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Armistice Day 1920- The return of the Unknown British Warrior.

At midnight on 7th November 1920 Brigadier General Wyatt, Commander of the British Army in France and Flanders, enters a tin hut, which had been converted into a chapel, in the tiny village of St. Pol-sur Ternoise in north-west France. He inspects four bodies exhumed from mass graves linked to four battlefields, the Aisne, Arras, Ypres, The Somme. He selects one. That body is placed in a coffin, made from oak from Hampton Court, it is sealed and the Brigadier General places a ceremonial sword donated by King George V on it. The coffin is placed on military transport along with six barrels of earth from Flanders and begins its journey to London.

At the port of Boulogne the coffin is put on HMS Verdun, in mid-channel Verdun is met by six destroyers of the Royal Navy, escorted to Dover where huge crowds have gathered to greet the coffin. A 19-gun salute is fired, followed by the playing of "Land of Hope and Glory" and the coffin is transferred to the railway station and placed in a specially prepared luggage van. The van has number 132 clearly marked on it, its roof is painted white, its interior is draped in purple cloth and decorated with friezes of bay, rosemary and chrysanthemums. Slowly the train makes its way to London, all along the route crowds gather on embankments, on bridges, in stations, to get a glimpse of the luggage van containing the coffin. It arrives at Victoria station at 8-32 pm where the police have great difficulty restraining the vast crowd gathered there. Grenadier Guards stand watch over the coffin throughout the night.

Early the following morning, 11th November, a gun carriage, pulled by six black horses, emerges from platform 8 carrying the coffin. The coffin is now covered with a faded Union Jack which had been used as an altar cloth on the battlefields, it also carries the mud from those battlefields and the blood of men it had covered in death. Placed on the flag is the sword, a dented helmet and a webbing belt. Walking behind the coffin, to walk the 2.5 miles to Westminster Abbey are the sons of the King, 4 Field Marshals, 4 Admirals, 2 Generals and 400 servicemen. Along the route the crowds are twenty deep, as it passes men remove hats, the only sound being the beat of the funeral drum. The road to the Abbey has been covered in a thick layer of sand. At Buckingham Palace there is a short pause so that the King can join the procession.

The procession reaches the concealed Cenotaph and at 11am, as Big Ben strikes the hour, the King presses a button to unveil the newly constructed memorial. Two minutes silence is observed, the King lays a wreath and the procession moves on to Westminster Abbey.

At the Abbey a Guard of Honour, 100 winners of the VC, line the entrance as the coffin is carried in the West Door to be placed in a prepared grave just inside the entrance. The Abbey is full of mourners, in the main relatives of those who have been killed in the war, but one group of mourners, numbering ninety-nine mothers, stands out amongst them for each has lost a husband and all her sons. The short service over the King is the first to scatter the Flanders earth on the coffin, the grave is not closed, the queue to file past the grave stretches all the way back to the Cenotaph. **We will remember them**

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/about-remembrance/the-poppy>

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Keith James
President



Congratulation Taunton Deane – 4 out of 4.

Well done, to the players of Taunton Deane, who have represented the club in the first matches in National Competitions.

Success started with a 3 -2 win over North Petherton, in the Top Club competition, which went down to the last bowl delivered by our opposition.

In the next round, our opponents will be Ilminster, a match not to be missed.

The next win came to the men, in the Denny Cup competition, over our neighbours Taunton. This competition is run with two rinks at home and two rinks away, where the Deane won on all four rinks.

The next opponents will be a team from Victoria, Street.

Playing the same time as the men were the ladies, in the Yetton Cup competition, over a team from Yeovil. This competition is also played with two rinks at home and two rinks away and we won on total shots.

The next opponents will be a team from Minehead.

Final win was in the Egham competition again against a team from North Petherton which went down to the last end of the match played at North Petherton where one shot gave the Deane a 74 – 71 win.

Congratulations to all players and reserves for their commitment, heres to the next rounds, please will members show their support.

