

# LED ZEPPELIN

## WHEN THE “HAMMER OF THE GODS” CRUSHED BATH

Keith Lambert, UK Led Zeppelin fanatic and vocalist of tribute band, Simply Led, is researching his book, which will portray the band's concerts in the Bath area during 1969 and 1970. He has recently produced a similar keepsake for fans of the band in Northern Ireland where Led Zeppelin first premiered their anthem to be, 'Stairway To Heaven' at the Ulster Hall in March 1971.

Keith takes up the story; “Zeppelin played at the Pavilion as part of the Bath Festival in June 1969. By 1970, Zeppelin were shifting gear in terms of their live prowess. In fact, their appearance at the Shepton Mallet Showground in June 1970 is considered by many to be the band's best ever performance. This is the gig that really broke them into the UK market. It was a marathon set that lasted for almost three hours during which the band premiered numbers from their soon to be released third album. Prior to the 1970 Bath Festival, Led Zeppelin were receiving offers of \$250,000 to return to the United States but they chose to play at Bath instead”.



Jimmy Page 'bows' the crowd at the Bath Festival – June 1970

In addition to photographs, personal recollections, ticket stubs and posters, Keith plans to include reviews of the Bath shows in his book, hopefully aided by the discovery of tape recordings. Keith explains “Following an appeal on BBC Northern Ireland, I was able to track down a bootleg recording of their Belfast show and write a proper review of the concert. I really hope that the same can be possible for the Bath gigs and that somebody will get in touch with any information that may lead to this discovery. It's amazing how many shows were actually captured on tape, even in the early days. The quality of the recording really doesn't matter to me.

“The story didn't end there either as we were able to use the tape as a blueprint for our set which we played in celebration to a sold out crowd in the Ulster Hall, exactly 30 years to the night after Zeppelin had played in that very same venue. We then went on to play two more charity gigs in Reykjavik, Iceland. They were amazing! It would be fantastic to bring the show to Bath and repeat the celebration there”

If you have any information that may assist Keith with his book, he can be contacted on 07710 040012 or e-mail at: [zeprerearch-appeal@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:zeprerearch-appeal@yahoo.co.uk). Snail Mail: 59 Tomline Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7PA. You can also visit Simply Led's website at [www.simplyled.net/](http://www.simplyled.net/)