



(Header by Sven)

## November 2025

A big welcome to our new readers.

Thank you to everyone who sent birthday messages to Russ. We were able to send him a lovely birthday email from us all.

Russ has lots of gigs coming up in the new year. He has three shows in Barnoldswick and they are all sold out. I have two tickets for Barnoldswick but, unfortunately can no longer go. I am offering them here at face value. They are Saturday seated tickets, the ones that sold out first. If you are interested, please email me (Sue) at [russ.b.news@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:russ.b.news@hotmail.co.uk).

Many thanks to Markus, Elizabeth, Ron and Dave for their contributions this month.

Sue

## THIS MONTH - RUSS'S DIARY

*I want to thank everyone who sent me Birthday cards, Greetings and Emails ...I was very moved. My lovely family gave me a surprise celebration at home. So many loved ones and friends attended....It was a great day. I never expected to get to this age - You know....I think it's pretty damned good....Love and Peace, Russ*

## **RUSS - LIFE STORIES**

*So...After Rod Argent's phone call, asking if I'd like to be part of a new group that he'd envisaged, and to which I said I would...We were on our way. After telling Unit 4 plus 2, Bob Henrit and I were leaving to join Rod and his cousin Jim to be a part of a new group.*

*Part of Rod's 'vision' included Chris White...Chris was bass player in The Zombies and decided he'd had enough of touring but, as a close friend of Rod's, wanted to be part of the writing and production of the new group. For the rest of 1968 [about six months] Jim, Rod, Bob and I spent most our time together, collating songs - It turned out that Chris and Rod had an album of songs they had written after the Zombies had disbanded two years previously. Rod and Chris asked if I had songs....*

*I was certainly interested in developing my song writing. I remember spending an afternoon at Chris's flat listening to demos of their songs....there must have been twelve. It turned out Rod and Chris always wrote separately, however, the songs were impressive, and I was looking forward to playing and recording together. Chris, Jim, Rod, Bob and I got together one evening to discuss the future. Because of The Zombies success in the UK and America with 'She's Not There' and also their subsequent touring, they had profile, as did Bob and I with The Roulettes and Unit Four. C.B.S in the United States offered Rod and Chris a Production deal, to produce three artists. So, our new group was one, Colin Blunstone, lead singer of The Zombies was to be another, Duffy Power, the Blues/Rock singer, would be another. Also, it was important to discuss a name for our group. Rod and Chris thought 'Nexus' would be a good name - I remember suggesting to the others, as Rod had a profile in America, why don't we call the group 'Argent'. Everybody seemed to think that made sense...So, here we are, ready to take on the world, MAYBE, MAYBE NOT! - Let's see.....Next Month! See You Then - Love, Russ*

## **RONNIE ROMERO VIDEO**

In the last newsletter Russ told us about going to Madrid to take part in Ronnie Romero's video of the song Russ wrote for him, Hideaway. It's a rocker. Here it is...

<https://youtu.be/Nun3Y1hvgho?si=NezmG-HV1YBCNRRO>

## COMING UP IN 2026

From January it is all go!

First off.....

January UK...

**UK 2026**

# RUSS BALLARD

16 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	HULL	WRECKING BALL ARTS CENTRE	
17 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	BARNOLDSWICK	MUSIC AND ARTS CENTRE	SOLD OUT
18 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	BARNOLDSWICK	MUSIC AND ARTS CENTRE	SOLD OUT
18 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	BARNOLDSWICK	MUSIC AND ARTS CENTRE	SOLD OUT
23 <sup>RD</sup> JAN	MILTON KEYNES	THE STABLES	TICKETS ON SALE
24 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	WORCESTER	HUNTINGDON HALL	TICKETS ON SALE

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Here are the ticket links for the UK gigs

Hull: <https://wreckingballmusic.myshopify.com/products/russ-ballard-friday-jan-16th-2026-8pm-10pm>

Barnoldswick: <https://www.barnoldswickmusicandartscentre.com/russ-ballard>

Milton Keynes: <https://stables.org/boxoffice/ticket/487001>

Worcester: <https://purchase.worcestertheatres.co.uk/ChooseSeats/93801>

The three performances in Barnoldswick are sold out but it might be worth going for cancellations or see my piece at the top of the newsletter.

## April SWEDEN

It came in just too late for the last newsletter. Russ will be performing two entire albums here. Russ Ballard 1984 and The Fire Still Burns.