President - Keith James



Selectors

Blessed are they who can play sport

Blessed are they who can still be taught

Blessed are they who accept with grace

To play in any selected space.

Di, Ann and Heather



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Here's a shout to members to avail themselves of the companies that support us.

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Vision Tours - coach hire and holidays.

Medineeds - foot care and body treatments.

Blackdown Motors - a new or used car.

Apple FM, Tone FM and the County Gazette - go local for your music and news!

Winter Club Competitions 2024 – 2025

Thank you to everyone who has taken time to enter the Winter club competitions.

All entries have been collated and draws have been made for all competitions, apart from the Generation Pairs, and details are now on Bowlr and the Competitions Noticeboard.

Unfortunately, there was not enough entries to run the Ladies Non-Winners competition.

The play by Dates for most of the competitions are:

Round 1 – by 16th November 2024

Round 2 – by 4th January 2025

Quarter-Finals – by 22nd February 2025

Semi-Finals – by 22nd March 2025

The exception to this is the Open Singles – the play by dates for this competition are:

Round 1 – by 2nd November 2024

Round 2 – by 23rd November 2024

Round 2 – by 4th January 2025

Quarter-Finals – by 22nd February 2025

Semi-Finals – by 22nd March 2025

Please note – there are only 2 matches in Round 1 of this competition so please do not wait until after the Round 1 deadline before arranging Round 2 matches.

Some of the competitions start at Round 2 or Quarter Finals, due to low entry numbers, so please feel free to play your matches early.

The Generation Pairs will be arranged once we have the final number of Juniors entering. For those of you that have put down to play in this competition, please be aware that matches will not be on Bowlr as they are played on a set Saturday morning – details will be communicated once known.

Good Luck to all.

Karl Greenhoff - Competitions and Tournaments



Tim and Mark, (left) were picked to represent the County Over 60's in the National Comps.

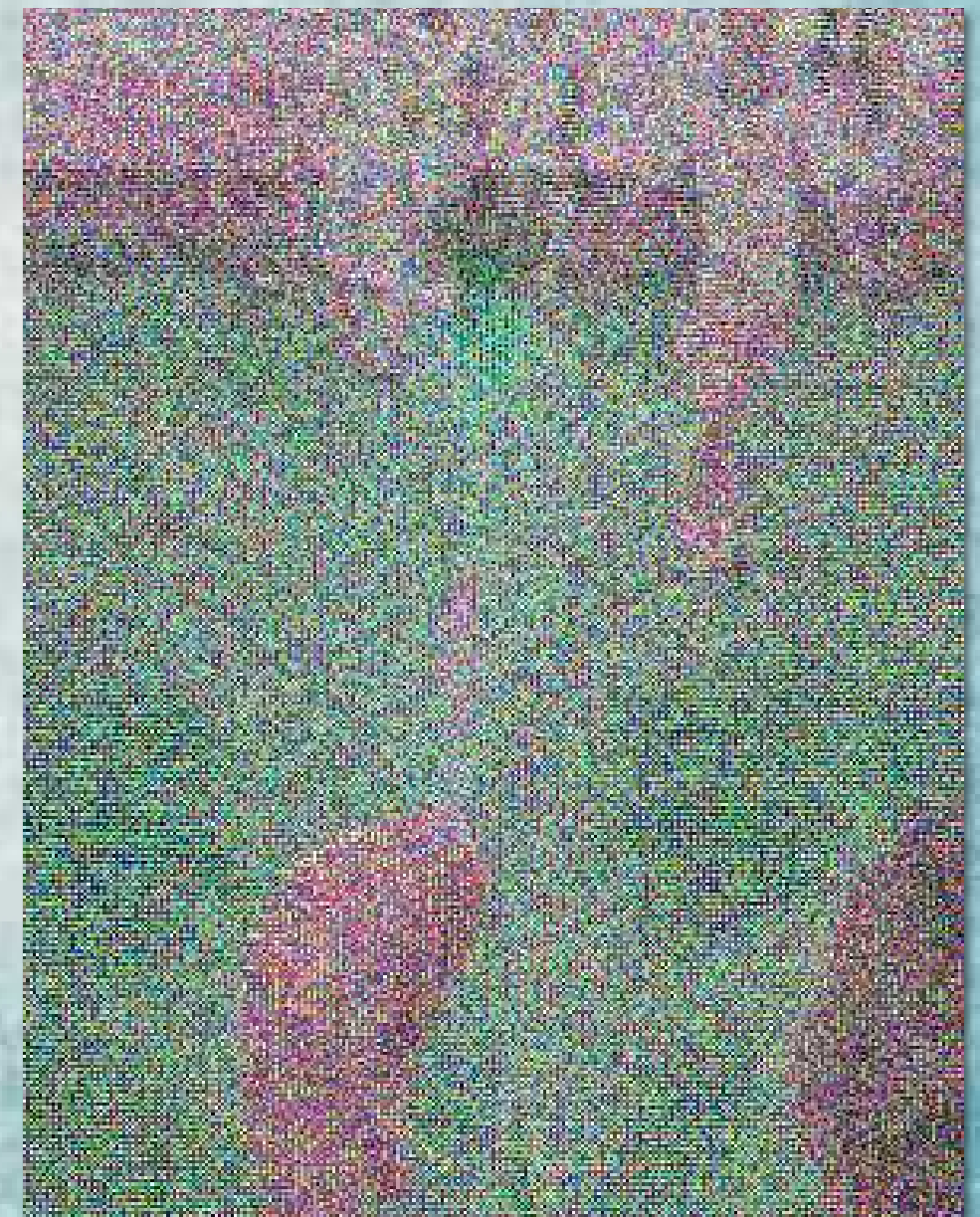
On Tuesday 22nd October they played against Cornwall in Bodmin. Their rink, which included Barrie Forse from N. Petherton and Phil Vilas from St. Andrews, won 27 - 5 and helped secure a very good victory.

