

## Charlie Brown's - 158 Cumberland St.

In June 1965 the City of Toronto granted a license to Mrs. Barbara Johnson to open a coffee shop at 158 Cumberland St., the former site of the Inn of the Parking Lot. Shortly thereafter it opened as Charlie Brown's, with the Ugly Ducklings the featured opening band. From then until early 1967 the "Ducks" were the house band unless they had gigs elsewhere in Ontario, or were on tour. The club didn't last long; it appears to have closed in February '67. As did other coffee shops and clubs in this transitional time, it experimented with various music genres. In addition to R&B; folk and rock musicians could be found there.

Updated: October 17, 2022

### 1965

Jun 10	In a Globe article titled "Yorkville to Add 3 Coffee Houses"	G&M Jun 10 <sup>th</sup> p.5 The Metropolitan Toronto Licensing Commission "awarded licenses to Mrs. Barbara Johnston for 158 Cumberland St., site of the former Inn on the Parking Lot"
Jun 12-14	<b>The Ugly Ducklings</b>	From Dave Bingham's book <i>Noise from the North End</i> , p.58, referencing a flyer the band distributed before the gig: "GRAND OPENING - CHARLIE BROWN'S .... Introducing The UGLY DUCKLINGS, Friday June 12 - Sunday the 14 <sup>th</sup> . Cover charge \$1, First 20 people get in FREE! Door Opens at 8 p.m., music 9-12 p.m.". The book also references a display ad in the Tely's After Four section - to be added in this space after the COVID.
June	Other groups are brought in	Again from <i>Noise from the North End</i> , p.74, setting the stage (literally) for a series of other groups through the summer that alternated with the Ducks as they played suburban gigs.

Jun 25-26      **Swingin' Steptones**

Tely Jun 24<sup>th</sup> p.11 An  
“After Four” display  
ad: dancing in the  
“Juke-O-Teque Room”



Jun 29<sup>th</sup>      Recorded music and “Top Groups”

Tely Jul 29<sup>th</sup> p.14 “After Four” classifieds: again The “Juke-O-Teque Room”. Dancing weekdays to records, Sat and Sun to top groups. The Beethoven Room features classical music by stereo. One Group, **Mild and Bitter** is referenced in Bingham’s book (p.74-75). Robert Clumpus on Facebook commented: “My friend Martin Kelly told me that Kenny Brown passed this year (2020). I watched him and my brother Ron start their first band the Mild and Bitter in my basement at St. Andrews Rd. I would help them with equipment and watch them play At the Mynah Bird when Neil was there and Charlie Browns when The Ducks were there. They played Friday and the Ducks played Saturday.

Jul 1-3      **The Whisky Sours**

Star Jun 30<sup>th</sup> p.41 display ad

Aug 13-15, 20-22, 27- 29	<b>The Sparrows</b>	Tely Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column and following weekends: The Sparrows "warble" Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 pm
Sep 3-5	<b>The Ugly Ducklings</b> (Fri /Sat) with <b>Mild and Bitter</b> (Sun)	Tely Sep 4 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column: "known in Toronto as "the Village Group" specialize in rock music. The Beethoven Room still upstairs with classical music. <b>Mild and Bitter</b> added from Dave Bingham's book.
		Tely Sep 18 <sup>th</sup> 4th "What's Going On" column: scan too blurry. From here through the fall and winter the Ducks are advertised with some regularity, clearly remaining the house band
Oct 15-16	<b>The Plague</b> (folk)	G&M Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> p.12 <i>"Sunday (the 17<sup>th</sup>) visitors are invited to bring their own records and listen to music in the Beethoven Room."</i>
Oct 29-30	<b>Terry Scott and the Tenants</b>	G&M Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> p.14
Nov 5-6	<b>The Ugly Ducklings</b>	G&M Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> p.12
Nov 12-13	<b>The Lovells</b>	G&M Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> p.14
Nov 19-20	<b>The Ugly Ducklings</b>	G&M Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> p.12
Nov 26-27	<b>The Outcasts of King City</b>	G&M Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> p.14
Dec 3-4	<b>The Shades</b>	G&M Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> p.14 "... a North Toronto rock group"
Dec 10-11	<b>The Ugly Ducklings</b>	G&M Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> p.14
Dec 17-18	<b>The Whisky Sours</b> (Fri) <b>The Shades</b> (Sat)	G&M Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> p.14
Dec 26	<b>The Shades</b>	G&M Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> p.10
Dec 31	<b>The Ugly Ducklings</b>	G&M Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> p10

