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MERRY XMAS EVERYBODY!!!



Barclay James Harvest



Hi Y'All (evidently somebody has been watching too much Dallas!)

Hope you are all ready for the Festive Season and what better pre-Christmas treat could there be than the latest edition of the FOBJH newsletter.

There's simply loads going on this time so, on with the show ...

LATEST ON THE TOUR NEWS.

It seems that the dates for the forthcoming BJH tour are to be announced in January which means they will be out between newsletters. In order that you get your information ahead of the press you should send me a stamped self-addressed envelope marked on the outside "TOUR DATES". I will forward these to Forbes Cameron who will be officially announcing the dates and Forbes has promised to send them out to you immediately they are all confirmed. This means you will receive yours before the music press. All part of the service you know. So, send in your envelopes without delay. Members abroad should send self-addressed envelope and reply coupons please. CAN YOU WAIT ???

LATEST ON THE NEW ALBUM

As I'm typing this the boys are in Holland recording the new album and the word is superb. No definite release date yet but keep your ears to the ground.

THANK YOU

Before going any further into the newsletter there are a few names I want to mention. These are the people who, for the past 12 months, have helped make my chaotic life a little easier and I would like to extend my thanks to them via this medium

FORBES - For his endless efforts and help.

LINDSAY/DAVID/JAN/SIMON and everyone else at Handle for their unstinting efforts on my behalf in helping me present these newsletters.

STEVE HEAP who gives up his time every newsletter and helps me with the 'orrible task of licking stamps, folding and posting the newsletters and coming up with some ace ideas.

EVERY FOBJH for their patience and tolerance when things are late and go wrong. It is appreciated, and, last, but by no means least

BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST for providing me with all sorts of weird things which I ask for from time to time.

APOLOGIES

For my typing but I'm not very used to this machine!!

I received an important telex for all members of FOBJH the other day from guess who?

HEREWITH CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

MEL:

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEAR. AS YOU KNOW WE WILL BE PLAYING IN ENGLAND IN THE COMING YEAR AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR FRIENDS.
SO HAVE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

LES:

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW WE ARE CURRENTLY RECORDING OUR FOLLOW-UP ALBUM TO 'RING OF CHANGES' IN HOLLAND, AND WE HOPE TO RELEASE IT SOMETIME IN THE SPRING OF '84.
WE SHALL PROBABLY BE PERFORMING SOME OF THIS IN ENGLAND ON OUR FORTHCOMING TOUR, AND HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT ONE VENUE OR ANOTHER AT THIS TIME.
UNTIL THEN, WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A PEACEFUL AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

JOHN:

LIGHT UP THE FLAME OF LOVE
WHENEVER FEAR AND DARKNESS SURROUND YOU.
FOR ONLY, WITH ALL OUR FLAMES
JOINED TOGETHER IN ONE GREAT LIGHT.
CAN WE HOLD BACK THE COLD NIGHT
AND BRING PEACE TO ALL MANKIND.
MERRY CHRISTMAS.

FOBJH RAFFLE

Well, the boys certainly came up trumps with the prizes, as usual. They are ...

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| From Mel : | A signed cymbal & drumsticks as used on the last tour |
| From John : | a test pressing which John will sign of a previous BJH album (John isn't sure which one he has two copies of, they are at home whilst he's in Holland) but it's a really marvellous prize and a collectors' item |
| From Les : | Two signed guitar straps and a set of bass guitar strings as used on the new album with the Band are currently recording. |

It will be in the New Year when the prizes are sent out since they will have to be brought back from Holland.

The winners ?

MEL's prizes - Laurence Gough of Nailsworth (cymbal) ...Angelika Reichert of Germany (drumsticks)

JOHN's Prize - Catja Vedder of Germany (album)

LES's Prizes - David Nelson of Merseyside (guitar strap)
D J Hubbard of Gillingham (guitar strap) and
Edmund Sobecki of Northwich (strings)

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE. We'll be having more competitions and raffles during 1984.