Good luck in the next round, from all at Taunton Deane.

A very proud moment for myself to be playing for my club Taunton Deane, After attending a trial at Ilminster and then being selected to play and represent Somerset County against Cornwall in the Liberty competition and also winning on our rink 33/9.

The overall score beating Cornwall was very comfortable, a great experience to be involved in and quality players to be playing with.

Well done Kevin from all at Taunton Deane.



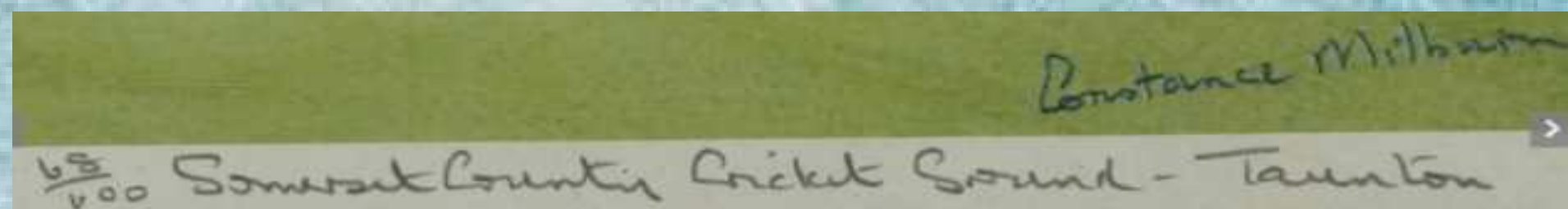


Farewell

The Club says goodbye to a long standing member this month. Sadly, Constance Milburn (Connie) is not renewing her membership, having to give up bowls due to her health condition.

Connie is a regular with the early birds and some may not know Connie was also an exceptionally talented artist. A watercolour of the County Cricket Ground was released in a limited edition of 400.

We wish Connie all the best and thank her for her kind donation to the junior section of her set of bowls and measure.





Join us INDOORS for some Practice and Coaching to Improve your game

Every Thursday from 4 to 6pm we will be holding practice and coaching session, all abilities from beginner to experienced welcome.

