

North Lancs Soul Festival Comments 2009

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Well wot can we say! Except brilliant...fantastic people! Great atmosphere! Incredible array of soul music suffice to say me & Jaks had a ball unfortunately had to leave early due to work commitments! but I know today at the York will be one hell of a party!!! Just want to thank all the team for once again making this year's event a huge success once again.....

Dominican Soulboy

Loved it, loved it, loved it!

Just want to echo everything that has been said so far - brilliant event and great venues.

Thanks to Gordon for spinning a few for us in the Chill Out room on Friday afternoon.

As always, thanks to ALL the DJ's. Especially loved Paul Collins sets (as always) and Bob's set early Saturday evening in the 2nd room at Smokey's was phenomenal!

Steve Edgar's choices of crossover and beat ballads was second to none and ended with deserved applause from the crowd.

Thanks to all the White Bull guys especially Sean 'Birthday Boy' Millward - he's the greatest meeter and greeter on the scene! Can't wait to hear the radio feature - do let us know when it's going out.

Can't forget the Wakefield City Soul Club boys and girls - you really helped us enjoy ourselves and I can't wait to travel over to the Red Bar to play a few.

I'm dropping in to Steve Handbury's show on Tameside Radio (103.6FM - www.tamesideradio.com) from 7pm on Thursday so listen out for some of the top tunes from the weekend then.

Roll on the 2010 weekend!

Andy_RB

Our first visit to Morecambe and it won't be last. Only made it for the Saturday session (from 5 till late) The venue (Smokey's) absolutely brill loved the wooden dance floor upstairs complete with the mirror ball

Musically Alan Barnes and Rodger Williams sets on Saturday night in the downstairs room went down well with Linda & I

The rig of the night was won by the soulful dance crew from Lytham the proff spends ages tweaking and tuning it on Saturday night

To all the people who organised this weekender thx and will you be doing it next year?

to all the DJ's who kept us dancing all weekend thx as well

morag

Well what can I say Morecambe Weekender you did yourself proud

I can't believe after knowing these guys for years as good friends that I have never supported any of there venues ... Well to you all thanks for putting the time and effort this weekender , for all the hard work I APPLAUD YOU ALL

It was the friendliest weekender I have had the privilege to attend in all the years I have been on the soul scene and that's some weekenders

So good to see old friends again, Sat afternoon was just a great social outside in the sunshine, everyone happy, everyone smiling, all the worries of everyday life swept away for just one weekend...

New friends ... well what can I say ... how great to put names to faces ems family was a pleasure to many names to mention, too many I can't remember so I won't embarrass myself

ooh there was that soulshack guy, Charlie I think his name is thanks for being you, a very pleasant surprise

Musically for me it was fantastic on Sat Night, Saturday evening did it for me time, tunes to fucking die floor ... took me to heaven ... I was in my element, in my own zone just dancing to top tunes ALL night long ... Guys you can count me in every time from now on, was a blast from beginning to end for me, just sorry I had to leave early

Thank to Dave and Tony for making this weekend possible guys you were wonderful hosts, I appreciate everything you did for me this weekend ... I've not laughed so fucking much for a long time cheers Rod the shed was cool

Got loads of pic's will post up when I can work out how to do it and that won't be tonight
Morag x

Paul Collins

Top weekend, just wish I could have stayed for the Sunday night. Like everyone else stuck on M6 I hadn't anticipated the 7 and half hour drive, but once there with a few 'Uncle Jacks' it was soon forgotten.

It really was a great weekend, lovely people, great music, so firstly a special mention must go out to Sean O'Connor and the rest of the Seaside Soul Crew for their efforts in putting it on.

Thanks for the support I got with the sets I played (especially the Wakefield crew) it was great fun because I was last on Friday and first on Sunday so I could play two completely different sets

Thanks also to my drinking partners and room mates, Gary Johnson, Bob Smith and Kevin Oxberry (yes I know we ALL do snore) – we had a few laughs along the way and seemed to spend too much taking about ‘Ellen Barkin’

Biggest achievement for me was, for once, staying on right side of “too many drinks”, even Fiona commented at 2am on Friday night she had never seen me sober before!! Hence I can actually remember what I played

Cheers Paul

Rani

Well...well. What can you say about that---

FANTASTIC PEOPLE

FANTASTIC MUSIC

FANTASTIC PEAR CIDER

FANTASTIC B.B.Q.

FANTASTIC WEATHER

and I know I'm shouting---but hey why not-----the best 3 days I've ever had---spent too much on records (cheers Plumby, Daz Carr, John Britton and various southern type chappys-----the Wakefield Wasters were on TOP form, great spots from Brett, Steve Edgar (Tony Bruno!!!)Roger Williams, Alan Barnes, White Bull lot (cheers Paul for So help me woman--CHOON!!) Too many great spots to mention really. Caught up on 30 yrs of memories with Mr. Dewhurst whilst drinking in the hot Sunday sun!!!

And last of all thanks to Mick (landlord) a superb host--and Mr.O.Connor, Jason, CHARLY (TOP GEEZER---but why was he going to play golf on a Saturday nite LOL!!!

Booked in at the York next year (spent too much on Taxi's!!)

Thanks to everyone for the free C.D.'s especially Zane and Fi (happy birthday for Weds darling---I won't tell anyone your real age.

