

“Police Police Me, Oh Yeah”

The Beatles at The Granada 1964

The worst concert that I have ever attended at The Granada was The Beatles in 1964. This was due to the screaming of the very young girls, standing on their seats and jumping up and down. Even the beloved “Ernie”, the legendary Commissioner failed to quieten the hysteria. These girls totally drowned-out The Fab Four. Ernie was running around flashing his torch trying to dispel the bloody row.

I and my two mates were seated in the middle block on the middle row, on the far – right of the seats. I managed to catch the odd glimpse of John Lennon’s forehead. But the significant thing about this show is that The Beatles were sneaked out of The Granada disguised as policeman.

How true or not was the rumour that the Police had originally planned to disguise four of themselves as The Beatles, I do not know. The plan was to rush through the screaming mass of girls, using their truncheons if necessary, and to create a detour. Outside there was a huge crowd, hoping to see The Beatles depart. The crowd stretched from the Chinese Restaurant and nearly as far as the High Street, nearly every girl was screaming .Someone told me that only Virgins screamed .That may explain why a few years later, girls sat quietly and just enjoyed the sounds!

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