The aim is to have 1 or 2 coaches available to run meaningful practice. Such as drawing to rest out a wood sat on the jack, promote a short wood and of course, driving at the head, for example.

We will also be available to coach on improving your deliver, finding the line and length, reading the head and improving consistency, or anything else you wish to improve on.

No need to book, just turn up. Only the cost of a rink fee. (£3:50)

LETS HAVE SOME FUN!!!

Starts 17th of October.

Any questions ring Rod

07745708658



Simon Rees
Singer & Entertainer

Saturday November 30th

£14 - Including a Hot Meal

Cottage Pie, Sweet & Sour Chicken or Chicken Curry
followed by a Sweet served at 7pm

TDBC Social & Fund Raising Committee

Tickets on sale at Reception



"BOB'S QUIZ NIGHT"

SATURDAY 7th December 2024

7pm start

Tickets £6 per person from Reception

Including Supper

PRIZES for 1st 2nd 3rd and last

Play Jokers to double your score

Picture Identification Round,

Dingbats & Wipe-out Round

Max 6 members per team

Team captains please add your name to the list and complete an entry form with team Captain and Team member's names and hand in to Reception with your payment

TDBC Social & Fund Raising Committee



Restaurant Christmas Menu

Wednesday - December 11th - 1:00 For 1:15
Friday - December 20th - 1:00 For 1:15
Book Early - Seating for 52 only per session
A Glass of Mulled Wine upon arrival

Menu

Traditional Farmhouse Roast
With a choice of :-
1 - Turkey Breast with Cranberry Sauce
2 - Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding
Roast Potatoes, Festive Homemade Sausage meat, Cranberry and Apricot Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Fresh Festive Vegetables, Brussel Sprouts, Cauliflower Cheese, Honey Roast Parsnips, Carrots & Peas, Homemade Turkey or Beef Gravy

Santa's Sweet Delights

A - Traditional Christmas Pudding served with Brandy Sauce and Clotted Cream
B - Tiramisu with Clotted Cream
C - Baileys & Chocolate Cheesecake with Cream
D - Lemon & White Chocolate Meringue
E - Trio Cheese, Biscuits, Grapes & Chutney
Fresh Brewed Tea or Coffee with a Mince Pie or Christmas Cake

£21:00

Special Dietary needs can be catered for upon request prior to bookings





50/50 SALE

A 50/50 sale is a fundraising event where the total amount an item is sold for is split evenly between the owner and the organisers of the event.

Items for sale need to be in the week before the SALE Date.

You Price /We Sell

New Clothes - Unwanted Gifts - Nearly New Items - Clear a Space

Wednesday 4th December
10am - 13:00pm

Coffee, Tea & Cake £3

For more information contact Eileen Phippen

TDBC Social & Fund Raising Committee



30 th November 2024	Simon Rees Entertainer	Tickets £14	7:00pm start
7 th December 2024	Christmas quiz with Bob	Tickets £6	7:00pm start
11 th December 2024	Christmas Lunch	Tickets £21	13:00 for 13:15 Start
20 th December 2024	Christmas Lunch	Tickets £21	13:00 for 13:15 Start
31 st December 2024	New Years Eve - Sapphire	Tickets £16:50	8:00pm start
8 th March 2025	Chris Chaplin Entertainer	Tickets £14	7:00pm start



Basic Safeguarding Children and Young People Module

I completed the Basic Safeguarding Children and Young People Module via a zoom meeting run by Coach Bowls in September.

Safeguarding children centres around 4 legal categories, far fewer than those relating to adults. Safeguarding is the action taken to promote the welfare of children and to protect them from harm. It means protecting them from abuse and maltreatment, preventing harm to health or development, allowing children to grow up with the provision of safe and effective care and taking action to enable children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Abuse is the repeated action over a period of time.

Physical Abuse – e.g. excessive training, encouragement to use and supply performance enhancing drugs, encouraging a player to deliver the bowl with a flick of the wrist knowing this could cause long term pain and mobility issues. It is not restricted to physically hitting or slapping.

