

## Party Day



Party Day were a goth/indie rock band formed in 1982 in Wombwell near to Barnsley, originally a four piece consisting of guitarists Martin Steele, Greg Firth, bassist Carl Firth and drummer, Mick Baker.<sup>[1]</sup> Their sound was described as being "hard knuckleduster goth with post-punk overtones".<sup>[2]</sup>

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### History

The band were formerly called 'Further Experiments' (1979–81)<sup>[1]</sup> but regrouped as Party Day in 1982. They released their first single, Row the Boat Ashore c/w Poison on their own label, Party Day Records in 1983,<sup>[1]</sup> and was well reviewed - "their simpering and delightful sound is a thing of beauty".<sup>[3]</sup>

Their second single, The Spider was described as "Excellent punk junk howl"<sup>[4]</sup> and was played on John Peel's BBC Radio 1.<sup>[5]</sup> We shall hopefully continue to see them rip up the roots of this bland desolate music industry.<sup>[6]</sup>

Much of Party Day's music was "very melancholic at heart but with a drop of venomous punk inside",<sup>[2]</sup> and as with their second album, Simplicity, their music stayed with you - "the attractive, though slightly over-wrought black sheep, "Glorious Days", which could have brought a lump to Mario Lanza's trousers.<sup>[7]</sup>

Party Day released Rabbit Pie on the compilation *Giraffe in Flames* Aaz Records<sup>[1]</sup> to worthy acclaim. "Highlight though is Party Day's effort, a meaty guitar based number, Rabbit Pie. The threesome are coming on by leaps and bounds and Giraffe in Flames is worth buying just for them."<sup>[8]</sup>

They had a strong following in Yorkshire, and were credited as being part of both the local scenes of Sheffield <sup>[9]</sup> and Leeds "No strangers to the local circuit, Party Day have gigged consistently for almost a year".<sup>[10]</sup>

After the first album, Glasshouse<sup>[1]</sup> there was a change in personnel with Martin leaving due to ill-health.<sup>[1]</sup> Other members came in, but by 1988 they broke up after abandoning their unfinished third album.<sup>[1]</sup>

Party Day were exciting to watch live; Sounds said "They roar along, driven by a good old-fashioned pumping drum-kit, and every so often one of those elusive moving chord-sequences falls into place, leaving you completely startled"<sup>[11]</sup> and also in the NME, "They hold their guitars like loaded AK47's. They throb".<sup>[12]</sup>

For Party Day, great success and major exposure were always just a step away.<sup>[13]</sup>

Since their demise there has been quite an interest in the band. They were included within Mick Mercer's book Gothic Rock: All you ever wanted to know but were too afraid to ask, published by Pegasus 1991 (UK) ISBN 1-873892-01-2 [Amazon-US | Amazon-UK] and Cleopatra Records 1993 (USA).

Also their song 'Atoms' has been included on a couple of later but favourable Gothic compilations, most notable with Germany's Strobelight Records.<sup>[1]</sup>

Party Day	
<b>Origin</b>	Barnsley, England
<b>Genres</b>	goth rock, indie rock, post-punk, gothic rock,
<b>Years active</b>	1982–1988
<b>Labels</b>	Party Day Records, Rouska Records, PIAS Recordings ( <i>Play it Again Sam Records</i> ), Torment Records, Strobelight Records.
<b>Associated acts</b>	The Danse Society, Creatures of Habit, Second Coming.
<b>Past members</b>	Mick Baker - drums (1982-88) Martin Steele - guitar, vocals (1982-85) Carl Firth - bass, vocals (1982-86) Greg Firth - guitar (1982-83) Dean Peckett - guitar, vocals (1985-88) Paul Nash - guitar, vocals (1986-88) Shaun Crowcroft - bass (1986-88)

## Discography

### Singles

- Row The Boat Ashore c/w Poison (1983, Party Day Records)
- Spider c/w Flies(1984, Party Day Records)

### EP's

Glasshouse EP (1985, Rouska Records)

### Albums

Glasshouse (1985, Party Day Records)

Simplicity (1986, Party Day Records)

### Compilations

- 'Party Day' on Real Time 5 (1983, Unlikely Records [cassette])
- 'Rabbit Pie' on Giraffe in Flames (1984, Aaz records [12" vinyl])
- 'Rabbit Pie' on Band-It No. 14 (1984, [cassette magazine])
- 'Athena' on Four Your Ears Only (1984, Play it Again Sam [12" vinyl])
- 'Opium Gathering' on Raw Red Heat (1984, Flame Tapes [cassette])
- 'Spider' on Raging Sun (1985, Rouska Records [12" vinyl])
- 'Borderline' on Bites and Stabs (1985, Torment Records [12" vinyl])
- 'Let Us Shine' on Torn in Two (1986, Torment Records)
- 'Let us Shine' on Zarah Leander's Greatest Hits (1987, Rouska Records [CD])
- 'Atoms' on Strobelights Vol.3 2006 Strobelight Records [CD]
- 'Atoms' on Return of the Batcave - Vol. 1 (2008, internet only [CD])

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## External links

- Party Day - official website
- Party Day discography at Discogs

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