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Jazz Circle News is one year old next month. They have accorded a 'Special Birthday Offer' to Chris Barber fan club members. Annual membership subscription to Jazz Circle is normally £3.50 per annum which includes 12 issues of the magazine posted to your address. Fan Club members are offered a £1 discount off the enrolment fee provided they join during the month of February. Membership application form is at the end of this newsletter.

The Chris Barber Band returns from the current European tour on February 26th and that evening play a concert at The Mercury Theatre, Colchester.

After a week's holiday, the Band commences a short UK tour sporting two new faces among its ranks - although in one instance the word 'new' is not quite appropriate! Ian Wheeler, who was with the Band from 1961 to 1968, rejoins to replace Sammy Rimington who is re-forming his own quintet.

Ian has lead his own band, co-led a Band with Rod Mason and more recently with Keith Smith. He has also had a spell as a publican in the West Country but since joining Keith Smith's 'Hefty Jazz' has developed the bug to be 'on the road' again - which is fortunate for Chris Barber fans! Coincidentally, Ian's most recent album for The Hefty Jazz label was entitled 'Reed All About It' and featured duets with Sammy Rimington.

The musical chairs continue through the fact that the Band's new drummer will be Norman Emberson, formally a member of - The Sammy Rimington Quintet! Pete York is to concentrate, for the time being, on writing and drum clinics for Premier Drums.

Ian and Norman make their first appearances at Ashington on March 7th..

March dates:

Wed March	7th:	Northumberland College:	ASHINGTON
Thu March	8th:	Fir Tree:	WELLINGBOROUGH
Fri March	9th:	Alfred Beck Theatre:	HAYES: Middx
Sat March	10th:	Esplanade Theatre:	BOGNOR REGIS
Sun March	11th:	Theatre Clwyd:	MOLD: Flintshire
Mon March	12th:	Bullers Arms:	BUDE: Cornwall
Tue March	13th:	Pen-Air School:	TRURO: Cornwall
Wed March	14th:	De La Warr Theatre:	BEXHILL

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During forthcoming breaks between tours, various members of the Band will be appearing as guests at jazz club 'specials' as follows:

PAT HALCOX AND JOHN CROCKER:

Halifax Jazz Club: Wed Feb 28th
East Lancs Jazz Club (Burnley) Thu Mar 1st
Stockport Jazz Club (Warren Bukeley) Mar 2nd
Newcastle Under Lyme (Bridge St. Arts Centre)
Sat Mar 3rd.
Leicester Jazz Club (The Jester, Narborough Rd)
Tue Mar 20th.

PAT HALCOX:

Lings Forum, Northampton. Thu Mar 15th..

JOHN CROCKER:

South Shields Jazz Club: Sat Mar 17th
Durham Jazz Club: Sun Mar 18th

SAMMY RIMINGTON QUINTET:

South Hill Arts Centre: BRACKNELL: Tue Feb 27th
Birch Hall: OLDHAM: Thur March 1st
The Gig: Blair Gowrie: PERTH: Fri and Sat
2nd, 3rd, March
100 Club. London Sunday March 4th
The Mitre: Greenwich: Thur Mar 15th
100 Club. London Fri Mar 16th
Marlowe Theatre: CANTERBURY: Sun Mar 18th

Due to rescheduling of the current European tour the date originally announced for The Torch Theatre, Milford Haven (March 6th) was postponed. The revised date for this venue is now Saturday June 30th.. Those who had already purchased tickets for March 6th can now see a special concert presentation 'Basin Street to Harlem' by The Humphrey Lyttelton Band.

During April and May the Band will be touring Denmark and Holland. The next UK touring period is in May and commences at The Theatre Royal, St. Helens on May 15th.. Full tour dates later.

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