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Ready Steady Go! (#p58309)

by **wally** » Tue May 31, 2011 8:11 am

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Produced by Southbank Centre and Vicki Wickham and set design by Nicholas Ferguson.

Tickets are £35 top price

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58335)

by **Clive** » Tue May 31, 2011 12:29 pm

Thanks Wally, sounds like a great line up.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58339)

by **Corinna** » Tue May 31, 2011 12:49 pm

Several of our members are going, if I'm correctly informed. 😊

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58344)

by **daydreamer** » Tue May 31, 2011 1:29 pm

Yes, I'm going and looking forward to it 🙏 I can't help but hope that there will somehow be a little bit of Dusty in it, she was such a huge part of RSG!

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58350)

by **Cas19** » Tue May 31, 2011 1:34 pm

I remember you mentioning this Carole, it should be a good show. Looks like a great line up.

Casx

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58354)

by **karen** » Tue May 31, 2011 1:39 pm

Yes she was a huge part of RSG. hope she does figure in this somewhere , the lady in charge should realise this 😊 Enjoy it all of you that are going. 🍷

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58401)

by **trek007** » Tue May 31, 2011 6:16 pm

This sounds like a good show...enjoy those of you who are going...bit too far for me, so I'm just a little bit envious!!

Yes, I too hope Dusty gets a mention. Look forward to a review.

I'm going to see Michael Ball that night in Brum!

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58407)

by **Carole R.** » Tue May 31, 2011 9:25 pm

Dya think it will be an 'authentic' setting?.. 🍷

I mean everyone dancing around the Artistes/their handbags etc.... 🍷 😊

Just joking of course, I'm as jealous as hell!!.. 😡 😊 🍷

Should be Grrrrrrreat! 😊

CR xx

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58413)

by **mnmcv1** » Tue May 31, 2011 11:40 pm

WOW 😲 Awesome lineup!!!!!! 🍷

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58427)

by **karen** » Wed Jun 01, 2011 7:20 am

This should have been the Dusty tribute concert..... 😊 😊

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58430)by **daydreamer** » Wed Jun 01, 2011 7:42 am

According to VW, they wont be trying to re-create the original format, it will be more of a concert with a nod to the RSG! studio set-up.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/music/2011/may/29/ready-steady-go-meltdown-ray-davies> (http://www.guardian.co.uk/music/2011/may/29/ready-steady-go-meltdown-ray-davies)

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58436)by **Corinna** » Wed Jun 01, 2011 8:59 am*karen wrote:*

This should have been the Dusty tribute concert..... 😊 😊

Seconded, Karen! 🙌

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58438)by **daydreamer** » Wed Jun 01, 2011 9:20 am

The Dusty theme tune that made it's debut for a short time in '66 (can't find a YouTube clip)

<http://www.we7.com/#/song/Dusty-Springfield/Heartbeat> (http://www.we7.com/#/song/Dusty-Springfield/Heartbeat)

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58513)by **dancer8595** » Wed Jun 01, 2011 10:45 pm

Melanie and I will be there. Hope to catch up with some other LTDers!

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58615)by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Thu Jun 02, 2011 1:50 pm*daydreamer wrote:*

Yes, I'm going and looking forward to it 🙌 I can't help but hope that there will somehow be a little bit of Dusty in it, she was such a huge part of RSG!

I seem to remember reading somewhere that Ray Davies from the Kinks had said there would be a nod to Dusty in the show, maybe from some of the performers, certainly should be as she was on there so much. the line up is really mouthwatering and I agree would have been a great line up for the tribute show 🙌 would love to have seen this.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58644)

by **trek007** » Thu Jun 02, 2011 8:13 pm

I think it should go on tour !! 😊

Us country folk could all go then 🤔

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58669)

by **jeffery** » Thu Jun 02, 2011 10:05 pm

wally wrote:

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😄 Do you suppose the event will be recorded ? Those of us who can't possibly attend surely have interest in it's documentary value. (DVD) ?

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58678)

by **Sue** » Thu Jun 02, 2011 11:00 pm

Have a great time you folks who are going 🤗 Yes, they should give Dusty a mention.

