Marty, I've read the incident you are referring to....I think Martha Reeves says that in her book.

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Part of another interview :

"But sometimes she'd tell herself to remember her place: Mary O'Brien the convent-school girl would peek through Dusty's pancake - often at the most inopportune times, like before an appearance at the Brooklyn Fox in 1964, when she came down with laryngitis. "Paul of the Temptations gave me a full glass of vodka," she says. "I was naive. I'd never really had a drink up to then, so I gulped it all down. The laryngitis didn't go away, but I felt great, like, 'This is the way to live.'"



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Posted - 28/01/2008 : 17:12:43



An example of differing stories about the same turning point: From Martha's autobiography:

One night when I asked her if there was anything she wanted, she asked for me to send out for a bottle of vodka. We were both over twenty-one, but I personally wasn't much of a drinker. But she spoke so calmly when she requested it that I gladly complied with her wishes. She was perfectly happy having a cocktail in her dressing room after that. For the rest of the Brooklyn Fox engagement, she was just fine, and I had fun with my new friend.

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Years later I found out that Dusty developed a drinking problem. It was a longtime friend, Lesley Gore, who informed me that it was I who introduced Dusty to her first drink of alcohol. I was horrified. I prayed immediately that if I was guilty of turning her into an alcoholic, it was not my design. I didn't drink any of it with her, and God, please forgive any harm I caused. Those were not my intentions.

Here's where it's excerpted from:
<http://www.cpinternet.com/mbayly/atkh2.htm>

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Posted - 19/02/2008 : 01:37:54

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She started smoking heavy in 1982. Benson&Hedges 100's Premium Filter. Teda



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Posted - 19/02/2008 : 01:48:59

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She once said to me, "Why do you smoke, you're a singer." I said "I don't sing like you." Then she came back with a pack of smokes. Teda.



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