

The Black & Wight Tour¹

Friday 27th June 2008

to

Sunday 29th June 2008

¹ As covered by Simple Minds, The Stranglers, The Pointer Sisters and The Hives!



Shanklin Hotel

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Itinerary

Friday 27th June 2008

14:30 Depart Weybridge
18:00 Arrive at Hotel
19:00 Dinner at Hotel

Saturday 28th June 2008

08-09:00 Breakfast in the Hotel
-Free time in Shanklin-
10:45 Load coach for 11:00 departure from the Hotel
11:30 Arrive in Cowes
-Free time in Cowes-
13:30 Set up for concert on Cowes Bandstand, The Parade
14:00 Concert in Cowes
16:30 Coach leaves Cowes
17:00 Coach arrives back at Hotel
-Free time in Shanklin-
18:30 Coach picks up party to travel to Ryde
19:00 Vineyard tour (or dinner at hotel for those not going)
21:30ish Coach returns the drunken remnants of the "Vineyard" party to the Hotel

Sunday 29th June 2008

08-09:00 Breakfast in the Hotel
-Check out of the Hotel by 10:30² -
-Free time in Shanklin-
14:00 Travel to Rylstone Gardens
14:30 Set up for concert at Rylstone Gardens, Shanklin
15:00 Concert Rylstone Gardens
18:00 Coach leaves Shanklin for return trip to Weybridge
22:00 Arrive back at Weybridge.

19:30 Ferry return to Portsmouth

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² The driver will remain with the coach, so it will be safe to leave instruments and bags on the coach.

A Grockle's (visitor) Guide to the IOW

The Isle of Wight is situated south of the county of Hampshire and is separated from mainland England by the Solent. Popular since Victorian times as a holiday resort, the Isle of Wight is known for its natural beauty and for its world-famous sailing based in Cowes.

The Island has a rich history including its own brief status as a nominally independent kingdom in the fifteenth century. It was home to the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson, and Queen Victoria built her much loved summer residence and final home Osborne House at East Cowes. The Island's maritime and industrial history encompasses boat building, sail making, manufacture of flying boats, the world's first hovercraft and the testing and development of British space rockets. It is home to the Isle of Wight International Jazz Festival, Bestival and the recently revived Isle of Wight Festival, which, in 1970, was one of the largest rock music events ever held.

Shanklin is a popular seaside resort and civil parish³ on the Isle of Wight, England, just south of Sandown on the south coast. The old village and the chine are its main attractions along with the sandy beach. The esplanade along the beach is occupied by hotels and restaurants for the most part, and is one of the most tourist-oriented parts of the town. The other is the Old Village, at the top of Shanklin Chine.

The main shopping centre consists of two roads, Regent Street and High Street, which comprises the largest retail area in the south of the Isle of Wight, significant for tourists but also as an amenity for residents.

Separated by the River Medina and linked by a chain ferry, the Isle of Wight's most northerly towns of **Cowes** and East Cowes are steeped in maritime heritage.

Cowes is a Mecca for yachtsmen and hosts many national and international events. During the sailing season the waterfront is a kaleidoscope of colourful sails, whose focal point is the Royal Yacht Squadron.

East Cowes is the terminus of the car and passenger ferry from Southampton. The town has its own small shopping centre, lively marina and seafront promenade. It is also home to Queen Victoria's magnificent Osborne House.

JPMorgan Asset Management Round The Island Race is the largest and most famous yachting race in the world. The race starts and finishes at Cowes on Saturday and covers a 50 mile course around the Isle of Wight. Some of the biggest names in the sailing world compete with weekend sailors and family crews in this annual yachting extravaganza.

³ At least it was until BCB arrived!