## 1966

1966	<b>The Ugly Ducklings</b>	In Dave Bingham's <i>Noise from the North End</i> Chapters 9-14. For much of the year and possibly into 1967 when Charlie Brown's closed, when not traveling, they remained the house band. They appear to have required no advertising. For the Ducks, 1966 appears to have been seminal.
Jan 7-8	<b>The Shades</b> (Fri and Sat)	G&M Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> p.12
Feb 4-5	"Rock 'n' roll"	G&M Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> p.14
Feb 18-19	<b>Bob Gibson</b>	G&M Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> p.14: moving back to folk singing.
Mar 11-12	<b>Mild and Bitter</b>	G&M Mar 11 <sup>th</sup> p.14 again folk
Mar 18-19	<b>All Five</b> a rock and roll group (Fri) with <b>Five of a Kind</b> (Sat)	G&M Mar 18 <sup>th</sup> p.14 then back to rock
Mar 25-26	<b>The Plague</b> (folk)	G&M Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> p.14
Jun 17-18	<b>The New Breed</b> (blues)	G&M Jun 17 <sup>th</sup> p.12
Jun 24-25	<b>The Place</b> (blues)	G&M Jun 24 <sup>th</sup> p.12
Jul 22-23	<b>The Knacks</b> (folk)	G&M Jul 22 <sup>nd</sup> p.10
Jul 29-30	<b>The Wee Beasties</b>	G&M Jul 29 <sup>th</sup> p.10 <a href="http://www.canuckistanmusic.com/index.php?maid=595">http://www.canuckistanmusic.com/index.php?maid=595</a>
Aug 12-14	<b>The New Breed</b> (Fri) <b>The Wild Children</b> (Sat) <b>Birds of Paradise</b> (Sun)	G&M Aug 12 <sup>th</sup> p.10
Sep 8-11	<b>The Creeps</b>	

Sep 16-17	<b>The Collectors</b>	G&M Sep 16 <sup>th</sup> p.12
Sep 30-Oct 1	<b>The New Breed</b> (Fri) <b>The Hyreafter</b> (Sat)	Tely Sep 29 After Four classified p.12
Oct 7-9	<b>The Masters Five</b>	Tely Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> After Four classified p.12
Oct 14-15	<b>The Wee Beasties</b> (Fri) <b>The Collectors</b> (Sat)	Tely Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> After Four classified p.12
Nov 4-5	<b>The Wee Beasties</b> (Fri) <b>These Things</b> (Sat)	Tely Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> After Four classified p.12
Nov 11-12	A "16 hour dance" with four groups; letting the display ad speak for itself	Tely Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> p.12 After Four classified

**16 HR. DANCE!**

**2 p.m. Fri., 6 a.m. Sat.**

**Nov. 11th Nov. 12th**  
(Continuous)

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**Great Groups**

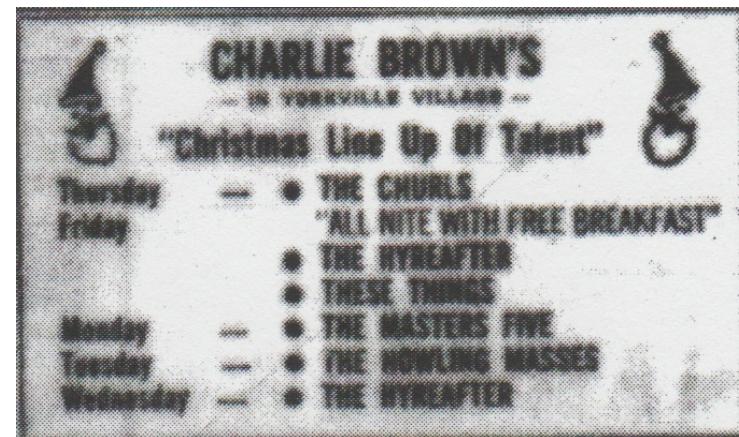
1. THE WEE BEASTIES
2. THESE THINGS
3. THE NEW BREED
4. THE COLLECTORS

Breakfast At 5 a.m.

