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The 'Great ReUnion Album' (Black Lion BLP 12140/1) has at last been given an official release date - February 1st 1977. For those that had forgotten, this is the recording of last year's 21st Anniversary concert and features the original 1954 line-up which was 're-convened' for the first half of the concert.

Chris Barber will present a special programme on BBC Radio on Boxing Day with Peter Clayton which features Chris' choice of his favourite Gospel music. Unfortunately you will need to search the Radio Times to find out which channel because at the time of writing this it has not been decided whether to commit the programme to Radio 2 or banish it to Radio 3!!

Further copies of the new souvenir brochure can be had at the special fan club rate of 20p (inclusive of postage) from the above address.

The Band breaks for the Christmas holiday after Barnet (Dec 19th) resuming on New Year's Eve at the Plas Madoc Centre, Ruabon, Nr Wrexham. Remaining January dates prior to the European tour are:

Sat Jan 1st Crown Inn: Codsall: Nr Wolverhampton.
Sun Jan 2nd Roebuck: Buckhurst Hill: Essex.
Mon Jan 3rd Red Lion: Hatfield: Herts.
Thu Jan 6th Pennine Hotel: Macklin Street: Derby.
Fri Jan 7th 100 Club: Oxford Street: London W.1.
Sat Jan 8th Dancing Slipper: Central Av.: W. Bridgford: Nottingham

U.K. working is resumed in mid-February and a full date sheet for this period will follow later. Meanwhile here are a few advance dates for your diary:

Sun Feb 20th Forum: Romiley.
Mon Feb 21st UKF-Shellstar Club: Ince Marshes: Nr. Ellesmere Port
Tue Feb 22nd Gemini Club: Hartlepool.
Wed Feb 23rd Ashington College: Durham.
Thu Feb 24th Rolls Royce: Leicester.
Sun Feb 27th Mold.
Mon Feb 28th Scunthorpe.
Tue Mar 1st Witney Jazz Club: Witney FC: Oxon.
Wed Mar 2nd Crawley.
Thu Mar 10th Chard
Fri Mar 11th Burslem: Nr Stoke.

Pat Halcox guests with the Savoy Jazz Band at the St. Ives Jazz Club Christmas party (Corn Exchange, St. Ives Market Sq, Hunts) on Thursday December 23rd. Also on the bill is country star Pete Sayers. Tickets from Robin Eggot: 11 Vailiant Road: St Ives.

Final bill for the North Wales Jazz Festival: Pontin's: Prestatyn
May 13th to 15th 1977:

Friday May 13th:

6.00 to 8.00 Barbecue with New Orleans Express
Panama Jazz Band

9.00 to 12.30 Concert in main hall:
CHRIS BARBER'S JAZZ & BLUES BAND
Flaky Pastry

Saturday May 14th:

11.00 to 3.00:Lunchtime Bar Session:
Panama Jazz Band
Savoy Jazz Band
New Orleans Express

3.00 to 5.00 Poolside session:
Eureka Parade Band

6.00 to 8.00 Barbecue
Dave Donohoe Band
Savoy Jazz Band

9.00 to 1.00 Jazz Band Ball in main hall:
Monty Sunshine' Jazz Band
The Alex Welsh Band

Sunday May 15th:

12.00 to 5.00
Dave Donohoe Band
The Blue Magnolia Jazz Orchestra
Eureka Parade Band
Panama Jazz Band

Further information concerning the Festival can be obtained
direct from the promoter: Geoff Walker; 11, Dee Hills Park:
Chester.Tel: 0244-20015

Coming up any time now on the current marathon series (BBC
Radio 2, Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m.) 'Ragtime to Rock and Roll'
is the section covering the jazz boom of the fifties. The
programme includes early Chris Barber records and interviews
with Chris, Lonnie Donegan, 'Humph' and others.