Sue xx

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p58781)

by **paula** » Fri Jun 03, 2011 6:39 pm

I too agree it would have been a good line up for the Dusty tribute show...at least the performers

are closer related than most at the show.

have fun Carole, Mel & Rosie and anyone else lucky enough to attend...we look forward to the review 😊

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p59454)

by **daydreamer** » Wed Jun 08, 2011 2:24 pm

Simon has heard from Vicki that there will be a special tribute to Dusty on the show on Saturday 🤔 Don't know what format it will take, but just glad that they're acknowledging her huge part in the history of RSG!

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p59457)

by **charlotte** » Wed Jun 08, 2011 2:28 pm

daydreamer wrote:

Simon has heard from Vicki that there will be a special tribute to Dusty on the show on Saturday 🤔 Don't know what format it will take, but just glad that they're acknowledging her huge part in the history of RSG!

This is GREAT news as she WAS such a huge part of RSG ! 🤔

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60085)

by **daydreamer** » Sun Jun 12, 2011 7:58 pm

Really enjoyed the RSG! show last night 🤔 It wasn't a spectacle in any way, just three backboards with the usual RSG! mix of pictures and writing, but the music was great. The theatre was packed as far as I could see and 60's music was playing while people were coming in. I actually walked in to the strains of Middle of Nowhere 😊 The band was the brilliant SAS Band with Spike Edney at the helm and Tommy Blaise and two girl singers doing back ups. I was thrilled when I realised that Paul Jones was fronting the Manfreds, he was a huge favourite of mine in the 60's and I didn't realise he was still performing. I have a photo somewhere that I took when we tracked him down on Blackpool pier in 66! 54321 was the only way of opening the show and they were stomping! Paul can still play a mean harmonica. I'm hopeless at remembering who came in what order or even everything they sang but I'll pick out some highlights and even some lowlights. I think Paloma Faith came on after the Manfreds and she looked the part in a sixties inspired glitter and feather creation and an impressive beehive. I thought her voice was great live, she's not subtle that's for sure, but it worked, and Dave Berry rather surprised me with how good his voice was, even though I do still find him rather strange. Nona Hendryx was a bit OTT, as she probably always is, and though Lady Marmalade was to be expected and welcomed, I thought her other two songs went on a bit and in my opinion weren't really fitting in that well with the night. She's very energetic though, not just for her age, but for any age! Sandie Shaw flounced on stage in a very strange outfit of shorts and a coat/cloak in a sort of pink sequined union jack design. She sang well, Girl Don't Come (my favourite Sandie song) and Always Something There, and from a distance looked just like Sandie of the sixties. She didn't act like it though, she came across as nice but slightly bonkers really 🤔

Maybe she was just excited but she was leaping around and waving her arms, it wasn't the static Sandie that I remember of old 😊

