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Having now completed the UK segment of the tour, the Band are now in Holland for dates with Trummy Young and John Lewis. The guests return to America on May 1st while the Band remains on the continent .

The next UK working period is

- Wed May 17th: Town Hall: DURHAM
- Thu May 18th: Allestree Jazz Club: Pennine Hotel: DERBY
- Fri May 19th: Corn Exchange: KING'S LYNN
- Sun May 21st: Strathallen Hotel: BIRMINGHAM
- Mon May 22nd: Hexagon Theatre: READING
- Tue May 23rd: Witney Jazz Club: WITNEY: Oxon
- Wed May 24th; King's School: GLOUCESTER
- Thu May 25th: Johnson Hall: YEOVIL
- Fri May 26th: Green Lawns Hotel: FALMOUTH
- Sat May 27th: Crown Inn: CODSALL: Nr. Wolverhampton
- Sun May 28th: Ellesmere College: ELLESMERE: Salop
- Mon May 29th: Parade Gardens: BATH
- Tue May 30th: Congress Theatre: CWMBRAN: Gwent
- Wed May 31st: Brewhouse Theatre: TAUNTON
- Thu Jun 1st: White Buck Inn: BURLEY: New Forest

The 'Swing is Here' tour saw the debut of our new blues guitarist Roger Hill. Roger replaces John Slaughter who after 14 years with the Band is to concentrate on developing his fast growing music shop, Counterpoint Music in Stevenage.

The 'Echoes of Ellington' boxed set is still delayed at Logo Records who are no doubt aiming for a Guinness book of Records entry for the greatest number of pathetic excuses ever issued in one year! Frustration should be vented to Logo Records, 86 Marylebone High Street, London W1M 4AY. Telephone 01-486-4353.

A fine new Jazz magazine, 'Jazz Circle News', has recently made a welcome arrival. Membership of Jazz Circle carries numerous benefits including a free copy of the magazine and discount off jazz records. Membership is £3.50 per year and a special discount rate of £2.50 is available to members of the fan club. Write direct with cheques to Barry Ancill: Jazz Circle: 8, St. James Square: Manchester.

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Plans are now being finalised for a UK Autumn tour package entitled 'New Orleans and The Blues'. Our special guests will be trumpeter Alvin Alcorn and pianist singer Tommy Tucker. The tour runs from August 28th to September 17th.

During the summer holiday period Pat Halcox will again be playing a short season with an all-star band from July 2nd to 22nd. Dates will be announced later but the personnel provisionally booked is:
Pat (trumpet): John Crocker (reeds): Campbell Burnap (trombone): John McCallum (guitar): Pete York (drums)
Vic Pitt (bass): and Johnny Parker (piano).
During this period the full Chris Barber Jazz & Blues Band will appear at The Royal Albert Hall (Tuesday July 11th) for the 'Grand Prix Night of The Stars'.

On Sunday July 23rd the Band will appear at the Cleveland Jazz Festival at Middlesborough Football ground. Also on the bill that evening are Bo Diddley, Freddie Hubbard and Ella Fitzgerald.

Another UK Festival date for your diary is Friday June 30th when the Band appears at Newcastle. Other June dates include:

Mon June 19th: Hatfield Jazz Club: Red Lion: HATFIELD
Tue June 20th: Barnsley Jazz Club: BARNESLEY: Yorks
Wed June 21st: New Century Theatre: KESWICK
Thu June 22nd: The Coach House: Head's Nook: CARLISLE
Fri June 23rd: University: LANCASTER
Sat June 24th: 100 Club: Oxford Street: LONDON W.1.
Sun June 25th: The Salisbury: BARNET: Herts