

Hi Everyone,

It has been lovely to get some feedback. Thank you to those who have emailed. Some have said that they liked the quickies about the radio play and, even if they can't hear the programmes, they like to know that they are happening.

As you know, this is a new newsletter and we are still working on it's format. It will no doubt evolve over time. I have had some questions in emails (thank you), and we are going to include some questions and Russ's answers. Please send me questions and we will use the ones we think everyone would be interested in.

We would also like to hear your stories and memories about Russ. We will include those too.

If you know anyone else who would be interested in receiving these emails, please give them this email address. Spread the word!

NEWS

Russ has recently written a song with Rob Davis, who co-wrote and co-produced Kylie's "Can't Get You Out Of My Head". The song is called "Kid's Face" and it is being very well received.

QUESTIONS

"About Russ's guitar with holes in it. Is it true that he simply thought it would look cool and proceeded to drill those holes into the body of his guitar?" "Does he still play that guitar?"

"The Holey Guitar - It's a strange thing, there's a lot of stuff online about that guitar - many people have copied it - There's a company making the guitar....Feline Guitars of Croydon. Originally, it was a 1965 Strat....When Argent started, I wanted a different looking instrument. I asked my good friend, Jim Wilkinson to cut some holes in it....[I liked those holey, metal chairs that were popular in the sixties]. It didn't have a Telecaster neck in the 'Hold Your Head Up' days, I threw the guitar up in America, it fell and the neck split. The repairer wrongly fitted a tele neck. I still have it and it sounds better now than ever....I still have the 'Humbucker' pick up from 1970. [Through the 80's I used a Gibson Les Paul, I love the overdrive on it - I have a Heritage series 1978 Les Paul.](#)"



AUDIO (not VIDEO)

Here is a link to an Argent concert for "BBC in Concert" in 1973. It lasts about an hour. Enjoy!

<http://pastdaily.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/1973-01-06-bbc-in-concert-argent.mp3>

Don't forget that Paul Jay has his Russ Ballard slot every Sunday at 5pm GMT on Merseyland Alternative Radio.

<http://www.mar.me.uk>

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