



UNPUBLISHED ROCK PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE 80s GO ON SHOW IN BRIGHTON'S HOTEL PELIROCCO

Brighton's **Hotel Pelirocco** sees the first showing of a series of previously-unpublished photographs of 80s rock artists by **Paul Norris**. The exhibition includes pictures of The Smiths, The Clash, BB King, Nick Cave, The Blue Aeroplanes, Edwyn Collins, Frank Chickens, Hanoi Rocks, The Undertones, Yazoo, Ian Dury and The Wild Bunch (precursors of Massive Attack) - even Billy Fury is included.

The exhibition starts on **Sunday 14th October** and is planned to run until Christmas. 12-15, A2 framed prints will be on show at any one time.

Bristol photographer Paul Norris had taken the photographs in the early 1980s, with some pictures being published in *Venue*, Bristol's What's On magazine. But with the tight deadlines Paul was working to at the time, most were never printed.

Says Paul *"I realised I had a huge pile of black and white negatives but without a darkroom, no-one was seeing them. I acquired a very cheap negative scanner and saw that many had potential, so I upgraded to a high-quality one and have been scanning on and off for a year since."*

In 2011, Paul and three former schoolmates stayed at Brighton's Hotel Pelirocco for a weekend, before one of the group's wedding a week later. Paul stayed in the room that celebrated the Rough Trade record label and saw that they had some original photos on the wall. He mentioned to his son, John, and John's partner Cecily, both of whom work at the hotel, that a few of his own pictures were on a Flickr site and was subsequently invited by the Pelirocco's management to put on an exhibition.

"I was faced with the decision of whether to focus on photos of the bigger bands, like The Smiths and The Clash, or to go for the most striking images. In the end I did a bit of both. I'm happy with all the photos and particularly like the images of Nick Cave and Frank Chickens' Kazuko Hohki, but my dilemma was more what to leave out, than put in. Every day I looked, I picked a different set of photos." adds Paul.

Paul is coming from Bristol on Sunday 14th October to host the show and will be pleased to meet anyone who's interested. His rapidly expanding website, www.80srockpics.com, shows many of the photos. The Hotel Pelirocco is at 10 Regency Square, Brighton BN1 2FG, telephone 01273 327055.



The Clash, from 1982

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