Sexual Abuse – this does not need to be touching, it can include the showing of inappropriate photos, videos or magazine articles. Anyone over 18 having a sexual relationship with an under 16 is committing statutory rape. A coach having a relationship with an under 18 is a criminal offence even if the coach is also under 18.

Emotional Abuse – this can include isolation, constant criticism or being put under unrealistic pressure to achieve. Bullying is peer to peer and is not a legal category but is reported by juniors as what concerns them most, especially now there is cyberbullying, and a multitude of social media platforms. Snapchat is one of the worst platforms as once messages are seen they disappear so reporting and investigation is extremely difficult.

Neglect – this is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and is the most common form of child abuse. It is found to be a factor in 60% of child deaths investigated by Serious Case Review. Only 1 in 3 people who have concerns actually report them.

For more information visit www.nspcc.org.uk/whatischildabuse/typesofabuse

Grooming is not a recognised category but further details can be found via the Child Protection in Sport Unit www.thecpsu.org.uk/protecting-children-in-sport-from-grooming

If you have any concern about any form of child abuse, please report those concerns to someone else, communication concerning a child is usually via their parents or carer but if the concerns are about them talk to someone else. If a child trusts you enough to talk to you do not promise secrecy, you will have to discuss their concerns with the appropriate people while respecting confidentiality. If the child is at immediate risk report to the Police via 999. If the risk is not immediate use the TED approach, get them to Tell, Explain and Describe what has been happening and immediately afterwards record what has been discussed using their own words.

Remember you do not have to investigate the concerns but you do have to report it so that the appropriate statutory bodies can investigate.

All contact details for Bowls England, EIBA, NSPCC and the club and county safeguarding officers are on the poster on the safeguarding board in the club.

Liz Dicks - Safeguarding



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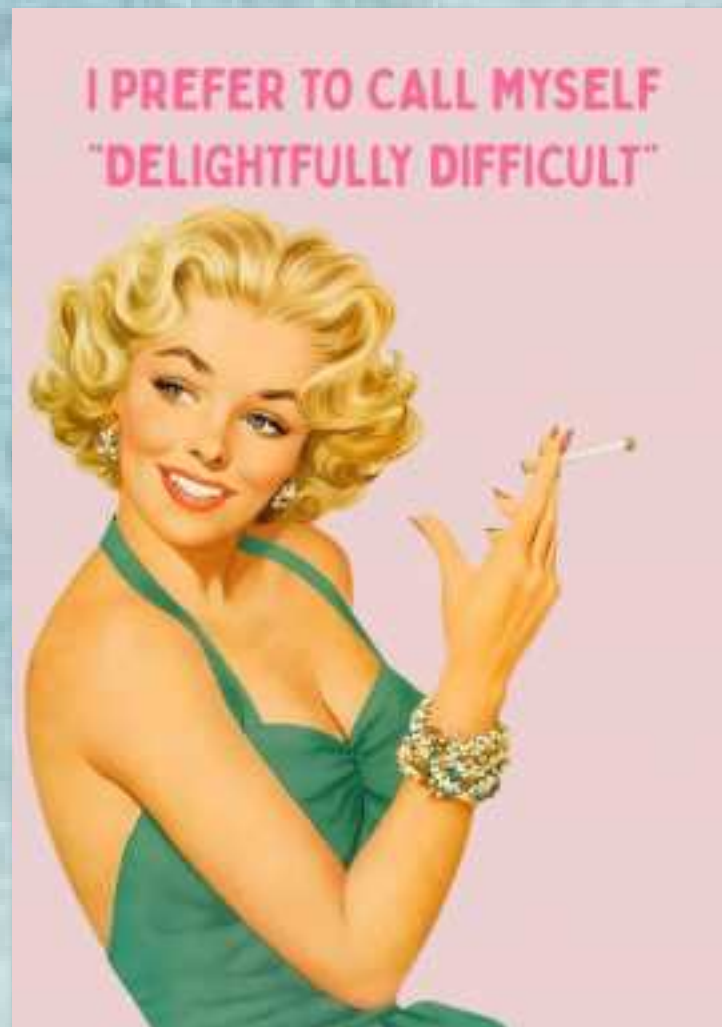
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The Beginnings of the 27 Myth