Annie Nightingale did some presenting from the side of the stage and I thought she was a bit feeble, I expected much more from her really. She brought on Barbara Hulanicki (Biba), but it was a bit of a nothing interview. Spike Edney was much better at introducing the acts. I have to admit that the two young guys Carl Barat and Loick Essien didn't do much for me and I couldn't really understand why they were on the show as they didn't seem to have anything to do with the rest of it, though I think Loick was on as a sort of interval! Still. After that came the one and only Ronnie Spector 🙄 She may not have been as powerful as she once was but it was still all there, the woh, oh, oh's, nobody sounds quite like Ronnie. She did Baby I Love You, Walking in the Rain and Be My Baby, brilliant, one more legend checked off my list 🎉 After Ronnie, and before the finale, we were treated to a tribute to a lady who meant a lot of everyone at RSG! and the show wanted to pay it's respects to Dusty Springfield. Cue for loud cheer. On one of the backboards was a picture of Dusty and at this point it had a spotlight shining just on her, Nona bounded on and gave a little speech about Dusty's importance to the black and Motown acts and launched into I Only Want to Be With You. Fine so far but then she lost the words.....it's not a difficult song! It was carried, and she was rescued, by the backing singers who were fabulous, so it could have been worse. Then David McAlmont came back on and began telling a little story about meeting with Dusty on the Jools Holland Show and how he had wanted to sing with her, but she was singing Where Is A Woman to go and wanted her backing singers to be women. He said how he was really upset about it as he was, and still is, a massive fan. I already knew this story from a while back but what I didn't know was that the next day, there was a knock on his dressing room door and when he opened it, there was Dusty with a bunch of freesia. She wanted to say how sorry she was and he was so thrilled that he pressed those freesias and still has them. He sang You Don't Have to Say You Love Me and brought the house to its feet, biggest reaction of the night I would say. Paloma Faith had to follow that with Preacher Man, which she gave her own take to without stepping too far away from Dusty. The tribute was a big part of the show and the only thing that would follow that, was the finale, when Paloma introduced Ray Davies as the organiser of the Meltdown Festival and they launched into Lola. Most of the acts came back on and we had a prolonged version with the audience on their feet, I just wish I could have been nearer the front to grab photo's of them all. So I really enjoyed it. Frank Allen and Bobby Crush were in the audience, pity Frank and the Searchers weren't on stage too. The acts might not have all been to my taste, but it was such a feel good night, and I couldn't help but think what it would have been like to have Dusty on that stage. But I guess in a way, she was there.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60086)

by **SweMaria** » Sun Jun 12, 2011 8:23 pm

Thank you so much for this report, Carole! 🙏

This show sounds fabulous to me!

I wish I could have been able to watch this...

Paul Jones was a favourite of mine too.-- and Ronnie Spector... 😊

Lovely to hear that there was a tribute to Dusty too 🎉

David McAlmont seems to be a real fan of Dusty!

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60088)

by **Corinna** » Sun Jun 12, 2011 8:41 pm

What a lovely report, Carole! How I would have loved to be there! 😊

Was VW there then? Did she do/say anything??

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60089)

by **karen** » Sun Jun 12, 2011 8:42 pm

Thanks for this Carole , great review from you and sounds as if it was a worthwhile night , would love to have been there to share these memories , 😊👍

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60090)

by **karen** » Sun Jun 12, 2011 9:09 pm

A little on you tube

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60091)

by **karen** » Sun Jun 12, 2011 9:11 pm

And this one

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60092)

by **Carole R.** » Sun Jun 12, 2011 9:19 pm

Wow!...That sounds like one FABULOUS show!... 🤔👍

Thanks Carole for taking the trouble to give us such a brilliant and detailed report of a show that I guess we ALL wish we'd been able to attend!.. 🤔👍

CR xx

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60093)

by **humboldt** » Sun Jun 12, 2011 9:33 pm

Thanks for the detailed report Carole. Wish that I could have been there.

Love the Sandie performance. She's great but definitely bonkers 🤔 Hope that more vids will surface.

Annie Nightingale is also a fav of mine. She's almost 70 and hasn't aged well over the past couple of years. I often wonder if she has health issues.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60096)

by **daydreamer** » Sun Jun 12, 2011 10:28 pm

I wondered the same John. No Cor, Vicki never made an appearance on stage, though she was mentioned many times. There are some pictures of her backstage on the Rex site though.

Here's Ronnie 🎧

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60097)

by **humboldt** » Sun Jun 12, 2011 10:43 pm

Ronnie still sounds & looks great. I was glad that I had the chance to see her a couple of years ago.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60105)

by **jeffery** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 3:47 am

WOW ! 🤩 Sandie Shaw's not afraid to show the leg ! The years have been kind to her. 😄

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60113)

by **daydreamer** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 6:58 am

A much clearer video of Sandie.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60117)

by **wally** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 7:10 am

Great review Carole! Thanks for sharing your experience

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60124)

by **Cas19** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 8:04 am

Loved the review Carole, loved watching Ronnie, thank you. Looks like it was a good night.

Nice to see Sandie Karen, and thank you for the clearer version Carole.

