

The Chris Barber Jazz and Blues Band

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HITTING THE ROAD IN EUROPE AGAIN

After breaking box office records at Eastbourne and Croydon on the recent U.K. tour, the band is off again on the roads and airways of Europe. The next U.K. dates are at the end of May. The Continental dates include May 12th. at Breda and further Holland appearances at Naarden and Utrecht (they play BOTH towns on May 14th) and at Denbosch on May 21st.

Later tours outside England include September 27th. to October 21st in West Germany and then from October 29th. to November 23rd. a tour mainly in Switzerland and a few more West Germany dates. This tour will include the Aesch Festival near Basel and on November 4th., 5th., and 6th. the Old Time Festival at Biel.

There is a short visit to East Germany scheduled for July 11th to 15th. In late June there are several dates in Scotland.

In the next newsletter we hope to commence giving fuller dates and venues for tours on the continent of Europe but this is dependent upon early receipt of details from our European promoters although they will be pleased to give some details over the telephone. Agents for the respective European territories are listed in the back of the souvenir brochure.

Meanwhile, some dates on the current tour include:

- April 17th: Forum am Schlosspark, LUDWIGSBURG
- April 18th: Kornhaus, KEMPTEN (ALLGAU)
- April 19th: Stadt. Spiel und Festhaus, WORMS
- April 20th: Stadthalle, LEONBERG (DSC)

Fuller details from Karl Heinz Lyrmann.

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CHRIS BARBER'S JAZZ ° BLUES BAND DATES

THU MAY 26TH: MANX JAZZ CLUB: VILLIERS HOTEL: DOUGLAS: ISLE OF MAN

FRI MAY 27TH: LEISURE CENTRE: CONGLETON: CHESHIRE

SAT MAY 28TH: ARTS CENTRE: SOUTHPORT: LANCS

SUN MAY 29TH: TAMESIDE THEATRE: ASHTON UNDER LYNE: LANCS

FRI JUN 3RD: GATEHOUSE THEATRE: STAFFORD: STAFFS: (WITH SPECIAL GUEST OTTILIE PATTERSON)

SAT JUN 4TH: BECK THEATRE: HAYES: MIDDLESEX: (WITH SPECIAL GUEST OTTILIE PATTERSON)

SUN JUN 5TH: DEANGATE HOTEL: TAUNTON: SOMERSET

THU JUN 16TH: THEATRE ROYAL ° OPERA HOUSE: WAKEFIELD: YORKS

FRI JUN 17TH: TOWN HALL: GRASSINGTON: NTH. YORKSHIRE

SAT JUN 18TH: FORUM THEATRE: BILLINGHAM: CO. CLEVELAND

SUN JUN 19TH: HAYFIELD JAZZ FESTIVAL: HAYFIELD: DERBYSHIRE

WED JUN 22ND: 100 CLUB: 100 OXFORD STREET: LONDON W1

THU JUN 23RD: WINDMILL THEATRE: THE GREEN: LITTLEHAMPTON: W. SUSSEX

FRI JUN 24TH: SALE CRICKET CLUB: SALE: CHESHIRE

SAT JUN 25TH: FAIRWAY SUITE: TYTHERINGTON CLUB: NR. MACCLESFIELD CHESHIRE

The Band then commences a tour of Scotland on Sunday June 26th at the Eden Court Theatre, Inverness, with special guest Otilie Patterson. Full details of dates will appear in the next newsletter. On Sunday July 3rd. the Band appears in concert at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin.



NEW ORLEANS
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A RECENT DAILY NEWSPAPER CHOSE FOR ITS SUBJECT IN A 'WHERE ARE THEY NOW' FEATURE, SOMEBODY WHO IS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE AND KICKING.....

CHRIS BARBER

Chris Barber and his band have been putting the razz into trad jazz for over 30 years, and there seems to be no stopping them.

Petite Fleur and *Lonesome* in 1959, as well as *Revival* in 1962, were the big hits that had the country stomping and skiffing, and it was Barber who put the New Orleans sound into the charts.

Says Chris: 'Looking back, the late Fifties was a great time. People had got over the war and rationing, and wanted to enjoy themselves.'

Chris now lives in Oxshott in Surrey, with his German wife Renate and their two children, Caroline, six, and Christopher, one. Being Dad to youngsters at 56 is an exhausting business, but Chris takes it all in his stride.

'One thing I have learnt is to organise my time. The band gives 240 concerts a year, and so we work 25 days on the trot and then have a week at home.'

Their latest album *Music From The Land Of Dreams*, came out last October, and they are looking forward to a



booked-up year ahead.

'I can't see me ever doing anything else,' Chris says. 'But if I couldn't play, I'd go into management.'

'I'm lucky. I've got the right metabolism for this life. Constant travelling and eating chips in motorway cafes don't bother me. Everything's worth it just to play music.'

ANTONIA SWINSON



THIS & THAT.....

Being a glutton for punishment, John Slaughter prefers to utilise some of his time off between tours with the band by working and will appear, with his blues band, at Floods Tavern, St. Ives, Cambs on Wed May 4th. and Wed June 8th..

This year's annual concert at The Birmingham Repertory Theatre will feature as special guest Otilie Patterson and takes place on Sunday December 18th..

The Band appears at this year's Hayfield Jazz Festival (Sunday June 19th.) and Buddy Tate will guest during the second half of the performance. Buddy will be appearing with his own group elsewhere in the programme which also includes the Olympia Brass Band from New Orleans.

The annual Derbyshire event runs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday June 17th/19th. and a full programme of events will be included with the next newsletter.

On Thursday May 26th. the Band appears at the Manx Jazz Club on the Isle of Man. The venue is the Villiers Hotel. For those wishing to brave the ferry trip, details of reasonable hotel accomodation can be obtained from the Chairman of the Manx Jazz Club - Jim Caine who can be contacted on 0624 76975

The appearance by Chris and the Band, along with Otilie at the Playhouse Theatre, Newcastle On Tyne, was not only a sell-out but numerous people were turned away. Those disappointed in March will be pleased to know that the Band, with Otilie Patterson, will be making a return visit to the Tyneside venue on Monday September 12 AND Tuesday September 13. The telephone number for the Newcastle Playhouse is 091 261 0703.