**CHARLIE BROWN'S**  
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**Coffee House**

158 Cumberland St.  
YORKVILLE VILLAGE

Dec 3	<b>These Things</b> and <b>The New Breed</b>	Tely Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> After Four classified p.10 "Saturday 9 pm until dawn"
Dec 9-10	<b>The Wee Beasties</b> (Fri) <b>The New Breed</b> (Sat)	Tely Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> After Four classified
Dec 16-17	<b>The New Breed</b> (Fri) <b>The Hyreafter</b> (Sat)	Tely Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> After Four classified, p.10
Dec 23-24, 26-28	<i>"Christmas Line Up Of Talent"</i> display ad	Tely Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> After Four classified, p.10



Dec 29-13	<b>The Few</b> (Thurs) <b>The Collectors</b> (Fri and New Years Eve)	Tely Dec 29 <sup>th</sup> After Four classified, p.8
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## 1967

Jan 26	Display ad in Telegram	Jan 26 <sup>th</sup> After Four classifieds p.11 Jon Lee and the Checkmates Big News is Out. New Home is ....Charlie Brown's
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Jan 29	<b>Jon and Lee &amp; The Checkmates</b>	
Feb 10-12	<b>J.F. Review</b> featuring <b>Mary Ann Brown</b> and the <b>Good Things</b>	Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> After Four classifieds p.10
Feb 17-19	<b>New Breed</b>	Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> After Four classifieds p.10
Feb 24-25	<b>Mary Ann Brown</b> and the <b>Good Things</b>	Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> After Four classifieds p.10
Mar 23	Globe classified ad	G&M Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup> p.33: "158 Cumberland St., terrific location good for any business. Immediate possession. So we can assume, ends Charlie Brown's
Mar 26	Globe article by Ron Haggart	G&M May 26 <sup>th</sup> p.7 refers to a " <i>recently operated coffee house at 158 Cumberland St. (that) constituted a nuisance .... and resulted in property damage to the premises owned by their clients.</i> "
April 21-22	<b>These Things</b> (21 <sup>st</sup> ) <b>The London Fog</b> (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	In the Tely Apr 20 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> After Four Classified sections, ads appear announcing the opening of the <i>Boobyhatch</i> on site previously occupied by Charlie Brown's. The new club may not have lasted long. No further advertisements have been found in the Telegram microfilm archives or in online searches of the Globe & Mail or Toronto Star.
April 28-29	<b>These Things</b> (28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> )	



Oct 2

CHUM Chart October 2, 1967

**The Ugly Ducklings with Gaslight at Number 1**

Good Old CHUM, a Canadian (Toronto) group at number 1 and an American group featured in their Pop Pix