Casx

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60157)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 10:58 am

well first I watched the missing RAH clip and now this ,so I am chuffed to little mint balls 😊
thanks for the review Carole, this is the show line up we should have had for Dusty tribute,I would have loved to have seen this. just to see Ronnie doing her stuff would be worth the price of the ticket let alone the Sandie Shaw part. not keen on Nona, for many reasons, but Ray Davies etc..all

so fab and that great RSG time I remember so well 🤩
will this appear as a tv show or dvd,does anyone know ?
thanks for the background and the clips were great too 🌟

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60159)

by **humboldt** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 11:08 am

Can I ask why so many folks on LTD have a downer on Nona? I've met her and found her to be a lovely person. I also love her music and have just downloaded her new album. 😊

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60160)

by **Carole R.** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 11:19 am

Can't help with your question John.. I've never taken much notice of Nona Hendryx to be honest.

However,I do wanna say that whatever 'it' is.. Ronnie still has 'it'...What a brilliant rendition of one of the very best Sixties songs. 🤔👍

"Ronnie we loved you, and your fab music then. and we love it now!"... 🤔👍 🤔👍 🎵

Not awful sure of what Sandie was up to, especially the lying down on stage bit(thought she'd morphed into Bette Midler!)..but she performed very well in what looked a li'l bit like a send up of herself. 🤔👍 😊

This was a nostalgia trip we ALL should have taken!..

Respect to VW for putting it on, and for giving Dusty her well deserved props. 😊

CR xx

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60161)

by **humboldt** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 11:25 am

I think that Sandie is just happy to be 'back' and still able to perform after so many years away. She answers all her emails from fans and comes across as being totally bonkers in the nicest possible way 🤔👍

Hope that you'll like this long forgotten pretty song by Sandie 😊

I hope that the show was being recorded as I'd be first in line for the DVD.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60163)

by [daydreamer](#) » Mon Jun 13, 2011 11:31 am

John, the downer on Nona could possibly be because of the way people felt about how she and Patti inducted Dusty into the UK Hall of Fame, it became more about them than Dusty and it was felt they were chosen because of the link to Vicki, when other friends of Dusty were more appropriate for the job. Also she rambled on at the funeral and joined Vicki and Lee around the kitchen table talking about Dusty which some folk found rather cringeworthy (I did!). She's probably a very nice lady, I met her once, off stage at a drinks do after a Dusty tribute show and her persona seemed opposite from what you see on stage and camera.

I didn't see any recording equipment around the stage unfortunately, so I'm doubtful that there will be a dvd of the show, but you never know.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60164)

by [humboldt](#) » Mon Jun 13, 2011 11:33 am

Thanks Carole.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60176)

by **trek007** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 1:13 pm

Just catching up with this.

Thanks for the review Carole...much appreciated.

Also its nice to be able to see the performances by Sandie and Ronnie and Ray.

Sandie still has that 60's nostalgia about her and looks good and sings good .

Ronnie also still has star quality and enjoyed her singing what is one of the great songs of the 60's.

Wish I had been there but thanks to Carole and who ever recorded the vidoes...I almost was. I wonder if the Dusty tribute was recorded by someone!!

I also have to say hats off to VW for making this all possible.

PS

I was at a Michael Ball concert and he was brilliant and in very good voice.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60190)

by **Paula** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 3:24 pm

thanks for the detailed review, Carole 😊

looks like a good time...most of the perfromers looked to be in good form ..if not a little quirky. 😊

what a firecracker, Ronnie is...soooo tiny,, love her. 😊

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60195)

by **daydreamer** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 3:31 pm

Yes, she is very tiny under all that hair 🤪 I didn't join the queue for a signature but she was writing what seemed like an essay for everyone 🤪



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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60199)

by **daydreamer** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 4:03 pm

The writer of this review for the Evening Standard was obviously on my wavelength 🤪

Ready Steady Go is groovy, glam and rather fabulous

By John Aizlewood

13 Jun 2011

Although it only ran for just over three mid-Sixties years, its Catholic booking policy, allied to the tightrope of live recording, meant Ready Steady Go! set the benchmark for what pop television could be.