A Player's Guide for Keeping Conductors in Line

1. Never be satisfied with the tuning note. Fussing about the pitch takes attention away from the podium and puts it on you, where it belongs.
2. When raising the music stand, be sure the top comes off and spills the music on the floor.
3. Look the other way just before cues.
4. Never have the proper mute, a spare set of strings, or extra reeds. Percussion players must never have all their equipment.
5. Brass players: drop mutes at every opportunity, especially when the conductor is giving instructions. Percussionists have a wide variety of dropable items, but cymbals are unquestionably the best because they roll around for several seconds.
6. Loudly blow water from the keys during pauses (Horn, oboe and clarinet players are trained to do this from birth).
7. Long after a passage has gone by, ask the conductor if your C# was in tune. This is especially effective if you had no C# or were not playing at the time. (If he catches you, pretend to be correcting a note in your part.)
8. Wait until well into a rehearsal before letting the conductor know you don't have the music.
9. Look at your watch frequently. Shake it in disbelief occasionally.
10. Tell the conductor, "I can't find the beat." Conductors are always sensitive about their "stick technique", so challenge it frequently.
11. When rehearsing a difficult passage, screw up your face and shake your head indicating that you'll never be able to play it. Don't say anything: make him wonder.
12. If your articulation or timing differs from that of others playing the same phrase, stick to your guns. Do not ask the conductor which is correct until backstage just before the concert.
13. Find an excuse to leave rehearsal about 15 minutes early so that others will become restless and start to pack up and fidget.

.... and finally

What's the difference between a bull and an orchestra?

The bull has the horns in the front and the asshole in the back.

What do you have when a group of conductors are up to their necks in wet concrete?

Not enough concrete.

What's the difference between a symphony conductor and Dr Scholl's footpads?

Dr Scholl's footpads buck up the feet.

What is the ideal weight for a conductor?

About 2 1/2 lbs. including the urn.

BCB Isle of Wight Round Island Quiz

1 - You're ready to set off from Ryde towards Osborne Bay and think of stopping off to visit Queen Victoria's country retreat, Osborne House.

But do you know in which year Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert died?

A 1860 B 1861 C 1870 D 1866

2 - Which of the following Wightlink ferries travels from Lymington to Yarmouth daily?

A Cenred B St Catherine C Our Lady Pamela D St Cecelia

3 - The Needles are three chalk rocks, there used to be four but which year did the fourth rock fall into the sea?

A 1980 B 1764 C 1853 D 1905

4 - What ride will get you wet at the Blackgang Chine?

A Wet 'n' Wild B Waterfall C Wild Slide D Water Force

5 - What did the Commandos during World War Two use Shanklin Chine for?

A Training Ground B Hide Out C Assault Course D Shooting Range

6 - Which king built a fort to protect Sandown from potential invaders?

A King Richard I B King Charles I C King Henry VIII D King Henry VII

7 - Which Historic Building is located in Bembridge?

A Windmill B Castle C Cathedral D Watermill

8 - What other animal is famous at Flamingo Park?

A Seals B Crocodiles C Otters D Penguins

Joker's Corner

How do you make a double bass sound in tune?

Chop it up and make it into a xylophone.

How do you get two piccolos to play in unison?

Shoot one.

Two musicians are walking down the street, and one says to the other, "Who was that piccolo I saw you with last night?"

The other replies, "That was no piccolo, that was my fife."

Why is a bassoon better than an oboe?

The bassoon burns longer.

What is a burning oboe good for?

Setting a bassoon on fire.

How do you get an oboist to play A flat?

Take the batteries out of his electric tuner.

How many clarinetists does it take to change a lightbulb?

Only one, but he'll go through a whole box of bulbs before he finds the right one.

What's the definition of "nerd?"

Someone who owns his own alto clarinet.

What's the difference between a saxophone and a lawn mower?

A- Lawn mowers sound better in small ensembles.

B- The neighbors are upset if you borrow a lawnmower and don't return it.

C -The grip.

What's the difference between a baritone saxophone and a chain saw?

The exhaust.

The soprano, not being smart enough to use birth control, says to her saxophonist lover, "Honey, I think you better pull out now."

He replies, "Why? Am I sharp?"

Why can't a gorilla play trumpet?

He's too sensitive.

What's the difference between a bass trombone and a chain saw?

A- Vibrato, though you can minimize this by holding the chain saw very still.

B - It's easier to improvise on a chainsaw.