**CHUM HIT PARADE**  
week of OCTOBER 2, 1967

this week		last week	
1. GASLIGHT	Ugly Ducklings	Yorkville	2
2. NEVER MY LOVE	The Association	WB	4
3. LITTLE MAN	Bill Cosby	WB	5
4. WILL YOU LOVE ME TOMORROW	Tommy Sigler	Decca	8
5. DANDELION WE LOVE YOU	Rolling Stones	London	1
6. GIMMIE LITTLE SIGN	Brenton Wood	Apex	25
7. THE LETTER	Box Tops	Quality	6
8. HOW CAN I BE SURE	Young Rascals	Quality	12
9. HEY BABY	The Buckingham	Columbia	22
10. PEOPLE ARE STRANGE	The Doors	Allied	29
11. I MAKE A FOOL OF MYSELF	FRANKIE VALLI	LONDON	7
12. HOLE IN MY SHOE	THE TRAFFIC	STONE	18
13. HIGHER & HIGHER	JACKIE WILSON	BRUNSWICK	11
14. I'M A CHICKEN	BOBBY WILSON	CAPitol	9
15. MEMPHIS SOUL STEW	KING CURTIS	QUALITY	31
16. CHILD OF CLAY	JIMMIE RODGERS	A&M	25
17. I'M A BIG LOVE	LUU	EPIC	5
18. CAT IN THE WINDOW	PETULA CLARK	WB	24
19. COME BACK WHEN YOU GROW UP	BOBBY VEE	LONDON	14
20. I'LL BE BACK IN LOVE AGAIN	THE DOORS	London	1
21. I HAD A DREAM	PAUL REVERE & RAIDERS	COLUMBIA	10
22. THE LAST WALTZ	ENGELBERT HUMPERDINK	LONDON	38
23. I'LL GET ON UP	SONNY & CHER	ESSEX	13
24. IT MUST BE HIM	VICKI CARR	CARAVAN	33
25. I'D ROLL OVER	PETER, PAUL & MARY	WB	16
26. YOU PRECIOUS MELL MUSIC	DAVIE WATSON & JANNY	MOTOWN	32
27. LIGHTNING'S GIRL	NANCY SINATRA	REPRISE	46
28. APPLIED PEACHES PUMPKIN PIE	JAY & TECHNIQUES	SMASH	23
29. 500 LEVEL PERFORMERS	JAY & TECHNIQUES	SMASH	23
30. REFLECTIONS	DIANA ROSE & SUPREMES	MOTOWN	21
31. YOU KEEP RUNNING AWAY	FOUR TOPS	MOTOWN	26
32. SOUL SURVIVORS	SONG SURVIVORS	QUALITY	43
33. EVEN THE BAD TIMES ARE GOOD	THE SUPREMES	EPIC	48
34. SAN FRANCISCAN NIGHTS	ERIC BURDON	MG M	27
35. GO GO GO	GENE & DEBBIE	QUALITY	46
36. GUNNY BROADWAY	WILLIE NELSON & PIGETT	QUALITY	17
37. I CAN SEE FOR MILES	THE WHO	DECCA	20
38. GETTING TOGETHER	TOMMY JAMES	ALLIED	20
39. DO FIGHT, FELL IN LOVE	THE WHISPERS	HAPPENINGS	44
40. THE RAIN, THE PARK & OTHER THINGS	THE COWSILLS	MG M	—
41. LOVE BUG LEAVE MY HEART ALONE	MARTHA & VANDELLAS	MOTOWN	32
42. PRETENSIONS	MITCH RIVER	GUIDE	26
43. IF THIS IS LOVE	BILLY JOE ROYAL	COLUMBIA	—
44. WHAT NOW MY LOVE	DEL SHANAH	LIBERTY	—
45. HUSH	MAMA & PAPAS	ROG	29
46. I'M A WAY	DONOVAN	COLUMBIA	28
47. TWELVE THIRTY	ARETHA FRANKLIN	ATLANTIC	—
48. THERE IS A MOUNTAIN	STEVIE WONDER	MOTOWN	—
49. A NATURAL WOMAN	—	—	—
50. I'M WONDERING	—	—	—

**CHART CHUCKLE**  
An LP GOES TO BARBARA STROZAN, PARKWAY AVE., TORONTO, FOR SUBMITTING THIS CHUCKLE.

PREZ.: "I've just finished reading a book titled 'WHAT FIFTY MILLION WOMEN WANT'."  
McADOREY: "Oh, do they spell my name right?"

SEND YOUR FAVOURITE CHUCKLES TO CHART CHUCKLES, CHUM, TORONTO 7.

**CHUMDINGER #30**  
(THE RECORD THAT MADE THE BIGGEST JUMP THIS WEEK)

**HOT NEW HITS**

1. HEIGH-HO THE FIFTH ESTATE  
2. THE ATTITUDE THE SUGAR SHOPPE  
3. JUST ONE LOOK THE HOLLIES  
4. BEG, BORROW AND STEAL OHIO EXPRESS  
5. PLEASE LOVE ME FOREVER BOBBY VINTON

**HITS YEARS AGO**

1. LAST TRAIN TO CLARKSVILLE THE MONKEES  
2. SEE SEE RIDER ERIC BURTON & ANIMALS  
3. CHERISH THE ASSOCIATION  
4. WIPEOUT SURFARIS  
5. CHERRY CHERRY NEIL DIAMOND

**CHUM'S POP PIX**

JAY & THE TECHNIQUES are headed by Jay Proctor, a 26-year-old Philadelphia born vocalist. He played in other groups until helping to form the Techniques with friend Karl Landis. Other members of the group are Eddie Casper, George Lloyd, Dominic Gomes, Danie Lewis & John Walsh. All of them live in Allentown, Pa. and its environs. Dancho says his favorite foods are apples, peaches, & pumpkin pie.... and with good reason.

Personal collection

Nov 11

Toronto Star display ad

Star Nov 11th p.68 158 Cumberland is now a James Anthony (Coiffures) salon

**Data Collection**

These listings are a composite of what appeared in the Toronto Telegram's (the Tely) What's Going On listing in the Showcase Section and the Chum About Town listings in the After Four Sections and classifieds, augmented by electronic searches of the Toronto Star (Star) and Globe and Mail (G&M) archives from the 1965 on. Where I take words directly from a listing I use "quotation marks" and/or italics. Where I cite an article I reference the reporter if identified, as best I can.