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American Rhythm & Blues In England 1962 - 1966
The Photographs of Brian Smith

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It is my melancholy duty to let people know that Brian Smith passed away on December 11th 2025.

Brian had been facing a number of medical issues throughout the year and undergoing a lot of treatment, tests and scans. This rarely stopped him emailing (we exchanged pictures of his office building where he worked back in the Sixties only a few days ago - the council having decided to knock it down, prompting Brian to remember that when the staff first moved in it almost fell down due to poor foundations), but I know he was fed-up that hospital visits prevented him from doing more to promote the book. However the universally wonderful reviews and comments it got really cheered him up.

As a lot of Brian's friends and contacts will be on this mailing list, it seemed the best way to pass on the sad news. We will also put a note on the web site. I am in touch with members of Brian's family and if we hear about a service or memorial will let people know. I was literally hours away from sending a regular newsletter out, but will now do that in the new year. There are some magazine tributes planned already and we will keep on top of those as well.

I will end by saying that knowing Brian these last few years while we worked together on the book was a real pleasure. None of my questions was ever too trivial and usually prompted lengthy recollections, which he then apologised for wasting my time with! But for me the detail from these stories is what helped give the book such depth. Brian's photographs will of course stand as a testament to his lifelong enthusiasm for the music and musicians, a remarkable depth of knowledge and that undoubted skill as 'the fan with a camera'. Maybe even more important was his personable nature which helped him gain access to so many concerts in the first place, and made him so many good friends across the years.

Our condolences to his wife Shirley and family.



This is one of my favourite shots of Brian (on the right) back at the Twisted Wheel, surrounded by his mates, including Roger Eagle on the far left.



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