Apparently, the 27 Club myth began in the early 70s, when it was noted that a large number of prominent musicians had all died in the period between 1969 and '71 at the age of 27. As you may expect of the era, drugs were involved in a big way, but the eeriness in which this realisation sat on culture gave people pause: this type of thing had never happened before...or had it?

Nowadays, you can look up a list online of well known people who've died at the age of 27, and that list is going right back to the Elephant Man! I'm not about to document anything that far back, but I'll be looking at a few influential musicians, who are part of the 27 Club.

Amy Winehouse

The recent biopic of Amy Winehouse's life sparked off the idea for this very blog. Winehouse was an old-school star: a charismatic performer whose 'persona' was in fact her authentic self. For the entirety of her short but massively successful life, Winehouse walked it like she talked it, and paid the ultimate price for it, dying at 27 due to alcohol poisoning. I get mixed feelings when I see people singing along to her lyrics like 'they tried to make me go to rehab, but I said no, no, no' because it's just a little close to the bone, but then, that's probably the way Amy wanted it, right?

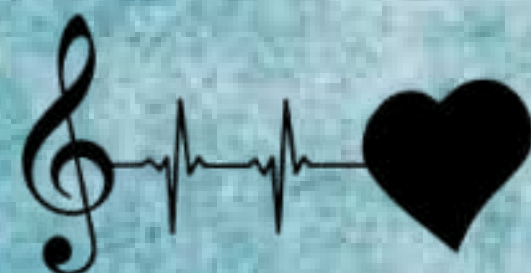
Jim Morrison

The shamanic, endlessly iconic Doors frontman was one of the original members of this somewhat dubious club. In the 6 years that the Doors were a band, Morrison went from shy poet to cultural icon, defining the role of 'rock n roll frontman' for everybody since.

Alas, Morrison had a dark side to his personality, one which seemed hellbent of self destruction. Alcohol was Jim's main problem, but a move to Paris to escape his hangers-on (and his habits) turned foul when, according to Marianne Faithful, he uncharacteristically tried some particularly strong heroin. Never one for such a drug, it proved too much for the already ill singer and killed him in his bathtub.

His quick subsequent burial, hastily signed death certificate (by a mysterious doctor who has since forever vanished) and the lack of his bandmates seeing his body have led to an adjoining urban myth that Jim's not dead at all, just happily away from the spotlight.





Jimi Hendrix

James Marshall Hendrix needs no introduction here, as his precious few years' worth of recorded music continue to enthrall and inform us all to this day.

It's hardly a revelation to say that Hendrix had a relationship with a wide variety of drugs, but what is perhaps more surprising is that his death was an accident of altogether less sensational ingredients.

Jimi was used to self-medicating his way through the rigours of touring life with cocktails of booze, LSD, amphetamines and occasional heroin. It's documented that he was a very chill guy mostly, but became quite a nightmare when he'd had too much alcohol.

On the night of his death in London, he ate dinner in his room with his girlfriend Monika Danneman, took a sleeping pill and went to bed. He never woke up.

Here's the verdict of the coroner, as reported by the New York Times in 1970:

"LONDON, Sept. 28 (AP)—A London coroner returned an open verdict today on the death of Jimi Hendrix after a pathologist testified that the rock star had died of suffocation.

The coroner said there was insufficient evidence to suggest that Mr. Hendrix had taken his own life. The coroner's court heard medical testimony that the singer-guitarist had taken nine times the normal dose of sleeping tablets.

