

A TOWN hit all the right notes as it celebrated its part in musical history.



Rhyl came alive to the sounds of the sixties with the High Street transformed into Beatles Street.

The special event - organised by Rhyl Town Council and featuring local tribute band The Cavernites - marked the occasion the band played in Wales for the first time.

The Beatles played in the town's Rhyl's Regent Dansette Ballroom, now home to Burton and Dorothy Perkins on Saturday July 14, 1962, heralding the start of what was to become Beatlemania.

The Cavernites turned back the clock to that day, with hundreds of shoppers enjoying classic Beatles hits. A team of stilt walkers added to that atmosphere, giving visitors the chance to take sixties selfies.

Rhyl Mayor Cllr Alan James said: "A blue plaque marks the spot where The Beatles performed but not everybody is aware of the role Rhyl played in the band's history. Their high street performance came ahead of Beatlemania and was the band's first visit to Wales.

"We're pleased to have been able to bring a little of that magic back with The Cavernites – a local tribute band with a national following who brought their best of The Beatles to Rhyl for our event."

At the time of their first Rhyl performance, *The Beatles* line-up was John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and drummer Pete Best who left the band a month after their appearance at the Dansette.

Glenn Mitchell of The Cavernites said: "Rhyl has a rich Beatles history with the band staying at The Westminster Hotel for their first show here. It's always a pleasure to play in our home town and to bring a little of this history to life."

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