SWEATSHIRT

Well December is here already and with it comes our annual FOBJH sweatshirt offer. This years shirts are red with the ROC motif on the front, printed black. Sizes are, small, medium and large and the cost of the shirts is £8.75 (UK) ... £9.75 (Europe) and £10.50 (Elsewhere). As sweatshirts are an expensive item to stock we have to do it on a money up front basis, ie, you order, send your money and then I order from the manufacturer. This means that you do have to wait a while but it's worth it. Please use the special order form included in the newsletter and your orders must reach me by 31st January 1984, The shirts should then be sent out by the end of February.

QUESTION TIME WITH THE CREW.

Sometimes you really stagger me. I had quite a lot of requests for a question time with members of the road crew so last time I asked you for questions for Ian the lighting engineer. What happens? Only two of you bother!!! Well, in case I'm jumping the gun and you misunderstood me, I'll try again. Please send in any questions you may have about BJH's lighting and effects and I'll put them to Ian for you. Closing date :31 January 1984.

FOBJH Ad's

PENFRIENDS WANTED

Paul Marston, 46 Oats Street, East Victoria Park, Western Australia 6101 is 21 years of age, he has numerous interests and hopes to visit England new year (hopefully to coincide with a BJH tour). Music tastes cover everything from blues to Kraftwerk (except disco)

Leas Geall of 48 Craybourne Road, Forest, Melksham, Wilts SN12 7DJ Would like a female penfriend. He is into all kinds of sport, gigs, records, Genesis, Yes and generally having a good time.

Renate Schelhaas, Urb ærerstr 10, 5400 Koblenz 1, Germany is 16 years old and her interests include music (BJH Genesis The Police), swimming, camping and knitting.

Mary Chrisine Antonilli, Les Vergers, 74380 Bonne Sur Menoge, Haute Savoie, France would like a male penfriend aged 22/25. She likes Barclay James Harvest and The Rubettes

Paula Southern, 47 Iberian Way, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1LZ is looking for a penfriend. She says she is an incurable romantic freelance calligrapher and occasional loan of 24 who is kind and so generous that she will, if asked nicely, photocopy any newsletter past or present, including the first.

Stephen Symonds of 85 Grosmont Grove Newton Farm Hereford would like to hear from other members of FOBJH in the Hereford area. His other interests are swimming and as many other types of music and bands as he can get to listen to.

Keith Cookson of 190 Manchester Road Deepcar Sheffield wants to hear from FOBJH's in the South Yorkshire area. He plays in a band doing clubs etc around the country.

SALES AND WANTS

Tina Pearson of 24 Whitehead Lane, Skegby, Sutton in Ashfield is selling A MAJOR FANCY for £3.00.

ROSEMARY Harris of 41 Grange Road Cradley Heath Warley W Midlands wants a copy of A MAJOR FANCY.

Mauro Franzoni of Via le Pere 2, 40016 San Giorgio di Piano, Bologna, Italy wants to hear from Anna Marcussi and Lise Di Falco. Also wants to hear from any other FOBJH interested in swapping material on BJH.

Billy Rae 83 Stewart Terrace Northfield Aberdeen wants help in obtaining XII and BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST.

Paula Southern (address at top of page) is trying to obtain a copy of "From Etna to Spennymoor" by Flint, Festival Records F 0001. Apparently it's deleted and the marketing company have gone bust. Any news on the above or their 3 singles would be appreciated.

Ronald Simpson of 17 Bonds Hill Waterside Londonderry BT47 1DW has an extra copy of the original pressing of JUST A DAY AWAY limited edition single (ROCK 'N' ROLL LADY Live) which he will sell or swap (eg for Rush version of same). Please send sae to

R Kulik, 28 Darnley Street, Old Trafford, Manchester 16 was burgled recently and a large part of his record collection was stolen. Luckily he has managed to obtain replacements but it is sad to say he is some short. Can anyone help with any of the following BJH singles (As Bombadil) BREATHLESS / WHEN THE CITY SLEEPS (Harvest) EARLY MORNING / MR SUNSHINE (Parlophone) GALADRIEL (Harvest) TAKING SOME TIME ON (Harvest). He will swap for demo single of John Lees CHILD OF THE UNIVERSE / KES (A MAJOR FANCY) (Harvest 1977) and/or ROCK N ROLL STAR EP (with possible cash adjustment). Tel 061 226 4886.