Eight Wonders of the Isle of Wight

Needles you cannot thread
Freshwater you cannot drink
Cowes you cannot milk
Newport you cannot bottle
Lake you can walk through and stay dry
Ryde where you walk
Newtown which is very old
Winkle Street where there are no wrinkles!

Fascinating Facts

- A new species of cat-like dinosaur, yet to be named, was discovered on the Isle of Wight in 1988. The 12ft long creature was equipped with murderous claws, razor sharp teeth and unusually long hind legs on which it ran like the wind.
- PLUTO - Pipeline Under The Ocean. During World War II, pipeline was laid from the mainland, via Southampton, across the Solent and then across the Island to pumping stations at Sandown and Shanklin. Two lines were laid, in case one failed. At Shanklin, the pumphouses were concealed in the bomb-scarred buildings of the Esplanade near the cliff lift. The pipeline ran from there along the pier and then across to France. In the event, fuel was not piped across the channel until after the D-Day invasion took place, the Shanklin line failed and very little fuel was piped from Sandown, but this should not detract from the enormity and ingenuity of the operation.
- Did you hear about the alto saxophonist who was so out of tune the section noticed?
- Following the success of the film “March of the Penguins” in 2005 someone thought that it’d be really good to have a real penguin as a pet. Toga the Jackass Penguin was stolen from the Isle of Wight Zoo and, to this day, has never been found.

Joker's Corner Too

How do you know when a trombone player is at your door?

The doorbell drags.

What is a gentleman?

Somebody who knows how to play the trombone, but doesn't.

What do you call a trombonist with a beeper and a cellular telephone?

A optimist.

What is the difference between a dead trombone player lying in the road, and a dead squirrel lying in the road?

The squirrel might have been on his way to a gig.

How can you tell which kid on a playground is the child of a trombonist?

He doesn't know how to use the slide, and he can't swing.

What is the difference between a french horn section and a '57 Chevy?

You can tune a '57 Chevy.

Why is the French horn a divine instrument?

Because a man blows in it, but only God knows what comes out of it.

What's the range of a tuba?

Twenty yards if you've got a good arm!

How many tuba players does it take to change a light bulb?

Three! One to hold the bulb and two to drink 'till the room spins.

These two tuba players walk past a bar...

Well, it could happen!

What does it mean when a guitar player is drooling out both sides of his mouth?

The stage is level.

How many guitar players does it take to change a light bulb?

Twelve. One to change the bulb and eleven to say they could do it better.

In the 22nd century, how many guitar players will you need to replace a light source?

5 -1 to actually do it, 4 to reminisce about how much better the old tubes were.

How many jazz musicians does it take to change a light bulb?

A - None. Jazz musicians can't afford light bulbs.

B - "Don't worry about the changes. We'll fake it!"

How do you turn a duck into a soul artist?

Put it in the oven until its (it's) Bill Withers.

