

Retiring Ron

Growing old disgracefully

September 26

August gave another round of celebrations, both personal and public. One more magnificent wedding. Congrats Kenny and Antonia. Little Leon got christened in Sheffield. Cool city, picturesque suburbs.



Sixtieth Notting Hill Carnival!

It was the 60th Notting Hill Carnival and also the 70th anniversary of London Transport recruiting from the Caribbean community to work in their steaming hot carriages. Yes, we come from a tropical climate, but stop keeping them at furnace level throughout the hottest summer on record.



My first year was 1973, aged 15



Even the great Muhammad Ali came to Ladbroke Grove back in the day

10 years ago



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Guess where we are?



With my breddren Everett, a decade back



Always packed, it gets more popular every year





Even the Scousers came down for it



A conductor and bus driver, early recruits from the Windrush generation c1960



Scrubbed up nicely for Leon's christening in Sheffield



Sheffield has a lovely vibe and so many landmarks close by



On the way to Sheffield I spotted the Harry Potter space is still popular at King's Cross Station

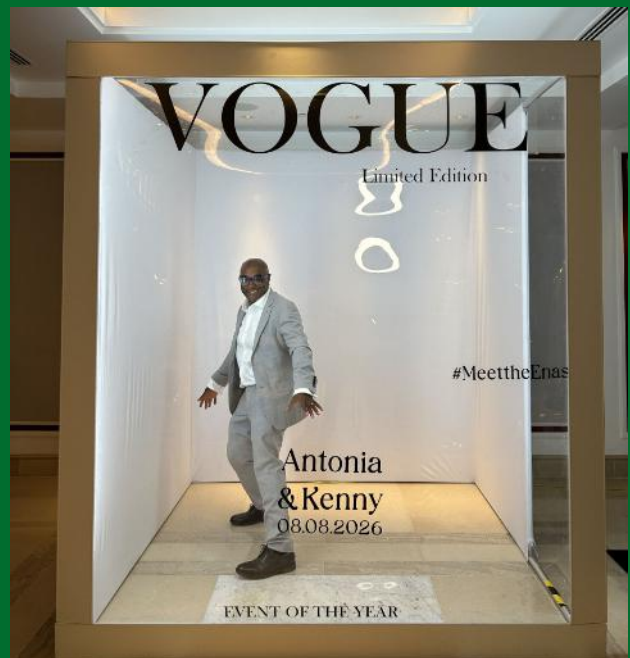


Antonia and Kenny All Star's wedding at Westminster Cathedral. Kenny loves Chelsea. Top man





Windrush rum is blended in Jamaica and Dominica. It's amazing





Jamaica celebrated Independence Day August 6



Nuff niceness in Brixton





Artist Vicky calls her creation, including her costume, 'Flags saved from landfill'



Homeless Alexander sells books on the tube. His slick sales patter literally earned a fiver from me



Professor Jason Arday vigil, Trafalgar Square. Thousands came to show love and compassion to counter racism and negativity



And I will always love you, always love you



Props to former heavyweight champ Derek 'Sweet D' Williams in sticking to his promise to his late bestie James Cook to keep the Pedro Boxing Club going



Antonio Banderas is brilliant in 'Tony', the cinema biopic on celebrity chef Antonio Bourdain. It's funny and absorbing



Ruff Cutt band celebration in Ladbroke Grove. Artists sang Studio One and Trojan classics



Met up with the super smart and talented Sheryl. A Gooner but a really nice one

My first visit to Germany and what an unexpected pleasure! Tube travel there is effectively free for tourists as there are no barriers. But they do charge to use the station loos so maybe that's their way of getting revenue. Taking the piss.



Frankfurt to visit Uncle Ato and his son Pierre. Uncle came from Dominica for a short holiday



Outside the Eintracht Frankfurt stadium. Mural of cult hero Tony Yoboa is still there 30 years later!



Yoboa murals are all over town in fact



Cousin Pierre or Thierry Henry?



Which one is he?



Moved on to Munich. First stop Bayern Munich's Allianz Stadium where we won the 2012 Champions League. Against Bayern!





Then it was the Bob Marley and the Wailers museum





The two backing singers got distracted by the paparazzi



Munich Olympic pool



Grabbed him at Munich airport. I didn't want to lego

Back to Twickenham, my childhood stomping ground, for a 60s bash. And lots of motor shows even though when it comes to motors I couldn't carless.



Twickenham had a fun 60s retro afternoon





Legends who performed here include The Stones, Bowie, The Who, Rod Stewart, Pink Floyd and Eric Clapton



Sooty made a celebrity appearance with his mum



This 100-year-old lady was already middle-aged back in the 60s!



Paul is a natural go-go dancer



Brothers for six decades - Ronnie, Paul, Jerry...present



At Gibo's 60th... 2023



Next-door neighbours 1967



Wisdom of the Ages YouTube TV interview with Oli.

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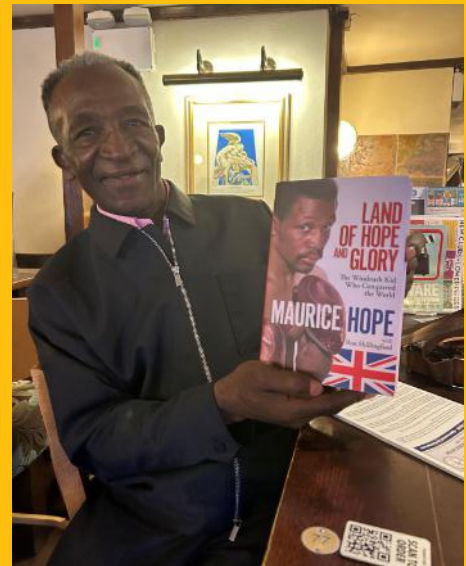
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Launch party of the BlackLifted film festival, hosted by always bubbly Michelle Brooks



More cars. In top gear at the British Motor Show, Farnborough. Thanks for the tickets Jacko





At the Chels, actors Jordan and Willinho went off to the Orange Turd's manor to be big stars and Billy Kai Hei celebrated a birthday. We've started the season unbeaten but a toughie at the Arse looms. But with a proper keeper now, a sounder defence and the best front three in the biz, we'll still kill it this season.



The tours crew waved off two talented actors



Will and Jordan are now in Washington DC starring in 'The Score' play with Brian Cox. Break a leg fellas



Chike and Derek typically kept the anecdotes flowing



Iskandar and Tom (Sherwood Forest Sheriff) enjoying my curry goat, rice'n'peas. Happy birthday Tom



Charlie enjoyed his goat dinner too





Billy Ka Hei gave a thumbs up to all who came to his birthday knees up



Billy was happy that Fiona allowed us to play with our phones



Watching the Chels beat Real Sociedad with Dominic, Tony (Hammers fan!) and Alwyn



With Gareth General. We give the new Blues the full thumbs up



Jerry came along to the Bridge to enjoy seeing Luton booted out of the Caraboa Cup. Hatters were mad



We started in the Rose & Ball



Gareth loves bossing it on flag duty. I'm calling the king to get my breddren a knighthood



Paul Canoville, Chelsea's first black player, always entertains fans

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from you all.***

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