

# "All we hear is **radio JACKIE**"

You may have seen the film *The Boat That Rocked*, but do you know the real story? Darling spoke to Lucy Mayer, **107.8's** travel editor to find out more



Dave Owen (right) and a supporter pushing a fieldpram with a transmitter on it in the 60's!

If you turned on your radio in 1968, there were only three BBC stations to listen to.

By the mid 1960's the UK was surrounded by offshore radio stations. These were outlawed in 1967 and replaced by the new BBC Radio 1 which was trying to copy the pirates. But still no commercial radio and nothing in South West London...until 1969 and the arrival of Radio Jackie.

Unlike the other radio stations, Jackie was land based, operating out of areas including Wimbledon Common and Morden Hall Park. By 1982, supported by the MP for Mitcham and Morden, Angela Rumbold, Jackie went live 24/7.

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In 1984, the station enjoyed its 15th birthday party at the Dog and Fox in Wimbledon Village. However, just a year later, Jackie was taken off the airwaves. It would be a long 18 years before it finally obtained a license and set up base in Tolworth Broadway, its home today.

There are over 60 on air presenters whether it be in programming, news or travel. One of Jackie's biggest strengths is its local news. The team is constantly researching and chasing stories and interviews, all on top of doing live in house news 24 hours a day—something unique to a London radio station. This community minded station ensures that a regular info slot also takes place each hour broadcasting information about local charity events free

of charge. This way people that are deserving of advertising but cannot afford to, get free airtime.

One thing that has remained true to Jackie throughout the years from when the pirate station was shut down in February 1985 to when it re-launched 8 years ago. The doors are always open and the public is always welcome. All you have to do is stick your head around what is described lovingly in the office as the smallest door in the World, and within minutes you can be on a studio tour of what has always been the Sound of SW London.

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Dave Owen these days in the studio, lunchtimes weekdays on 107.8 Radio Jackie