SKOGSRÖJET, ROCKNYTT AND A STAR ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

# WINGS OF AOR FESTIVAL

APRIL 24-25 2026 • ARBIS, NORRKÖPING

**JOE LYNN TURNER**  
PERFORMING THE ENTIRE ALBUM "RESCUE YOU" (1985) + HITS

**RUSS BALLARD**  
PERFORMING THE ENTIRE ALBUMS "RUSS BALLARD" (1984) AND "THE FIRE STILL BURNS" (1985)

**EASY ACTION**    **brian SPENCE**    **FIRETRIBE**    **ONE DESIRE**

**GOK** GATHERING OF KINGS    **PERFECT PLAN**    *Daytona*    **EMOTIONAL FIRE**

TICKETS OUT NOW ON TICKSTER.SE

SKOGSRÖJET    ROCKNYTT    A STAR ENTERTAINMENT    *Arbis*    Comfort

Ticket link: <https://www.tickster.com/se/sv/events/8taane97mz63u07>

## May PORTUGAL

Also now a two album gig. From Remember Minds...."Russ Ballard has a special surprise for Portuguese fans! He will play, in its entirety, their albums of the most cult and best known by the Portuguese audience:

- Russ Ballard (1984)
- The Fire Still Burns (1985)"

*Remember Minds*

M/18

# RUSS BALLARD

PELA PRIMEIRA VEZ  
OS DOIS ÁLBUNS NA ÍNTEGRA



**8 MAIO 2026**

SALÃO PRETO E PRATA | 21:30



**CASINO  
ESTORIL**

**TYKETTO**



**CASINO  
ESTORIL**

»TICKETLINE

ACTIONMEDIA.PT



Ticket link: <https://ticketline.sapo.pt/evento/russ-ballard-tyketto-live-in-estoril-2025-96795?>

## MERCH

We still have merch, designed by Sven Kramer. We have caps, tote bags and a few signed "Songs From The Warehouse" CDs. If you would like to buy or if you have further questions, please email me at [russ.b.news@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:russ.b.news@hotmail.co.uk) and I will send you payment details. Payment will be by PayPal. These will also be on sale at next year's gigs until they are sold out. Postage costs have escalated since the last time I posted out merch. Orders from the EU will be sent from the EU to reduce costs but this will have to be this month or from January. I will post to the US but postage is now really high so contact me for details.

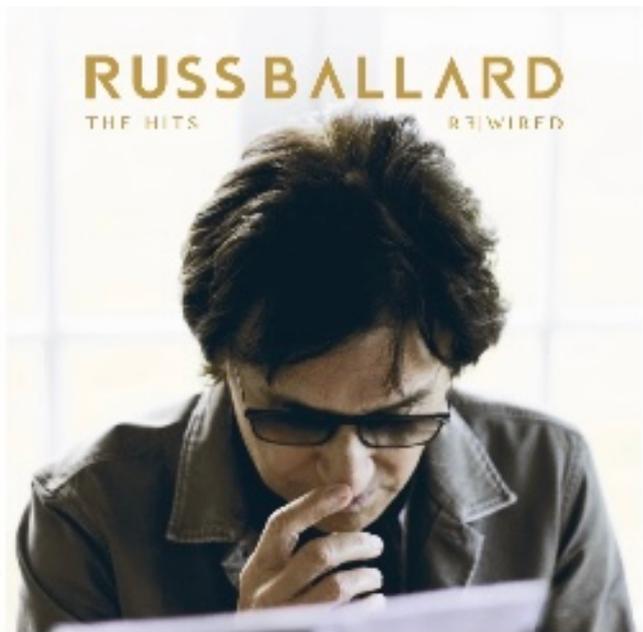
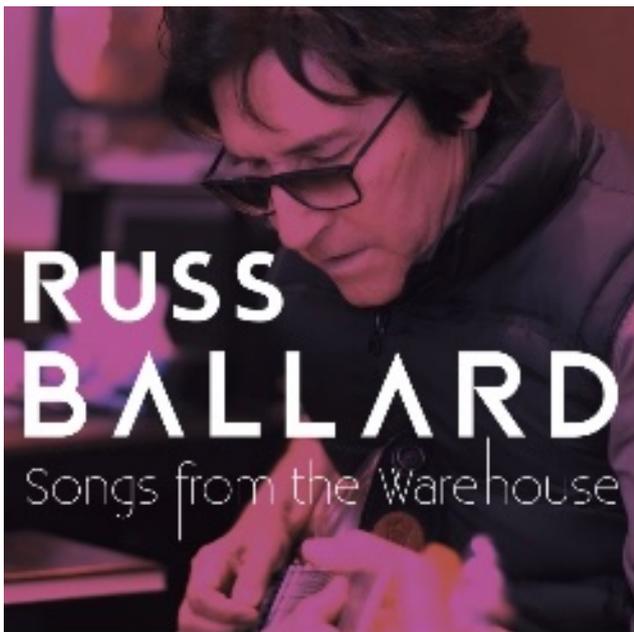
**Caps £20 + £4.50 p&p UK**