Gabi Bauer of Alterstadtweg 34, D 6602 Dudweiler, Germany will translate newsletters into German as will Frank Meier of Halbauer Weg 19 Zi 1/20, Berlin 46, Germany.

As Christmas is a time of peace and goodwill I want to share with you a very moving letter I received from a FOBJH in Lebanon. I'm sure it will make you all stop and think of her for a moment and perhaps some of you might even find time to write her a few words of encouragement from her FRIENDS. I know this letter will touch the boys and prove to them that their music, as well as providing enjoyment, can also provide solace in desperate times ...

From: Lilian Kalindjian, Bourj Hammoud Sinel fil Street, Bakery Bel Epi Beyrouth, Lebanon 12 October 1983.

Dear Chrissie :

It's too late to thank you for the issue that I received but I think you know about the war in Lebanon. The airport was closed so I couldn't send you my letter before now. Dear Chrissie, we're in October and I didn't receive the September issue yet. I like to thank you again for the July issue, I was very, very happy, believe me if I say that BJH's songs were my only hope beyond this war. Here everyone listened to the news and they don't talk only about politics. They are afraid because as they say the situation is not good. But I can't support hearing these things and the bombs at the meantime so I always listened to BJH so that I can forget the fight, at least for a while. It's the hell over here, my only hope was listening to SUMMER SOLDIER, FOR NO-ONE. Dear Chrissie, this is a passport type photo of me I'm pleased to send it to you. Thank you very very much and say hello to JOHN LES and MEL and every FRIEND OF BJH. I wish that life is wonderful for them, not like ours. Bye, see you next time. Love and sunshine your wonderful friend Lilian.



Well I certainly hope Lilian's New Year is happy and peaceful and that the music of BJH can continue to help her along the way.

SONG LYRICS.

Unfortunately I'll have to pass on them this time, lack of space but will resume in March 1984.

DESIGN WANTED. I am hoping, in 1984, to introduce a FOBJH club motif to be used for badges, t-shirts, etc. The design must be

suitable for this use and your contributions will be gratefully received.

REJOINERS Please renew on time ...

DECEMBER 1983

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|------|-------------------|------|----------------------|
| 367 | David Smy | 390 | Andrew Bunn |
| 872 | M Nice | 874 | Panicos Theocharides |
| 888 | Alan Harrington | 904 | Mark Smith |
| 1118 | Brian Gallagher | 1389 | John Pickup |
| 1680 | D Walsh | 2022 | Eric Mauk |
| 2023 | Ayman Aly Sidky | 2024 | Hany Azmy Islam |
| 2025 | Ahmad Fouad Badr | 2026 | Marie Cals |
| 2027 | Christopher Ely | 2028 | Walter Thomson |
| 2029 | Alexander Douglas | 2030 | Julie Sefton |
| 2031 | G J Smith | 2032 | David Jones |
| 2033 | Yaron Morhaim | 2034 | David Parsons |
| 2035 | Carmella Langham | 2036 | Gilles Raude |
| 2037 | Ian Beattie | 2038 | Philip Runciman |
| 2039 | Jan Lofstedt | 2040 | Olivier Fehlmann |
| 2041 | Hubert Fleig | 2042 | Veronique Vaughan |

