

Mick Jagger – the early years



■ **Jul 3, 1969:** Jones drowns in pool at his home at age 27

■ **Jul 26, 1943:** **Michael Philip Jagger** born in Dartford, Kent. He is pictured above at age three

■ **1950-54:** Jagger and **Keith Richards** become friends at Wentworth Primary School. Jagger later attends Dartford Grammar School

■ **1961:** Jagger studies business at London School of Economics. Rekindles friendship with Richards over mutual interest in U.S. rhythm and blues

■ **Apr 1962:** Attending gig by **Alexis Korner's Blues Incorporated**, Jagger and Richards are impressed by jazz-influenced drummer **Charlie Watts** and guitarist **Brian Jones**. Jagger and Richards join Jones in fledgling blues-based band

■ **Jul 12:** Band debuts as **Rollin' Stones** at London's Marquee Club, with Jagger as singer, Richards and Jones on guitar, **Dick Taylor** on bass, **Ian Stewart** on keyboards and **Mick Avory** – later of **The Kinks** – on drums

■ **Dec:** **Bill Wyman** joins Rolling Stones after Taylor leaves to attend art school

■ **1963:** **Charlie Watts** joins Stones as drummer

■ **Apr:** Promoter **Andrew Loog Oldham** and **Eric Easton** sign Rolling Stones to management contract. By mid-May, Decca Records offer recording contract

■ **Jun 7:** Stones release debut single – cover of **Chuck Berry's "Come On"**

■ **Jul 5:** Stones dedicate free concert in Hyde Park to Jones. Line-up, left to right (*above*); Charlie Watts, new guitarist **Mick Taylor**, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Bill Wyman

■ **Jul 26, 2023:** **Still performing more than 50 years on, Mick Jagger celebrates his 80th birthday**