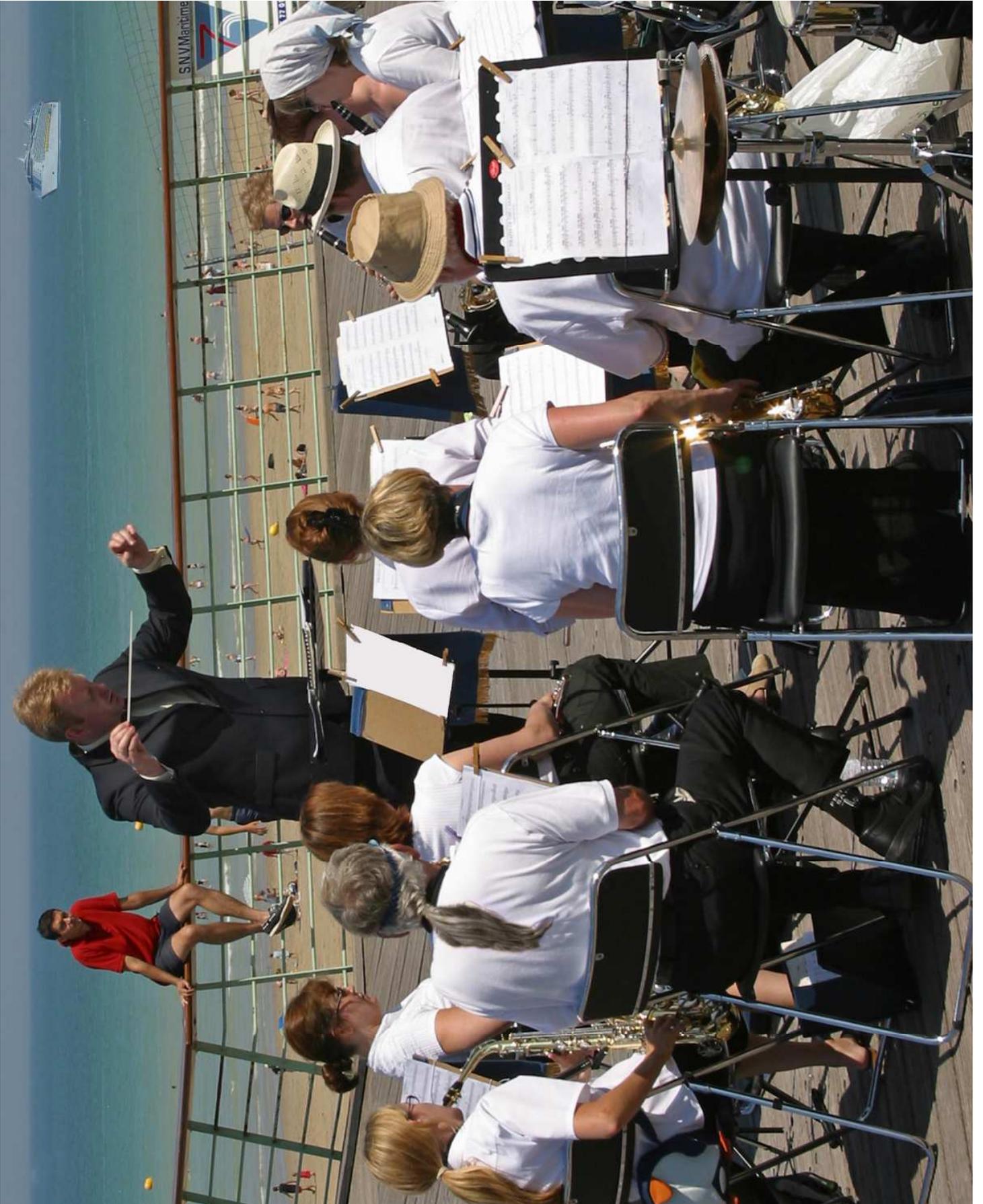
What's the difference between a seamstress and a french horn player?

The seamstress says "Tuck the frills."

Spot the Difference

Can you find 10 differences between these two pictures?





Complete at your leisure.....

I-Spy Spotters Guide to the Isle of Wight Ferry

Tick your “spots” off as you see them and if you get them all, maybe, just maybe, there’ll be a prize from Big Chief I-Spy....

- 1 – “Fast Cat” catamaran – 5 points
- 2 – Hovercraft – 5 points or 10 points if it’s on land
- 3 – The yellow buoy marking the original resting place of the Mary Rose – 10 points
- 4 – Sea Forts – 2 points each
- 5 – More than 4 male members of BCB with pints in their hands – 1 point
- 6 – A Red Ensign – 2 points each

7 – _____

8 – _____

9 – _____

10 – _____

Isle of Wight Songbook

- 1 - Ticket to Ryde
- 2 - Uptown Top Shanklin
- 3 - Put yer money where Yarmouth is
- 4 - Mustang Sally (“*Ryde, Sally! Ryde*”)
- 5 - Needles & Pins
- 6 – Didn’t we have a lovely time the day we Ventnor Shanklin?

7 – _____

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10 – _____

Afterthought:

Small wonder we have so much trouble with air pollution in the world when so much of it has passed through saxophones.