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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



John
2 March 1949



Hammer Dave
5 March 1961



Chairman Cyril
24 March 1933



ON YOUR BIRTHDATE



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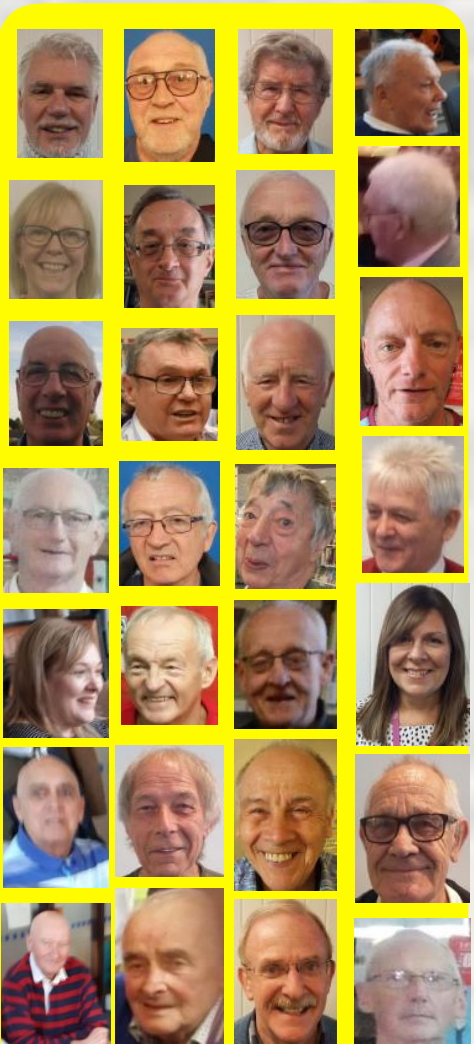


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CRYSTAL PEAKS - JOHN

John's Birthday 02/03/1949

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Wednesday's first game after John was born saw them draw 1-1 at home to Barnsley thanks to a Redfearn Froggatt goal. United lost 1-0 at Man City. Wednesday finished 8th in Div 2 – two places behind Chesterfield. United finished 22nd in Div 1 and were relegated. During the 1948/49 Wednesday paid Bury a joint British record fee for right winger Eddie Kilshaw. Wolves beat Leicester 3-1 to win the FA Cup.

Among the top films in UK in 1949 was "Kind Hearts & Coronets" starring Alec Guinness and Dennis Price, "The Third Man" starring Orson Wells and "What a Carry On!" starring Jimmy Jewell and Ben Warriss. The big film in the USA was "Samson & Delilah" starring Hedy Lamarr, Victor Mature, George Sanders and Angela Lansbury.

In music, Vaughn Monroe was the big star in USA with hits including "Riders in the Sky". Frankie Laine also had hits with "That Lucky Old Sun" and "Mule Train". Also number 1 for a week was "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth" by Spike Jones. In the UK the top selling sheet music in March 1949 included "On a Slow Boat to China", "The Cuckoo Waltz" and "The Maharajah of Magador"

In 1949 the first Noddy book " Little Noddy goes to Toyland" was published, as was George Orwell's 1984.

2 March 1962 when John became a teenager

The top films included West Side Story, A Kind of Loving and The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.

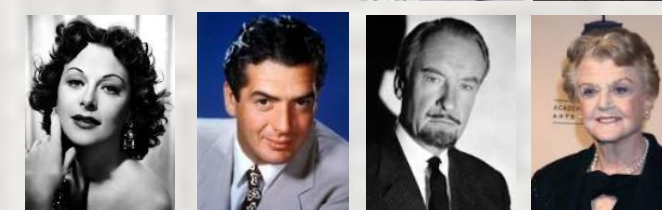
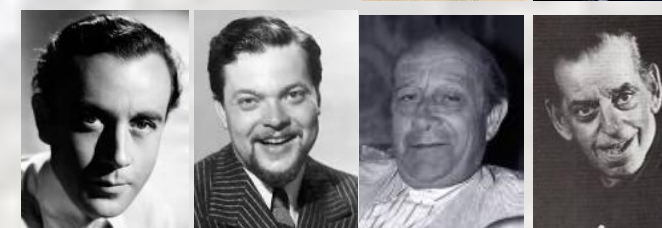
The top music included "Let's Twist Again" by Chubby Checker, "Can't Help Falling in Love"/"Rock-A-Hula Baby" by Elvis Presley with The Jordanaires, "Crying in the Rain" by The Everly Brothers, "Wimoweh" by Karl Denver, "Dream Baby" by Roy Orbison, "The Wanderer" and "The Hole in the Ground" by Bernard Cribbins

2 March 1970 when John became a man

The top films included The Wild Bunch, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Anne of the Thousand Days and Kes.