These members should renew before the end of December 1983

JANUARY 1984

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|------|--------------------|------|------------------|
| 413 | Chris Hurrell | 427 | Stephen Dean |
| 437 | Chris Naylor | 947 | Gabi Bauer |
| 922 | Edmund Robinson | 941 | Kerstin Broich |
| 973 | Robert Ironmonger | 1125 | M Jamieson |
| 1151 | Kevin Sterry | 1155 | Keith Bishop |
| 1180 | Richard Wasilewski | 1183 | Kieth Allen |
| 1394 | Stephane Thauvin | 1688 | Colin Holmes |
| 1689 | Richard Lillico | 1691 | Grayson Percival |
| 1692 | Fay Griffin | 1694 | Steve Russell |
| 1697 | Mark Blood | 1698 | Vincent Gorman |
| 1704 | J H Smit | 2043 | Pascal Trinot |
| 2044 | Tina Pearson | 2045 | Anne Carriere |
| 2046 | Stephane Hill | 2047 | J W Kermod |
| 2048 | S Marie Denoon | 2049 | Denise Howell |
| 2050 | John Tatham | 2051 | T Hart |
| 2052 | Ann Piscane | 2053 | Terje Lande |
| 2054 | George Stack | 2055 | George Mathieson |
| 2056 | Michael Parker | 2057 | Richard Baker |
| 2058 | Carole Ropert | 2059 | Colin Brown |
| 2060 | Paul Silk | 2061 | Colin Quarmby |

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FEBRUARY 1984

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| 450 | Rodney Dix | 981 | Rosemary Harris |
| 1198 | Mark Norman | 1201 | Edmund Sobacki |
| 1202 | Jean Sjearer | 1218 | Mark Stickells |
| 1232 | A Beikrich | 1234 | Donna Stanford |
| 1241 | Keith Widdall | 1250 | R C Price |
| 1253 | R Murphy | 1404 | Sue Bowden |
| 1407 | W G S Cunningham | 1713 | R Stapleford |
| 1714 | Karin Durrenberger | 1715 | Nickolas Griffiths |

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| 2062 | G J Yarnold | 2063 | Joanne Barnett |
| 2064 | Colin Moffatt | 2065 | Ivan Romanczuk |
| 2066 | G Speed | 2067 | Dave Norris |
| 2068 | Giles Orton | 2069 | Lucy Warman |
| 2070 | Greg O'Reilly | 2071 | Paul Pomery |
| 2072 | Mike Langron | 2073 | Steve Conroy |
| 2074 | B J Walker | 2075 | Peter Howard |
| 2076 | Jean Serge Roy | 2077 | David Hooland |
| 2078 | Ian Cuthbertson | 2079 | Gary Wolton |
| 2080 | P Clarkson | 2081 | A J Brown |
| 2082 | Andrew Hughes | 2083 | Stephen Allison |
| 2084 | Ewan Hunt | 2085 | Philippe Gaudillat |

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Bees UK £4.00 ... Europe £5.00 ... Elsewhere £6.00

BERLIN VIDEO

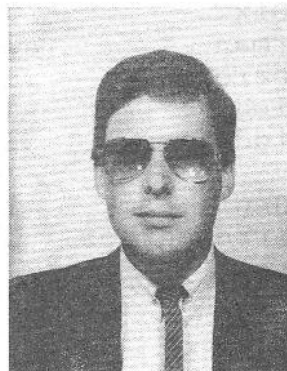
Lots of you have written in saying you are having trouble obtaining a copy of the Berlin video. Well HMV should stock it and if not perhaps they would order it for you the number is SPECTRUM 709 499 2

Well that brings me to the end of another FOBJH newsletter. All that remains is for me to thank you all for your valuable support throughout 1983 and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 1984 is a year to look forward to for BJH fans.

See you in March
Cheers for now
CHRISSIE

FOBJH's (L-R)

D Scott ... Florence Baudot ... Peter Arstad
Shaun Meleady ... P Mcluskey ... John Baile



FOBJH SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM

Please return to FOBJH PO Box 9, Stockport, Cheshire SK2 6RG
together with your remittance.

Name

Address

Membership No

No of sweatshirts required

Sizes

I enclose herewith cheque / postal order (*) value £

Signed

* Members abroad send international money order.

