



LIVERPOOL HISTORY SOCIETY



Anniversary Day Talks Adelphi Hotel, 16th June 2026

2026 marks the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Liverpool History Society. But it is also the anniversary of other important events in the history of the city.

It will be sixty years since the visit of Bob Dylan to the Adelphi Hotel during his controversial 1966 tour of the UK. In the afternoon before his appearance, Dylan found time to be photographed with kids playing out in Dublin Street. The street was empty because Everton were at that moment winning a heroic match in the FA cup final on the telly.

1966 wasn't just about men in music and sport. There is a largely undocumented history of Liverpool women on the music scene in the mid-sixties, complete with seasons in Hamburg by the Band the Liverbirds. The mid-sixties was a period when Liverpool was never off the TV. From the rants of Alf "You Scouse Git!" Garnett to the social realism of Z Victor One on Z Cars, Liverpool was not short of small screen presence in 1966.

Join us for a full day of talks reviewing the period when Liverpool occupied so much of the nation's attention in sport, music, and culture. Our programme includes:

- *The significance of Bob Dylan's 1966 tour and his days at the Adelphi.* Phil Oates
- *The story of the Feinstein photographs and the scouse kids he found to appear with Dylan.* Chris Hockenhull
- *"The day my dad went mad" Goodison Park, the 1966 FA cup and World cup matches remembered.* Everton FC Heritage Society members
- *The Liverbirds: Britain's first all female rock'n'roll band who came from Liverpool and took Hamburg by storm!* Sally Williams in conversation with Sylvia Saunders, the drummer and Mary McGlory, the bassist of The Liverbirds
- *The Golden Vision: Liverpool in mid-century television.* Jeff Young

Our speakers

Phil Oates. Via his *website* www.liverpoolmiscellany.blogspot.com Phil hosts an enormous amount of cultural history relating to Liverpool. His main interest is Nathaniel Hawthorne, the giant of literary America who served as US consul in the city in the 19th century. Phil says he has also an 'encyclopaedic knowledge of the Liverpool History that doesn't matter'.

Chris Hockenhull Is a self-confessed Dylan "obsessive". He taught an accredited Dylan related module for the Institute of Popular Music in Liverpool. In addition to starting "the oldest UK Dylan appreciation society" in 1982 he has a vast archive of Dylan related material in his home. He also wrote a biography of Ralph McTell entitled: "The Streets of London. The official biography of Ralph McTell."

Everton FC Heritage Society. Members of the Society will be offering their reflections on 1966 and the year of limelight for Goodison Park

Sally Williams is a journalist, film maker and TV producer. She directed the film about the Feinstein photos "Dylan Kids, Liverpool 1966" which is available on YouTube (See above). Here she is in conversation with Sylvia Saunders and Mary McGlory. Sylvia was the drummer in the girl band The Liverbirds, and Mary played bass. When they were still in their teens, they followed the well-trodden path to Hamburg in the 1960s where they found success without ever becoming part of the Brian Epstein's glitterati. Their story was the subject of a BBC Radio documentary 'Girls don't play guitars!' The Liverbirds story as well as a musical at Liverpool's Royal Court Theatre. . Sylvia and Mary have co-authored a book about their experiences: *The Liverbirds: Our Life in Britain's first female rock'n'roll band.* The book has recently been published as a paperback and is now available in America.

Jeff Young. Lecturer, dramatist for theatre, radio and TV, Jeff has broadcast essays for BBC Radio 3 and has numerous TV and radio appearances to his credit. His memoir, *Ghost Town: a Liverpool Shadowplay*, was published in 2020 by Little Toller and was shortlisted for the Costa Book Awards. He followed this book with *Wild Twin: Dream Maps of a Lost Soul & Drifter* which won the Times Literary Supplement/Ackerley prize for *literary autobiography of outstanding merit.*

**Tickets: £20 for LHS members, £30 for non members:
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