

Stone Alone hits 70

Illustration: Bob Hoare



BILL WYMAN

- ▶ **Born:** October 24, 1936, in **Penge**, south London, as **William George Perks**
- ▶ **1950s:** Teaches himself bass guitar while working as a carpenter. Creates first fretless electric bass – which he plays in local band, **The Cliftons**
- ▶ **1962:** Hired as bass player for fledgling R&B band **The Rolling Stones** – his innovative fretless work influencing band's unique sound
- ▶ **1976:** Releases debut solo album **Stone Alone**
- ▶ **1981:** Solo hit single with **(Si Si) Je suis un Rock Star**
- ▶ **1989:** Opens **Sticky Fingers** restaurant, rock 'n' roll-themed bistro boasting vast collection of Stones memorabilia
- ▶ **1993:** Leaves Stones, focusing on books, archaeology, photography, and restaurant business. Marries third wife **Suzanne Accosta**, with whom he now has three young daughters
- ▶ **1996-2006:** Regular tours with new band, **Bill Wyman's Rhythm Kings**