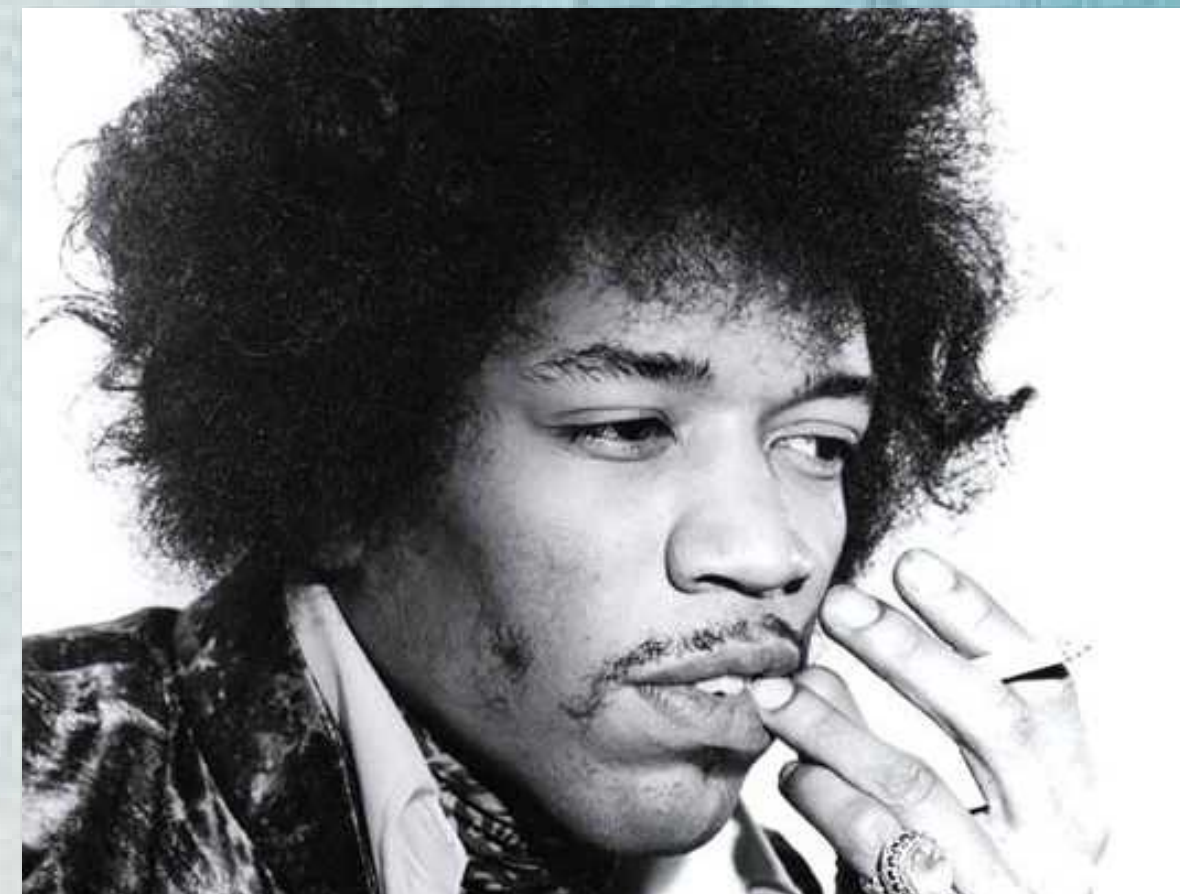
The verdict meant that the court was unable to decide the exact reason for Mr. Hendrix's death in London 10 days ago.

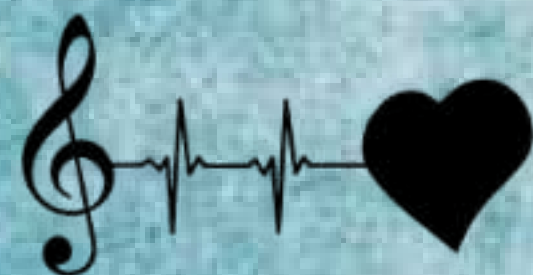
Prof. Donald Teare, a pathologist, said Mr. Hendrix, who was 27 years old, had died as a result of having swallowed vomit caused by barbiturate poisoning. He said there was no evidence that the singer was a drug addict".