T.C. and Rani (the Hungarian (Brett)

djrudeboy

gazza I to all a great weekender thanks too seaside soul club for another great venue awesome DJs fantastic people fantastic music, and great to see some old faces and new ones. A big thanks too Zane for a fantastic last spot Saturday down stairs at the Smokey's and forgetting me too spend money on records which was like getting a blood out of a stone, happy birthday for Wednesday Fiona a big thanks too Steve Edgar for me one of the best sessions from Friday to Sunday outstanding records played loving kisses to Tina hope she gets well soon. Too Steve Handbury for a great soul in the chill out room for a Mr Dewhurts for being there to Mr Franklin (Brett to his friends) Awesome, Too Micky Ginn who did one of the best afternoon sessions in the chill out room this weekend the one record what did it for me was Magic Lady you played some records what we'd never herd of but soul full take one big massive bow thanks. A big thanks too the white bull for setting out this years venue thanks a lot boys awesome to the southern boys big thanks and a big thanks too Paul King Colins for some great music and Bob the Craig okay Garry Jazz. Too George who was on with Zane for the last spot Sunday night too say you was nervous you played some great tunes to every body else who iv missed, thanks Gazza.

Bc1

Our first outing to the Seaside Soul Festival, it was bloody marvellous. Big respect to Sean O'Connor and the Seaside Soul Crew for bringing this all together.

Only did the Saturday and part of Sunday in the York. All DJ's played outstanding sets. Thought Smokey O'Connors venue was wonderful. Upstairs and downstairs was a packer.

We had heard so many good things about this weekender but it proved to us just how much you all love it and we feel so lucky to have been a part of it.

Our thanks go to Alison Tracey for sorting our Hotel out - you picked us a good one Alison and we will defo be back next year, but for the fully monty next year it just wasn't long enough for us.

Well done guys, we loved it

soulshack

Well what can I say what a great weekend thanks to all who helped make it a memory worth keeping. Nice to put faces to names, big shout to Mr Dixon who gave me a good laugh all weekend and is a real gentleman, how do you manage to get so many great people in such a small space? Musically excellent all round but highlight for me was Steve letting me play last hour or 2 in the chillout out room (chillout my ass 100% pure northern) will defo be back next year, cant wait

the proffesor

What a fabulous event! Enjoyed every minute of it!

I would like to thank all of the DJs that used the Soulful Dance rig for taking care of it and not overdriving the mixer/amps.

My opinion of DJs is changing.

And of course for the wonderful music as well.

Although we had a couple of problems but we tried our best to sort them, thank God we had a spare turntable, but this of course didn't sort the problem as it is due to the stage being connected to the sprung dancefloor!!

Any way it was our privilege to supply our rig for this event.

Looking forward to next year.

I almost forgot to mention all of the folks I met there BRILLIANT.

I wont mention the gossip about Martin Dixon.

Had a great day once again thank you all for asking us.

S

Ian Dewhirst

All I can do is echo everything that's already been said! A FANTASTIC long weekend for me with plenty of action including being marched out of my B&B by a paranoid psychotic ex-armed forces proprietor which was interesting as I kept bumping into him all weekend which wound him up even further! When I checked out @ 10.00am this morning the guy was pacing up and down Marine Drive East talking to himself just as I came out of my second B&B.....I think he's just about ready to snap.....

And what glorious weather too! I had the pleasure of seeing the sun go down and come up several times over the weekend. Also great to meet so many people for the first time and some old mates I haven't seen for 30 years. Just brilliant from start to finish and hats off to the lads for organising such a wonderful friendly event. Top notch.

As per usual I only got to play about 5% of what I planned but everything seemed to roll along perfectly - it really was a festival of great music throughout so big-ups to everyone who played.

I haven't pieced together Saturday's set but I guess it'll make sense when Wayne posts his list then I can piece it all together but here's Friday and Sundays set as remembered via beer goggles.....

Billy Paul

Had a great time as usuala wide variety of soul music played in Smokey's on Saturday, something for everybody.

Nice to meet up with my Caister 'drinking buddies' Linda & Andy Bell and Paul Collins (first time I've every seen you sober!)

Hi Jane O and Donna shame never got to see you on Saturday night.....not a bad B&B the Yaught Bay probably stop there next year see you at the Hilton in January if not before!

Friday in the York.....just about on my last legs when Terry Gees spot brought me back to life.....there's only so much 70's crossover you can listen to in a day!!! Thanks for the CD Terry.

And to Shaun and the rest of the lads thanks for making it all possible.....and what's more being a Yorkshire Man I still can't believe " It's all for nowt!!!!

Albert Wiggins

Well, that was a fantastic weekend, wish we had have come for the Friday also, next year. Thanks to all the seaside soul crew, (Charlie, the two Sean's, Jason, Larry, Tony, Simon, Duffs and anyone I may have forgotten), you were the perfect hosts, the atmosphere was so friendly and relaxed, and the music top drawer. Great to put some names to faces and meet so many nice people. Thanks to Rod and Gilly for putting up with us and Tony for making it possible for us to go, you lot are the best. Sorry to have missed the bar-b-q on Sunday, but thanks Charlie for leaving a chicken leg and half a sausage on your plate while you we're doing one of your disappearing acts. The Seaside Soul evening do's in Morecambe are just as much fun, so get yourselves along and experience an excellent evening of across the board (hate that term) soul in the friendliest of atmospheres...David

HARRY

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR A GREAT WEEKEND
SO MANY GOOD PEOPLE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE GREAT MUSIC
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