

# Horse & Groom, islingword Road, Brighton Friday 08/08/08

## Insane Society Live On Stage + DJ Wag spinning old Vaultage tracks

### punkdaddy reviews the proceedings

I was hoping there would be some old faces at the House Of Doom on Friday night. There were just one or two but despite the low turnout, those who did attend were treated to DJ Wag playing Vaultage tracks before and after the performance of his band Insane Society, who dished up 100mph high energy, hard driving punk.

It was kind of odd to hear those old tracks from the likes of the Dodgems, Devil's Dykes, Golinskis, Ammonites, Nicky & the Dots, Parrots, Piranhas etc in the setting of the Awesome Groom. They still sounded fresh and alive. It struck me how much ska and Two-Tone had influenced these bands. Apart from the Depressions and very early Piranhas, there was precious little rock.

So it was a joy to hear some authentic live punk rock 30 years on. Insane Society have some corking numbers, those that

stood out were Bastard and Paranoia with it's catchy hookline of 'Shut the fuck up! Shut the fuck up!' Great headbanging stuff. If I wasn't so old myself I'd have been pogoing...

The band gave their all, singer Sheldon leading from the front, twisting and turning and getting us all in the mood, striking up a lively rapport with the sparse crowd. On guitar, Wag was spot on, played some searing punk riffs and added his vocal back up in the appropriate places. Tight powerhouse drumming from Steve Dangerous and awesome bass from Stefan gave the band a cohesive overall sound and on a Friday night in Brighton this was music to an old punker's ears. The mix was just right, the volume level allowing the audience to hear everything without making yer ears bleed. Top geezers. More power to yer elbows!◆



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