

# Fireclown

a powerful, blues based rock band with strong visual emphasis. Formed late 1976, the band has a wealth of experience; home and abroad.

Ex "Monroe" member Pete Dutton has been involved in various projects including "Freeze" a band formed by ex members of highly successful "Budgie".

Tony and Graham have been together for over five years and write most of the songs. While the latest member, Gyp, former lighting technician, completes the line - up.



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This, the first of a short series of gigs down the Swan Cellar, was a great success. Fireclown worked hard and succeeded in filling the floor with dancers. Strongly blues-influenced, they played 12 songs all of which were well received by the audience.



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TONY DOWLER - GUITAR/VOCALS  
PETE DUTTON - BASS/VOCALS  
GRAHAM DERBYSHIRE - DRUMS/V.  
GYP NICHOLSON - GUITAR



Opening with "Ride On", immediate impressions were of a group very tight and competent with a professional (Fenders) sound. Not a fault could be found with their playing and the lead guitar work was outstanding, particularly in "Loser", "Possession" and Rory Gallagher's "Shadowplay". There was just one problem, that being the fact the vocals were hard to hear on the heavier numbers.



GYP NICHOLSON



"Stormy Monday" was a very good bluesy song and "Burn on up the road" was R&B at its best. Near the end of the set, people were starting to get up and for "Shadowplay", the floor was filled with dancers.



The energy there was amazing, with Pete Dutton joining in playing the cymbals and then his bass with a drumstick, while Gyp Nicholson and Tony Dowler spectacularly played their guitars windmill-fashion. They then finished off with "Johnny B. Goode" leaving everyone very satisfied with the evening.

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