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## **Jeff's a hit at top music show**

Saddlers' chairman Jeff Bonser revealed his musical secret past when he popped into a friend's show at a Walsall Council venue.

The club chairman called into see Steve Jenkins' exhibition at Walsall Museum, Lichfield Street.

The show features scores of gold discs and memorabilia gathered during a glittering career that has spanned more than three decades.

Jeff took time out to take a look at the show which has proved a hit with visitors.

He said: "It's a great exhibition. I'm flabbergasted by it. Steve had to move away from Walsall to get success in his chosen field and I'm delighted that he is getting due recognition from Walsall Council."

Music and football has always been a passion of him and Steve, Jeff said.

He said: "I actually formed a skiffle band in the late 1950s when it was all the rage. We were known as The Worried Men and I was a guitar player. We didn't sell any records but we may have played the odd gig."

Rock n roll was also a major influence with Jeff often turning to music from the 1950s and 1960s, he revealed.

He said: I remember the Bill Haley 'Rock Around the Clock' tour in the fifties and the impact that had. I remember seeing the Beatles in Wolverhampton in the Sixties. They were a band who changed music.

"But I also love Joe Brown who has played a New Year's Eve gig at Bescot Stadium."

Steve said he was pleased to be able to invite Jeff to the show.

He said: "I've always said 'No Jeff, no Walsall Football Club.' It really is that simple. He has done an awful lot for the club over the past two decades and I'm really pleased we were able to show Jeff around."

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Tim Challans, Walsall Council assistant director for leisure and culture, said he was delighted with the impact the show has made.

He said: "We are very proud of Steve. He has shown that his passion which was fostered in Walsall has achieved international success.

"We have enjoyed visits from an array of talent from the pop world such as Billy Ocean and Pete Waterman. It's also been good to see someone who has contributed so much to Walsall also coming along as many other Walsall residents have done."

The exhibition features artefacts gathered during Steve's career which includes more than 160 top 40 hits including acts such as Kylie Minogue, Steps, Justin Timberlake, Backstreet Boys, The Stone Roses and 2 Unlimited.

Steve's exhibition 'Kylie, Britney, Justin and Me' which is being run in conjunction with Walsall Council is being staged at Walsall Museum, Lichfield Street until March 3.

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