

RENDEZVOUS |||||

Rendezvous are still an unknown quality to the Bolton audiences in general, but I feel they are one of our best bands. Based in Horwich, the group were playing over a couple of years ago under the name of Wrathchild (before the appearance of their namesake glam rock poseurs from down south). Since then, they have been relatively quiet due to various committments and only recently, they have emerged with a new name and an almost completely new set. The original line-up still exists of Pete Davenport on guitar/vocals, Dave Simcox on guitar, Andy Kaye on bass/backing vocals and Gavin Perry on drums, and they practise in an old church hall in the middle of the moors off Chorley Old Road (there can't be many bands doing that!).



Their set is a mixture of strong material combined with sound musicianship. Guitarist Dave Simcox is still in my mind the best guitarist in this area, and this is complemented by excellent drumming, bass and rhythm guitar which form a tight unit with a professional sound. Amongst their set, we find the classic "Good Times, Bad Times", a song which has been finely put together and which

forms a superb finale to the show, "Life" which thunders steadily along with fine solo work, "Now the Wind Blows Cold" and "Running Before the Storm" amongst others. They perform no covers since their own material is already fairly strong although I still feel a couple of their best older numbers from their Wrathchild days would strengthen the set.

Their following seems to be growing with every gig they play (Simmy almost has his own fan club in Bury!) and coupled with the recording of a demo tape, they look to have a good future.