**Tote bags £10 + £2.50 p&p UK**

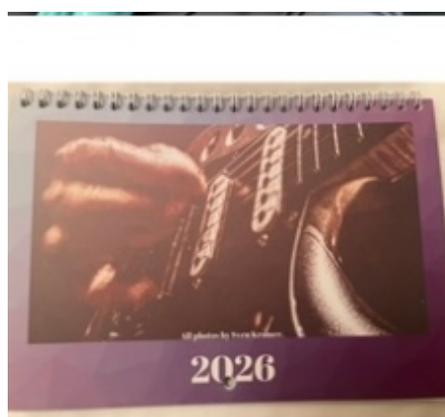


Signed CDs £20 + £2.50 p&p UK



## CALENDAR

The calendars have now been sent out. That is except to one person who ordered and paid but hasn't given me their address and is not replying to my emails. If that is you, please get in touch...your calendar is ready to post to you. I am happy to put in one more order if anyone else would like one. The order will go in on 24th November so you need to contact me now. If I leave it any longer there won't be time to post them out before Christmas. Calendars from a small order will be £12.99 +£2.50 p&p. All the photos in the calendar are by Sven Kramer.



## FEEDBACK

It is always good to get some feedback.... from the calendar and the merch.

"Hi Sue, Wow! My bag and calendars arrived thank you! What a cheery January pic to start the year off!! I love it! The tote bag is perfect as I go to dance classes and I will keep my dance shoes in them and impress everyone with it! Tell Russ I love the calendar, tons better than the boring ones I usually receive! And of course the bag which by the way is a decent size, bigger than I thought. It's like Xmas has come early 😊 thanks again Sue. Elizabeth x"

"Hi Sue, Just to say Thanks got Calendar yesterday & I love it...  
Cheers  
Ron..."

"Hi Sue,  
Christmas came early! Just wanted to say thanks, love the calendar I received it a few days ago. Great photos from Sven.  
Best wishes,  
Michele"

## THE VOICES OF RUSS BALLARD PODCASTS

The Voices podcasts have now moved to You Tube, which is where they will be in future. Please subscribe to the channel so you don't miss any of the ones that are coming up.

From Ian: "Very proud to announce a new series of The Voices of Russ Ballard Podcast, kicking off with the Canadian band "The Damn Truth" who arrive in the UK for a nationwide tour this month. Russ is a fan of their new album and was happy to add his support. Part One serves as an introduction and features some great music/official videos....please do take a look and tell us what you think. Part Two features Russ and the band and is not to be missed. That's due to be released at the end of November."

[https://youtu.be/BWwALVI6\\_6o?si=hyYzzGKVhG\\_92vHR](https://youtu.be/BWwALVI6_6o?si=hyYzzGKVhG_92vHR)



## LYRIC OF THE MONTH

Staying with Songs From The Warehouse for now.....

**"Sing a song, you choose it, take me away  
Get lost in every word  
I don't need silver - I don't need gold"**

Do you know what it is? Scroll down to the end of the newsletter to play the track.

## FROM MARKUS

Markus got Russ a lot of radio play in Germany for his birthday. I'm not sure whether all these links will still work.

### 26 the October

Hello Sue,

a good week again for Russ. On Tuesday on the "Classic Rock" show on Bayern1 "On the rebound" was played, and at the end Ace Frehley's version of "New York groove".

