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This week's 'Barnsley Chronicle' has an article about an unexpected revival of interest in the 1980s Wombwell band 'Party Day'. A record company has approached the band to release their 80s album 'Sorted'.

Band-member Carl Firth is quoted as saying that he "had consigned all this stuff to the shoebox of history", but it is not only among music fans that the band is remembered.

The photograph and poster shown here come from Barnsley Archives' collection of publicity material from the Civic Theatre, which was donated to the Archives shortly after the theatre's closure in 1998 and has recently been catalogued in detail.

The collection covers the years 1965 to 1998 and includes scrapbooks for the annual pantomimes, and programmes, posters and photographs for a wide range of acts which graced the stage over the years - from big names such as Ken Dodd, Larry Grayson, Lenny Henry, Billy Connolly, Norman Wisdom, Barbara Dickson and Elkie Brooks, through to local amateur operatic societies and local bands such as Saxon, Seventh Son, The Ward Brothers and Party Day.

The Civic Theatre collection is available for consultation, free of charge, at Barnsley Archives - the town's own giant "shoebox of history".

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