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Looking at life with our ever-popular columnist

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As the World Cup builds to its finale on Sunday I have been looking back at memorable moments.

Not of this one, but of World Cups past.

Sweden 1958 was the only time all four home nations of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, qualified. In Chile 1962 England had a decent team but were beaten in the quarter finals by Brazil. The squad included Roger Hunt, Bobby Moore, Bobby Charlton and Ray Wilson who were still there for England 1966, the only time we won the World Cup.

For me this was memorable because of a press conference I attended at the Imperial Hotel, Blackpool.

Manager Alf Ramsey announced the squad would get £1,000 per man win bonus when they lifted the World Cup. And he stressed they would win.

Oh how we laughed.

Oh how we cheered when it happened.

Mexico 1970 had the wonder save by Gordon Banks from Pele's header and Pele and Bobby Moore swapping shirts at the end of a game England should have won.

West Germany 1974 was memorable because Scotland were knocked out in the group stage despite being unbeaten. England hadn't qualified and we didn't qualify for Argentina 1978, either.

High spots in Spain 1982 were the England squad's song 'This Time We'll Get It Right (they didn't)' and Kevin Keegan's hair. Mexico 1986 was infamous for Maradona's Hand of God and Italy 1990 was famous for Paul Gascoigne's tears.

England didn't qualify for United States 1994 but Ireland did and Ray Houghton scored the goal that put Italy out of the tournament.

In France 1998 David Beckham was sent off against Argentina. In Korea and Japan 2002, David Seaman let in a soft goal against Brazil and England were once more out in the quarter finals.

Germany 2006 and England again made the quarter finals but this time it was Wayne Rooney who was sent off as Ronaldo winked.



MAGIC MOMENTS

I'm taking a nostalgic look back at World Cups past

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South Africa 2010 was most memorable, from an England point of view, because of the noise of the vuvuzelas.

And so to Brazil 2014 which has been notable for surprises, brilliant football and wonderful goals.

Let's hope Sunday's final between Germany and Argentina does not disappoint.

The world was watching ...

OLD friend Sue Papworth has a problem that has been exacerbated by the success of the Tour de France through Yorkshire which looked wonderful in the television coverage.

'Aye up world,' said the sign held by one Tyke.

The trouble is that the world might well respond.

Which leads me to Sue's problem.

"For over two years, I've been trying (and failing) to find a self-catering bungalow somewhere in the county, or even leaking over the border into adjoining ones if desperate, which can accommodate a woman who is allergic to gas and

travels with a mobility scooter.

"I've not been anywhere for two years and I'm getting stir-crazy. Surely I fit somewhere in Yorkshire? Thing is, now we've really blown it. We've let

everyone else on the planet

(and possibly beyond) take a look at Yorkshire and so next year the place will be stuffed. And so will I.

"Is there anyone out there knows of a 2/3-bed holiday bungalow or flat which is gas

free?

"Or keeps its oil or gas boiler in the garage or next door. Coast, Dales, moors, Wolds, wherever. I'd be more than happy to hear of it so I can get in quick, before the aliens on bicycles."



... but that doesn't help our Sue

THE legendary Joy Division played their only Huddersfield gig at the Coach House Club on September 22, 1978.

And Julian Riley, a researcher for a Joy Division website, is looking for memories about both the concert and the venue.

Joy Division was a post punk band that came out of Salford in the late 1970s.

Their acclaimed lyricist and vocalist, Ian Curtis, suffered epilepsy. His illness and personal problems caused him to commit suicide in 1980.

The remaining three members of the band changed their name to New Order and went on to even greater success.

"Last year, I published a lengthy piece on Joy Division's Yorkshire gigs, including a mysterious show they played at 'The Coach House,'" says Julian.

He visited the town and was told the site of the Coach House was now occupied by The Lord Wilson bar.

Sorry, Julian. That's not the Coach House.

At that time, I was covering rock for the Examiner. The town had an incredibly vibrant music scene with many live venues, including

When the Unknown Pleasures of Joy Division came to town



■ The Lord Wilson – was this the site of the Coach House Club? And (right) Ian Curtis, of Joy Division



Ivanhoe's, West Riding, Albion, White Lion and the Polytechnic Great Hall.

The Coach House was below the junction with Zetland Street, next to a music shop and King Street Fisheries which at that time sold the best fish and chips in town.

If my calculations are correct, the location of the club would now be about where Costa Coffee is in the central mall of the King Street shopping centre.

The club was run by, I think, a gentleman called Arthur Lacey,

who always wore a dress suit, a frilled dress shirt, a bow tie as big as a vampire bat and a gallon of Brut aftershave. He was a nice bloke.

The premises had three floors and the sort of carpets where your feet stuck if you stayed in one place too long.

Does anyone have any photographs or memories of the club? Can they identify its location? Better still, was anyone at the Joy Division gig? Send to the usual address.