Brian Jones

We all love a spooky story, and the death of Brian Jones is just one of a few that surround the Rolling Stones. The others we can keep for the future, but Jones' death is one of rock music's great unanswered mysteries, and occurred when he was 27.

Brian Jones, fellow guitarist to Keith Richards (who himself described Jones as 'an asshole!') and founding member of the Stones, had become so much of a burden with his drinking and drugging that he was kicked out of the band in 1969. Imagine Keith Richards thinking that you're taking too many drugs? Anyway, less than a





month later, Jones was found dead, floating in the swimming pool of his country manor.

The mystery really gets going once you learn that Jones had some workmen living on site with him as they did up his home, and frequently socialised with the star. Given the relatively common knowledge that Jones was frequently unpleasant to people and, very tellingly, that Keith himself has suggested in the past that maybe a prank had gone wrong in his pool, was Jones' death indeed an accident, but an accident of somebody else's? Was foul play involved? One interesting point to not is that the coroner's report stated drowning 'in freshwater', no chlorinated swimming pool water. Jones' property had a fresh water trough not far from his pool...

There are books and Netflix documentaries to study if you feel like it, but all I can say for sure is that Brian Jones was 27 years old and his demise was ruled as 'death by misadventure'.

Kurt Cobain

Cobain's band Nirvana had become a sensation, one of the biggest bands in the world, and the world was at Cobain's feet. Years of striving for success had brought him to the place he'd always wanted to be, and what he found brought him to a level of despair he wasn't able to live with.

Lots of people say lots of things about Kurt's situation, from certain other musicians calling his lifelong stomach cramps an invention for attention, to various conspiracy theories abounding that his famously divisive and turbulent wife Courtney Love had him assassinated. The truth is no less interesting, but it is less sensational, and infinitely sadder. Cobain lived with depression for much of his life and had in fact survived a suicide attempt a month earlier in Rome. He'd told friends that his stomach pains were so intense during Nirvana's 1991 tour that taking "heroin was the only thing that's saving me from shooting myself right now".

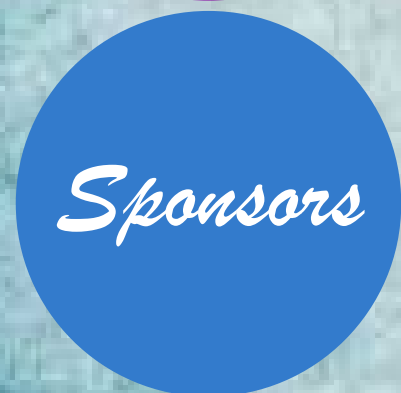
Sadly, that's just what happened in April of 1994, when Cobain ended his life at home in Seattle after taking a combination of drugs and then using a shotgun. The voice of his generation was dead at 27.

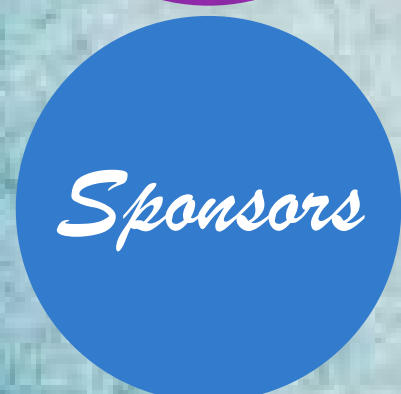
It's a fascinating and sad bunch of stories for sure, but let us not forget one basic fact here: there is no such thing as the 27 club. It's just a few coincidences pulled together from the innumerable triumphs and tragedies at play throughout the world, and given some sort of faux-significance due to the fame of those involved.

Here's a take away for you, though: as brief as these people's stars shone, shone they certainly did. They made their mark on culture, on history and on art. They didn't live long, and some of them didn't live very happily, but all of them left tremendous gifts for everyone left behind. For that, and for so much else, we can read this list today and be both thankful and grateful.

Steve Browning







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