On Saturday, this year's Ray Davies-curated Meltdown offered a tribute of sorts. A bill of Sixties and contemporary acts, artists and repertoire seemingly picked with the aid of a blindfold and a pin, avoided pesky A-listers or actual Ready Steady Go! presenters. "On stage tonight," remarked moonwalking 70-year-old Dave Berry, "there will be £850-worth of heating allowance at all times".

Yet before you could say "why is ex-Libertine Carl Barat playing and who is Loick Essien?", what looked unspeakably unpromising when Paul Jones of The Manfreds (ie Manfred Mann without, oh yes, Manfred Mann) announced that "this was the B-side to our second hit" and embarked upon a grisly harmonica solo, turned out to be rather fabulous.

Often taciturn, David McAlmont was friendly, chatty and stole the show with sensational, spine-tingling assaults on McAlmont-Butler's Yes and You Don't Have To Say You Love Me, highlight of a Dusty Springfield trilogy. Surely there's life in a career which seems increasingly moribund.

The mercurial, majestically beehived Paloma Faith offered a glimpse into how Lady Gaga might sound if she hailed from New Cross rather than New York.

Her Son Of A Preacher Man suffered from following McAlmont but she was outstanding on that traditional singers' graveyard, Ain't No Sunshine. Shoeless Sandie Shaw was in imperious voice.

Unusually for a 64-year-old women wearing pink Union Jack shorts, she retained every last shred of glamorous dignity. Labelle's Nona Hendryx, a spry, skirt-free 66-year-old, hurtled through Lady Marmalade and kindly thanked us for releasing Nelson Mandela before the surreal Winds Of Change, which seemed to last as long as the man's prison sentence, and then forgot almost all the words to I Only Want To Be With You.

Pint-sized Ronnie Spector, a sapling of 67, came coiffured as Garth from Wayne's World and glided over glorious, kitchen-sink versions of her ex-husband Phil's Be My Baby, Walkin' In The Rain and Baby I Love You, and a Sixties homage suddenly went celestially timeless. Weird, wonderful, surreal and heroically misguided: I adored it.

[http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/music/rev ... abulous.do](http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/music/rev...abulous.do) (<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/music/review-23959977-ready-steady-go-is-groovy-glam-and-rather-fabulous.do>)

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60210)

by **humboldt** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 5:55 pm

Carole, do you know if the show was being recorded at all for either TV or DVD? 😊

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60229)

by **jeffery** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 7:32 pm

☺ Ronnie still has some energy. How about that high kick at the end of Be My Baby ? 🤖

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60267)

by **daydreamer** » Tue Jun 14, 2011 7:46 am

humboldt wrote:

Carole, do you know if the show was being recorded at all for either TV or DVD? 😊

I didn't see any filming going on John, so I would think not.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60271)

by **wally** » Tue Jun 14, 2011 7:55 am

By the way Carole, Paul Jones is still touring with The Blues Band....in Exeter next week so check them out they may be appearing near you soon!

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60276)

by **humboldt** » Tue Jun 14, 2011 9:45 am

daydreamer wrote:

humboldt wrote:

Carole, do you know if the show was being recorded at all for either TV or DVD? 😊

I didn't see any filming going on John, so I would think not.

Thanks Carole, that's a pity.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60313)

by **daydreamer** » Tue Jun 14, 2011 2:17 pm

wally wrote:

By the way Carole, Paul Jones is still touring with The Blues Band....in Exeter next week so check them out they may be appearing near you soon!

I'll certainly look for him 😊 I hear him on the radio still, presenting, and I've a feeling that he did one of the radio documentaries on Dusty.

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Re: Ready Steady Go! (#p60660)

by **allherfaces** » Thu Jun 16, 2011 3:18 pm

Damn, I hate it when I accidentally delete one of my posts, especially a thoughtful one. In short, great reviews of the concert, thanks Carole; sounds like a great evening that even the glitches added to, somehow.

I don't recall reading Nona's words at the funeral, but agree that she's not done herself any favors with what she said at the induction of Dusty into the UK Music Hall of Fame and even more so at the Tea with Dusty 'bonus' on the Just Dusty DVD. Girl, please; you can do better than that!

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