The top music included Edison Lighthouse with "Love Grows (Where My Rosemary Goes)", Lee Marvin with "Wand'rin' Star", Simon & Garfunkel with "Bridge over Troubled Water", Dana with "All Kinds of Everything",

England World Cup Squad "70" with "Back Home", Mungo Jerry with "In the Summertime" and Elvis Presley with "The Wonder of You"





CRYSTAL PEAKS - WEST HAM DAVE

West Ham Dave's birthday 05 March 1961

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On 6 March the 1st London minicabs were introduced. Also on 6 March, George Formby died. On 17 March, S Africa left the Commonwealth and on 17 March Jaguar head William Lyons debuts the first E-Type model at the Geneva International Motor Show, creating a sensation. On 21 March, The Beatles perform at the Cavern Club in Liverpool for the first time. On 29 March, after a 4½ year trial Nelson Mandela is acquitted of treason in Pretoria.

Among the top films in UK in 1961 was "Carry On Regardless", "The Guns of Navarone" "A Taste of Honey" starring Dora Bryan, "Whistle Down the Wind" and "The Young Ones" starring Cliff Richard. The big films in the USA One Hundred and One Dalmatians, West Side Story, El Cid and The Absent-Minded Professor.

In music, in March 1961 "Walk Right Back" / "Ebony Eyes" by The Everly Brothers was top of the charts. Other hits that year included "Are You Lonesome Tonight" by Elvis, "Who Am I" by Adam Faith, "Calendar Girl" by Neil Sedaka, "Rubber Ball" by Bobby Vee and "Portrait of My Love" by Matt Monroe.

On 5 March 1974 when Dave became a teenager

The top films in 1974 included "Herbie Rides Again", "Magnum Force", "Papillon", "Ransom" and "The Exorcist"

The top music in 1974 included "Devil Gate Drive" by Suzi Quatro, "Jealous Mind" by Alvin Stardust, "Billy Don't Be a Hero" by Paper Lace, "Seasons in the Sun" by Terry Jacks and "Waterloo" by ABBA

On 5 March 1982 when Dave became a man

The top films in 1982 included "Annie", "Rocky III", "Blade Runner", "Gandhi", "Rambo: First Blood" and "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial"

The top music in 1982 included "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" by Tight Fit, "Ebony and Ivory" by Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder and "House of Fun" by Madness





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Cyril's Birthday 24/03/1933

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Wednesday's first game after Cyril was born saw them lose 3-0 at Portsmouth. Wednesday's Jack Hall scored 10 penalties that season, and missed 5 !!!! United's first game after Cyril was born saw them beat Sunderland 3-0 at the Lane. Despite winning just one and drawing three of their last 9 games Wednesday finished 3rd in Div 1. United finished 10th, but did the double over Wednesday, 4-2 at the Lane and 2-1 at Hillsborough, with Jimmy Dunne scoring all six of United's goals.

The County Cricket Championship was won by Yorkshire with Wally Hammond topping the batting averages (67.81) and Hedley Verity the bowling averages with 13.43. As well as “King Kong”, other top films included “Duck Soup” by the Marx Brothers and “42nd Street”. Charles Laughton won the Best Actor Oscar for his role in “The Private Lives of Henry VIII”. Top songs included “Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf”, “Stormy Weather”, “April in Paris” and “Easter Parade”. Bing Crosby was the big music star.

On 24 March in 1946 when Cyril became a teenager

The top films included “Anna and the King of Siam”, starring Irene Dunne, Rex Harrison and Linda Darnell, “The Big Sleep”, starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, “The Blue Dahlia”, starring Alan Ladd and Veronica Lake, “Duel in the Sun”, starring Jennifer Jones, Gregory Peck, Joseph Cotten and Lillian Gish, “It's a Wonderful Life”, starring James Stewart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore, “Road to Utopia”, starring Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and Bob Hope and “The Yearling”, starring Gregory Peck and Jane Wyman

The top music included "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!" by Vaughn Monroe and His Orchestra, "Personality" by Johnny Mercer and The Pied Pipers and "Prisoner of Love" by Perry Como

On 24 March in 1954 when Cyril became a man

The top films in 1954 included “Rear Window”, “White Christmas” and “20,000 Leagues Under the Sea”

The top music included "That's Amore" by Dean Martin, "Don't Laugh at Me ('cause I'm a Fool)" by Norman Wisdom, "Cara Mia" by David Whitfield with Mantovani and His Orchestra, "The Little Shoemaker" by Petula Clark and "Three Coins in the Fountain" by Frank Sinatra

