

Friday Brown advert The Willows - 1973

ENTERTAINMENT AT The Willows Variety Centre

Sat. 11th November GREENGAGE DOUGY KAYE TINA JANE DANCING TO THE RESIDENT TRIO Admission 20p to Members—Guests 40p. Sun. 12th November Linda Leyton and The Statesmen Admission Free to Members—Guests 20p. Mon. 13th November Willowsound Disco Admission 5p to members—15p to guests Tues. 14th November KEN GOODWIN CHUCK FORD THE SILVER SET MALCOLM POWELL TICKETS—60p from office. Thurs. 6th November Terry Gore and His Showmen Lilian Gray Dancing to the KAYTONES Tickets 30p. Friday 17th November Dancing to THE KAYTONES and THE FONTAINS Admission Free to Members—Guests 20p. Sat. 18th November BRIAN ROSSI Wed. 22nd November RONNIE DUKES and RICKI LEE Tickets 50p. Thurs. 23rd November BILLY J. KRAMER Tickets 40p. Wed. 29th November BARBARA LAVV Tickets 40p.	Thurs. 30th November THE GRUMBLEWEEDS Tickets 50p. Wed. 6th December THE BERNARD MANNING SHOW Tickets 30p. Wed. 7th December CLIVE LEE Tickets 50p. Tues. 12th December Caribbean Evening. Tickets £1.25 Wed. 13th December THE CARAVELLES Tickets 30p Thurs. 14th Dec. FRIDAY BROWN, GEORGE ROPER Tickets 60p. Wed. 20th December WARM SENSATION Tickets 50p. Thurs. 21st December Caribbean Evening Tickets £1.25 Friday 22nd December LUNCHTIME BUFFET — CABARET — DANCING Tickets £1 including buffet KINGS SHOWGROUP JOHNNY MORE Friday 29th December Dancing to THE CARIBBEANS Tickets 75p
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Tickets for all shows are available from the Social Club office.

THE Salford Football Social Club will now be known as the WILLOWS VARIETY CENTRE. The late licence which allows drinks to be served until midnight applies only to the Cabaret Room, i.e. the existing concert room bar, the long bar, and the new bar. The V.P. bar, men's bar and the bars downstairs will operate as before.

Dining tables can be reserved for all mid-week shows, and on Fridays and Saturdays.

Gentlemen are requested to wear collars, ties and coats.

Well before my time this. It was around these years that The Willows social — in Weaste, Salford — was voted the best in club land. The club was largely financed by brewers Greenall Whitley and Brian Snape, chairman of Salford Rugby League Football Club.

The featured advert is in an November 1973 issue of 'Salford Scene'; the match day programme for Salford RLFC (now known as Salford City Reds). As you can see from the cover, Salford were the reigning Rugby League champions.

Snape, also used his wealth to bring the best players to The Willows. The player pictured with the First Division Championship trophy is David Watkins, a cross-code international and a legend in both Rugby League and Rugby

The instantly recognised names here are Billy J. Kramer and comedians; Bernard Manning, Ken Goodwin and The Grumbleweeds.

In 1970-71, Friday Brown recorded an easy-listening album for Philips, which included covers of Nilsson's "Everybody's Talking", The Beatles' "Let It Be" and Simon & Garfunkel's "Sound Of Silence".

The Fontains are also listed. They were a gigging bluesy cabaret band through the 1960s and 1970s who notably supported The Kinks and Eric Clapton.

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