

## **Famous: Beatrice Yell**

While on a working holiday in London, I shared a flat with three other Sydney girls. When a friend from Liverpool asked us to visit him in the city of Liverpool, he arranged for us to stay with some friends there.

When we arrived, his girlfriend joined us and they decided to show us 'the nightlife of Liverpool.' Underwhelmed, but with nothing else to do, we all agreed. They told us of a place that tried out new rock bands and so that night we found ourselves in a tiny circular building called the Cavern.

There were six bands featured that evening. But the place was so small, when each band started up, patrons would go outside to leave a space for dancing couples or line up single file around the circular wall. We were astonished to see how young the musicians were; had they actually left school and started shaving?

Each band was assessed by the amount of applause they received from the small crowd. We all agreed the best one was number three in the line-up. Their name was something like 'Beatles' and we wondered why they'd chosen such a small insect's name.

A short time later, that band sky-rocketed to fame worldwide and made Liverpool a hot location. We then learnt they were called 'The Beatles' and their names were John, Paul, Ringo and George. Such is fame.

Nowadays, people are impressed when I tell them I'd been to the Cavern when the pop stars were starting out. Yes, indeed I was there at the birth of the Beatles before they became famous! Yay!