

# MERTHYR TYDFIL 1955-75

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## MID TO LATE 60s

### The Villains

The Villains playing at a performance when the people of Aberfan said thank you to the emergency services. This concert took place in the village early 1967 and features Keith Sussex on vocals.

### The Five of Diamonds

“Uncle Graham looks too cool for school.”



Keith Sussex and The Villains performing to the people of Aberan in 1967. (Photo Courtesy of Stuart Davies)



The Five of Diamonds Performing at Cyfarthfa Park in 1967. (Photo Courtesy of Owen Williams)



### THE FIVE OF DIAMONDS

A group fast making a name for itself, that's the 'Five of Diamonds'. The average age of the group members is 16 and, therefore, they have plenty of time to decide whether they will turn into fine professional artists... or rock-and-roll stars... or even... and dances all over South Wales and with the audiences they attract, it's no wonder they get return bookings... They are currently looking for the right number to record, and when they get it, they have been promised a release... so who knows what the future holds for the 'Five of Diamonds'.

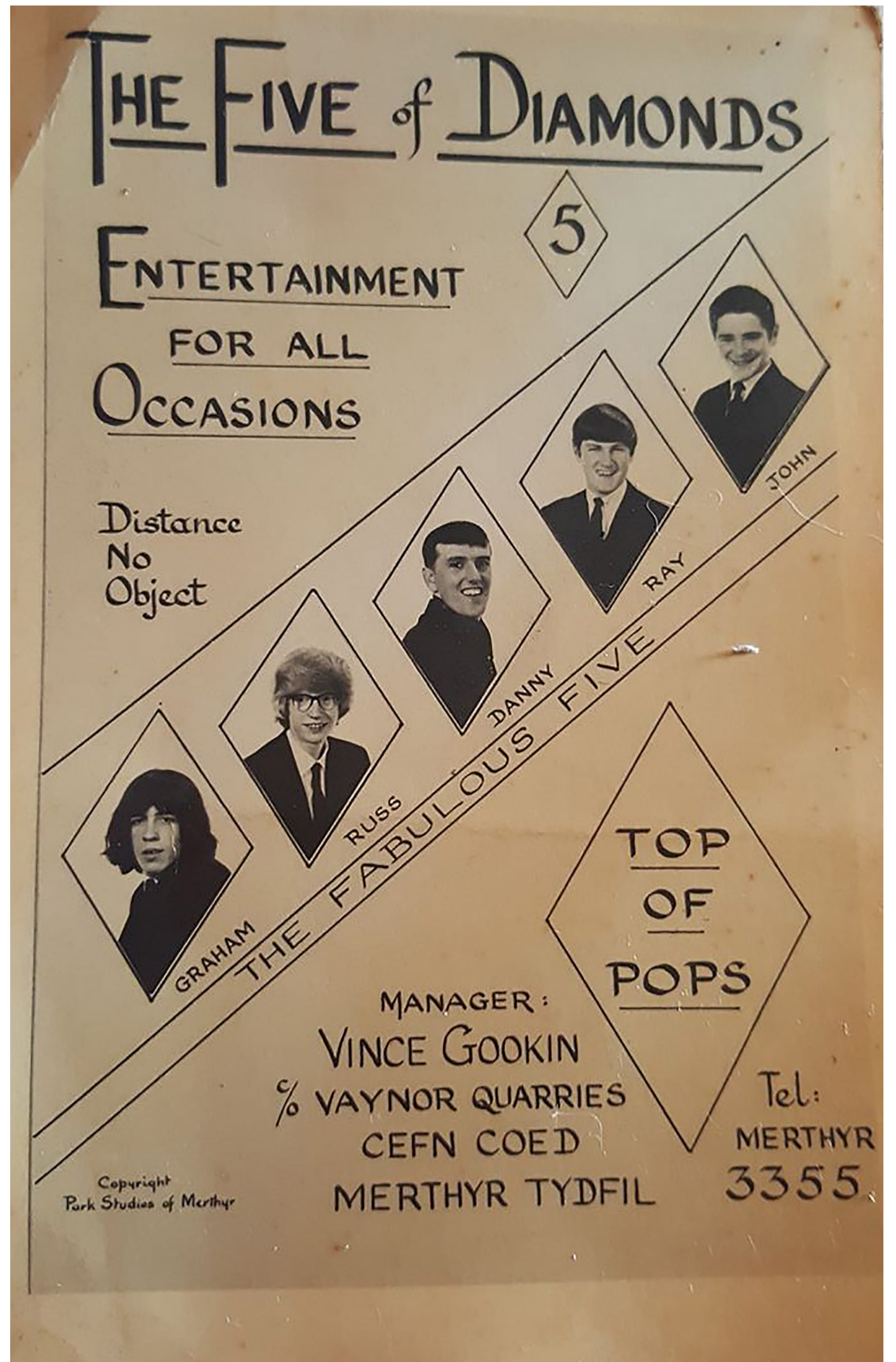
Line Up.	
Danny Foley	Vocalist Age 17 Plant Operator at Vaynor Quarries.
Russell Guppy	Lead Guitar Age 17 Machine Operator at local factory.
Derek Thomas	Rhythm Guitar Age 15 Apprentice Fitter, Taf Fechan Water Board.
Graham Williams	Bass Guitar Age 17 Apprentice Engineer.
John Crimmins	Drummer Age 15 Works at Frozen Food Co.

### THE DESTFINADOS

This group was formed only 6 months ago, in its present state, although the DESTFINADOS were formed 4 years ago. The bass guitarist was in the group from the beginning, and has seen many changes in his group since the start. However, he decided that the group in its present formation had the sound that he'd been trying to achieve, and they have worked very hard to achieve the polished performance the group now gives its audiences.

Line Up.	
Alan Edwards	Bass Guitar/Vocalist Age 19 Apprentice Gardener.
Leonard Edwards	Rhythm Guitar Age 17 Painter.
Ronnie Mason	Lead Guitar Age 19 College Student.
Stephen Morris (Duster)	Drums Age 17 Scaffold.

Page from programme featuring The Five of Diamonds performing at Cyfarthfa Park in 1967. (Photo Courtesy of Owen Williams)



Publicity Poster for the Five of Diamonds. (Courtesy Emma Foley)