On Friday you could listen to Frida's "I know there's something going on"

at the "80er Club" (starting 1:13:10), immediately after that "Two Silhouettes" mentioning Russ' birthday next Friday (starting 1:18.00): <https://www.mdr.de/mdr-sachsen-anhalt/der-achtziger-club100.html> On Saturday New York groove again reached number 3 in "Discothek im WDR" - you can vote again for Hello for the last time until Tuesday midnight: <https://www1.wdr.de/radio/wdr4/programm/sendungen/discothek-im-wdr/discothek-im-wdr-voting-102.html>.

Best wishes  
Markus

### **31<sup>st</sup> October**

... live on MDR Sachsen-Anhalt

<https://www.mdr.de/mdr-sachsen-anhalt/programm/der-oldie-club-mit-peter-hofmann-100.html>

live on radio <https://www1.wdr.de/radio/wdr4/programm/sendungen/ab-in-die-achtziger-202.html>

### **3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Friday evening Voices was played on WDR4 (my request; file attached) and almost at the same time at MDR Sachsen-Anhalt (<https://www.mdr.de/mdr-sachsen-anhalt/der-achtziger-club100.html> - starts 1:29:50).

Yesterday evening "God gave Rock'n Roll ..." was played (my request) in the Oldieclub on MDR Sachsen-Anhalt (<https://www.mdr.de/mdr-sachsen-anhalt/programm/der-oldie-club-mit-peter-hofmann-100.html>; starts at 2:01:30).

Well, these are great possibilities to make Russ' music more popular in Germany - and to my mind Russ' songs have never been played so often on German radio than during the last years 😊.

### **4<sup>th</sup> November**

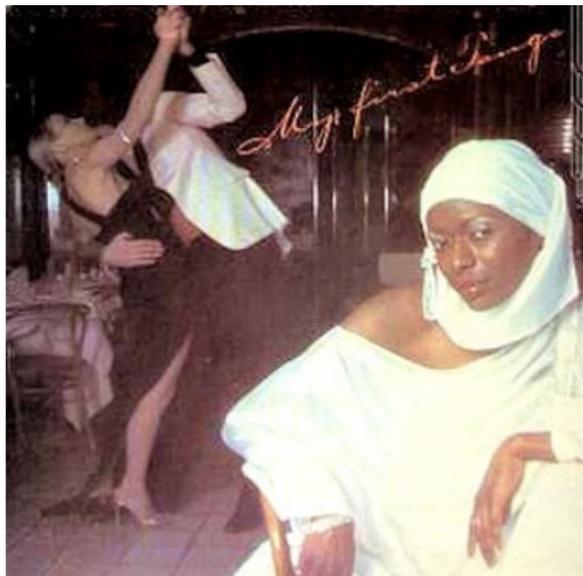
German radio is further celebrating Russ' birthday.

"Classic Rock" on Bayern1 (Munich) just played "In the Night" and before "God gave ..." by Kiss, mentioning Russ' most famous songs in Germany (New York Groove, So you win again, I surrender), and that he is responsible for "God gave Rock'n Roll to you".

Tom Glas from Bayern1 seems to be a real fan... 😊, for he often plays Russ' songs.

## DAVE'S COVER QUEST

Back to the 1976 album Winning this month. The gift that keeps on giving!  
No.87



### Are You Cuckoo by Tommi

Released in 1978 on the Private Stock label, My First Tango is a disco orientated album by female vocalist Tommi

Tommi's version of **Are You Cuckoo** leads the album as the opening track of Side One, at least on versions released in Greece, Spain, UK, Venezuela, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and also in Argentina, where it is titled **Eres Tonto?** In France and Australia, it is pushed down the list to third track on Side Two.

I could provide a comprehensive list of who sang, played, engineered, mixed and produced the album, as well as where it was recorded and the exact dates.

Information is also available on who carried out the photography and design of the screen, but blow me down, I was about to say that I cannot find a single detail about **Tommi** herself? A little more digging and I believe Tommi is most probably Tomasso (Tommy) Donelli, an Italian music producer, artist, composer for visual media and sound designer.

Still not particularly helpful, but at least I can point you towards this You Tube clip that features the song itself. It wasn't chosen as one of the two singles that were released from the album, but it's a fine cover of Russ's original.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNAeD3lqGmk>

### LYRIC OF THE MONTH - ANSWER

**Soul Music.** Listen here.

<https://youtu.be/tWnZNQx4I1A?si=OEE6RNoamJRe-QsK>