I have recently been reading a book about the Gateway Club, which closed in 1985. There are several mentions of Dusty’s visits, and she seemed to have one heck of a time whilst there. I am sure she would have felt comfortable and ‘private in the surroundings of The Gateway.

Barbara X

Hi Barbara

Would you be so kind as to give us the title. I’ve read very little about Dusty at this famous club. And I'd really like to read the book in any case.

Memphis

Ever since we met...

Hi Memphis! Yes, gladly. I bought the book on Amazon Marketplace about 2 months ago. The Title is ‘From the Closet to the Screen’ Women at the Gateways Club, 1945-85' by Jill Gardiner. The Club was, of course, used in the film ‘The Killing of Sister George’ and the photograph of two of the leads in this film are on the front. A very enjoyable book and I really hope you are able to buy it. Let me know if you are successful.

Barbara X

I read the book some years ago and also recommend it. The book is mostly told in the words of the women Gardiner interviewed, so you get first hand accounts of social history. There’s not much about Dusty in it, but you get a real sense of the club and how it evolved over the
There's something in my soul that will always lead me back to you.

memphisinlondon
Where am I going?

Thank you very much, Barbara and Nancy. I have just ordered a small stack of books including Jill Gardiner's. One thing always leads to another on Amazon!

memphisinlondon

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Mark

Out of interest does anyone know what the basement that was Gateways is used for today?

MercyMe

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Barbara X

Isparks18

On Amazon cheapest copy is $41.00! Think I'll pass on this and spend on real Dusty stuff.

Linda

Linda - on Amazon UK the prices for secondhand copies start at £7 (about $11). Even with postage might this not be considerably cheaper?
Anyway just a thought!
Rosie x

"she's a sweetheart except when she's moody/it's hard to get through to her then..."

Rosie-Thanks for the info. I will give it a look.
Linda

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Mark

Thank you for that link Mark....most interesting. Being a Coral Browne fan I do have 'The Killing of Sister George' and most of the pictures on that website were from the film, or the book 'From the Closet to the Screen', which I also have. The door to the Gateway was, at one time, green and it was thought by some that Frankie Vaughan's 'What's Behind The Green Door?' was a reference to The Gateway. Would love to see some photographs if you manage to get them.
Barbara X
Originally posted by MercyMe

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