



EX-Shadow set for copyright windfall

Law change will return rights for Fifties hits

By MARTIN WILLIAMS

A GUITARIST from North Wales who played bass for Cliff Richard, Tommy Steele and Eddie Cochran yesterday backed a 20-year extension to music copyright laws.

Under current rules, Brian Locking, a session player who joined The Shadows in 1962, would not receive a penny in royalties for his work before 1958 because under European Law a performer's copyright is currently limited to 50 years after the release of the recording.

However, almost all other creators, including composers, authors and photographers, enjoy a copyright for life, plus 70 years posthumously.

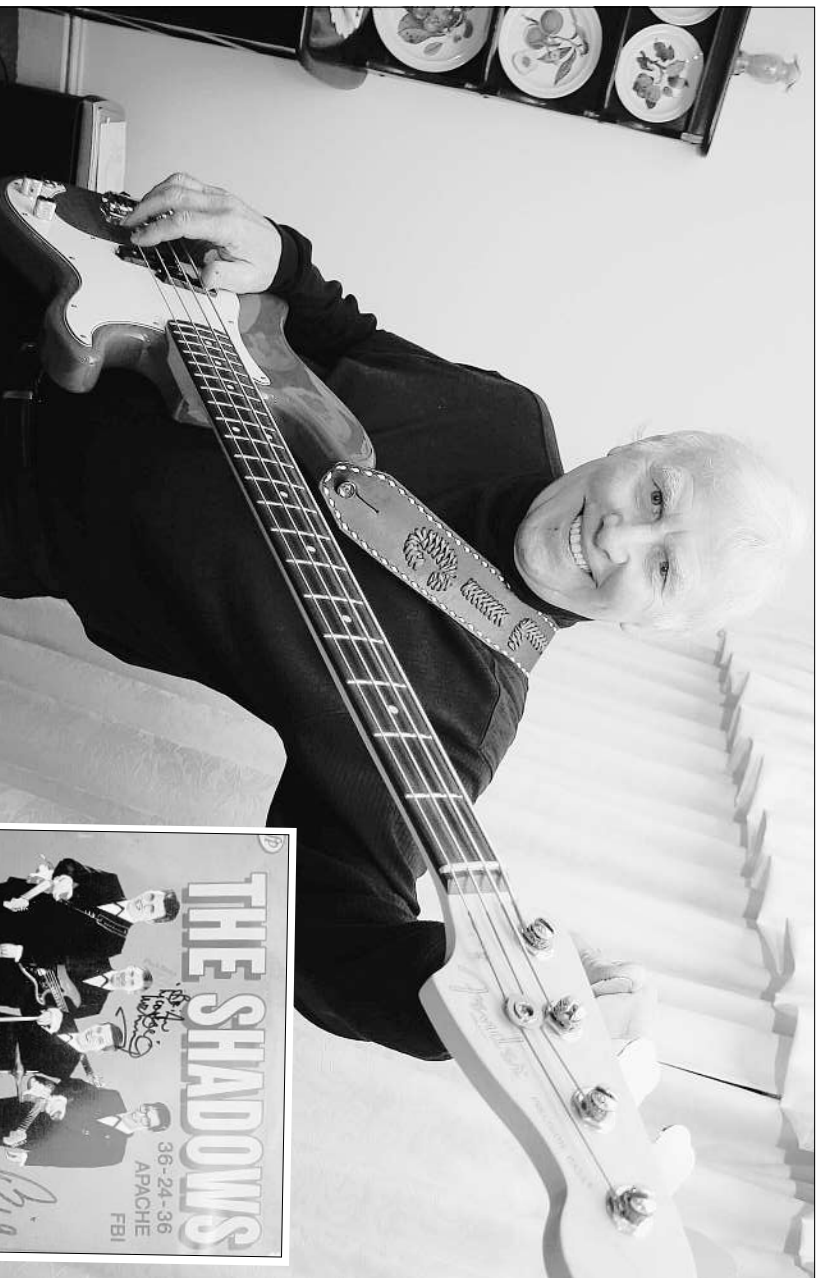
Culture Secretary Andy Burnham this week put forward new legislation extending the copyright to 70 years, meaning Brian, from Bodfari, and fellow musicians, will finally get the credit they deserve.

"It's great that we've finally got the backing of the Government, this has gone on too long," said Brian, who is widely credited as the man who introduced Cliff Richard to Christianity.

"It's great stuff, because now I should hopefully get some royalties for the work I did with The Shadows and other stars."

The stars he mentions include Marty Wilde, Gene Vincent, Tommy Steele and Donovan.

"I played bass on most of Cliff's big songs of that era – Bachelor Boy, Lucky Lips, Summer Holiday – you name one of



Former Shadows member Brian Locking (second left on album cover) is backing a copyright law change to give musicians rights on hits for at least 20 years longer than the present 50-year limit. Main picture: ROBERT PARRY JONES rj181208locking-7



his golden hits and I will have been on it. I've no idea how much people will receive now but it's not about the money, it's about recognition.

"This will be a massive boost for musicians all over Europe."

Brian showed his support for the Fair Play for Musicians campaign by joining 38,000 in signing a petition urging the Government to back the directive. Earlier in the month, they also sent a video message filmed at Abbey Road to the Prime Minister.

The video features 29 musicians who

have worked with the likes of the Beatles, Frank Sinatra and Madonna.

The campaign worked, and Mr Burnham said this week: "It's only right that someone who created or contributed to something of real value gets to benefit for the full course of their life."

"We must ensure that any extension delivers maximum benefit to performers and musicians."

Under current laws, the copyright is about to expire on Sir Cliff's earliest hits, like his 1958 song Move It.

Geoff Taylor, the chief executive of the

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Double trailer theft prompts police warning

POLICE in Denbighshire are warning the owners of trailers to be vigilant following a pair of thefts.

During the past few days two trailers have been stolen from properties in the Ruthin and Maeshafan areas.

A North Wales Police spokeswoman said inquiries are under way and officers are keeping an open mind as to whether they are linked.

She said: "Officers are urging the owners of trailers in the area to be vigilant and to ensure trailers are stored securely – in a garage or shed – and are security marked."

● Anyone with information regarding the recent thefts is asked to contact Denbigh Police Station on 0845 6071001 (Welsh language line) 0845 6071002 (English language line) or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Death car pensioner blinded by sun

By LAUREN TURNER

AN 81-year-old war veteran was yesterday fined £1,000 for killing two elderly friends by plunging into them in his BMW.

Edwin Woods was driving to an optician's to collect a pair of glasses when he was dazzled by the sun, striking Doreen Morgan, 74, and 73-year-old Sylvia Sotley.

The pair, returning to their OAP apartments in Oakfield, Cwmbran, from a nearby chip shop, suffered multiple injuries in the October 3 accident and died later in hospital. Woods, of Oakfield Road, Oakfield, Cwmbran, admitted two counts of causing death by driving without due care and attention at Abergavenny Magistrates' Court and was banned from driving for 10 years.

Andrew Manners, defending, said: "He was approaching the brow of the hill and he was momentarily blinded. He did not see the ladies at all."

Woods, a great-grandfather, was driving within the 30mph speed limit but accepts a more competent driver may have slowed down "to a crawl", Mr Manners said.

He added: "It was a tragic clash of consequences – the sun casting its shadow, the ladies crossing the bridge at that moment – that led to the tragic accident."

Mr Manners said the pensioner, who lives alone, is "very sorry", and added: "He will live with this for his remaining days." Woods was fined £500 for each offence.

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