



**SUMMER SPECIAL  
GOLDIGGERS 'BEST NIGHTCLUB IN THE SOUTH-WEST'**

*Having a great time -! Wish you were here. So why not join us. FREE ENTRY every Wednesday 8-12, Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights before 10.30. Fill in this card and bring it with you for entry into our nightly draw for a bottle of bubbly.*

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**THURSDAY 9-1am FRIDAY 9-2am SATURDAY 9-2am**  
GOLDIGGERS, TIMBER ST., CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE. (0249) 656444

Promotional Postcard for Chippenham Nightclub "Goldiggers"  
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Finding this postcard brought back many happy memories. In the early 80's my friend and I attended a concert at the venue. The Headliners were the band Hot Chocolate, led by Errol Brown. The support band was "Zen" a band based in Bournemouth, Dorset.

The concert was a standing one from and during the support bands set my friend and I noticed the guitarist of Hot Chocolate out front watching the support band. We managed to get to chat to him and from that night formed what is a lasting acquaintance. That particular tour my friend and I managed to see the band live all over the country often as backstage guests. During this time we became friends with the members of the support band too.

We saw the band in Goldiggers twice over a few years.

Researching the venue I came across a list of artists who appeared at the club:-

5 June 1981: Showaddywaddy  
15 October 1981: Showaddywaddy  
16 October 1981: Showaddywaddy  
17 October 1981: Showaddywaddy  
20 December 1981: Gillan  
16 April 1982: Showaddywaddy  
10 May 1982: Elvis Costello and The Attractions  
25 August 1982: Iron Maiden  
28 January 1983: The Stranglers  
25 March 1983: The Damned; Anti-Nowhere League  
21 January 1984: Gary Moore (televised - BBC Sight and Sound In Concert)  
21 February 1984: The Thompson Twins  
10 March 1984: The Style Council  
12 March 1984: Marillion  
21 November 1984: Phil Lynott's Grand Slam  
27 February 1985: The Smiths; James  
03 April 1985: Level 42  
20 October 1985: Madness  
02 June 1985: Wishbone Ash  
9 July 1985: The Damned; The Fuzztones  
27 September 1987: Public Image Limited  
03 November 1992: The Prodigy

The bands below appeared but dates are not confirmed:

1980-1982: Hot Chocolate  
1983: Tom Robinson  
1983: Eric Burdon and The Animals (televised - BBC Sight and Sound In Concert)  
March 1984: The Style Council (recorded a live album at the venue)

Other artists that appeared are listed but dates are unknown:-

10cc  
Bad Manners  
Boomtown Rats  
Dave Edmunds  
Greg Lake  
Lenny Henry  
Little and Large  
Nine Below Zero  
Slade  
Wishbone Ash

In 1984 the club was acquired by Richard Branson, becoming part of the Virgin Entertainment Group. The club was used as a venue for the BBC Sight and Sound programmes.

Virgin Group sold the club in the late 1980s and by the 1990s Goldiggers was part of the rave scene.

However the club started to go into decline and finally closed in August 2000.

The building was demolished in 2004 with the plan to build luxury flats on the site.

If anyone can add dates or has photos, tickets, programmes for any of the gigs listed then please contact the website administrator.