

# MULTI-TALENTED ROCKER

## REMEMBER WHEN

IN the latest of his profiles of talented acts from Bradford's music scene, DEREK AJ LISTER looks back at Keith Sivyver:

Vocalist Keith (1936-2022) was born in Birkenshaw and attended Waterloo Junior School and Pudsey Grammar School. Leaving school in 1951 he worked for Bastow and Ryder (poster and showcards) in Bradford, and later spent three years at Busby's (ticket writing and show cards) until 1957 when he served his National Service with the Duke of Wellingtons Regiment. He then returned to Busby's.

In the winter of 1961-1962, now married to Frances, with two children, and finding he had quite a flair for rock n' roll vocals, he answered an advert, in the Telegraph & Argus, inviting singers to apply for an audition to join The Dingos, advertised as 'Rock Rythmn and Blues Group'. The audition was at The Tudor Ballroom in Dudley Hill where by coincidence Keith's former workmate at Busby's was Irvin (Smudge) Smith, already well established as the drummer.

Many hopeful lads applied and when his turn came Keith sang Elvis' Surrender and Gene Vincent's arrangement of Over the Rainbow, and got the job. His first appearance was at Crofts Annual staff Dance at the Kings Hall and Queens Hall, for which he had only



a couple of nights practice, being the replacement vocalist for the great Sammy King. His late inclusion at such short notice resulted in four vocal renditions that Sammy had Performed - an up-tempo Mona Lisa, You must have been a

Beautiful Baby and another up-tempo Lonesome Road and a slow rock version, My Mother's Eyes. These were numbers that the band were comfortable with, and ones that he knew the words of. This went down well. As the weeks progressed Keith was still

confined to doing his four standard performances. However, after a Saturday night gig playing at the King's Hall, Garth Cawood took him to one side and said he was 'going to have to let him go', so his dream ended. Keith had never in his heart of hearts

Keith Sivyver was a talented singer who went on to become one of the North's most popular comedy entertainers

looked upon himself as a rock 'n' roll singer, but at the time needed the money, being married, with two small children. Needs must! Garth, to compensate, had fixed up an audition for him to sing with Billy Heys Dance Band at the Majestic Ballroom. A singing group, The Clive Carnazzo Trio, appearing between the band sets heard him sing Autumn Leaves and Blue Moon (performed without any rehearsal) and asked if he would be interested in joining them for a summer season in Bournemouth. However, the current situation on the home front would not allow, so he had to decline what might have been a promising offer.

So again, it was thanks to Garth Cawood who did him the biggest favour in pointing him eventually down another path, a path that let him sing and make people laugh. Why? Keith went on to perform for over 25 years as Bobby Kimble, one of the North's top comedy entertainers, until finally retiring in 2001.

Keith was also a well known, brilliant, cartoonist especially for his beloved Bradford City's Fanzine The City Gent. Keith lived in the Allerton area of Bradford with his wife Frances and family and always looked back on the few months with The Dingos with great affection.

\* Derek and musician Reuben Davison profile singers, bands and musicians from Bradford's 1950s and 60s music scene in their website: [www.whenbradfordrocked.co.uk](http://www.whenbradfordrocked.co.uk)

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