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Dear Everyone out there in BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST Land,

Hope things go well with you. Are you all prepared for the Festive Season? That's good and here to add that little bit of sparkle to your Christmas is the latest jam-packed edition of the Friends of BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST Newsletter.

First, over to BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST ***

We would like to thank you all for your valuable support during 1984. It was particularly fantastic to see so many of you at the concerts we did, and especially at Wembley. The atmosphere there was magic and we hope those of you who didn't manage to attend will be able to watch it on the t.v. in the New Year.

Once again, our deepest thanks for your continued support - it's greatly appreciated. In other words, thanks for being our Friends.

LES, JOHN and MEL.

WEMBLEY - The Video ***

As those of you who managed to get to Wembley are aware, the whole thing was put on film. The concert is to be shown at some stage in the early New Year on Channel 4 but I'm afraid we haven't got a more definite date yet - watch your T.V. Times! It's being produced by Mike Mansfield (remember him from Supersonic) and it's hoped that it will be on general sale later in the New Year - probably around spring.

WEMBLEY - The Concert ***

AND WHAT A CONCERT!!! I travelled down with a group of FOBJH's and we had a really great time. Some of your reviews in a moment but first I'll tell you about the party afterwards. We all popped along for a glass of wine and to congratulate the boys on their resounding success. The atmosphere backstage was electric and everybody was extremely elated. JOHN asked me if you lot had

enjoyed it. What could I say that wouldn't be an understatement? Esther, John's daughter, was there looking very chic and grown up and it's difficult to imagine that we featured her on the cover of an earlier newsletter when she was just a tiny baby.

WEMBLEY - Your Reviews ***

Dear Chrissie,

Just writing to let you know my verdict on the Wembley gig. Quite simply, it was superb; the best performance the boys have done for ages I should think. Absolutely brilliant!! The boys were in great form as I'm sure you'll agree and JOHN's guitar playing was really superb too, so his finger is back to normal thank goodness. And the light show was, well, marvellous. It was really nice to be a part of that concert with people coming from all over the country, all being brought together by the music of BJH. I still haven't come down to earth yet.

Julie Dyson, Chippenham, Wilts.

Dear Chrissie,

I thought I would drop you a note on the Wembley concert. We left Aberdeen on 12 October by train and arrived at King's Cross early in the morning of the 13th. We did the typical tourist part of London and then headed for Wembley. My mate had never seen BJH before so it was a first for him and a second for me, I saw them in Edinburgh earlier this year.

To my surprise and delight the show was being filmed for t.v. Anyway, after the support had finished, the boys came on and burst into action. The first part of the concert singing their new stuff was good, but as soon as Poor Man's Moody Blues and Life is For Living were played the crowd came alive. The light show was the best light show I have ever seen, which was seconded by my mate - it was quite amazing.

Billy Rae, Aberdeen.

Dear Chrissie,

I think I've seen BJH five times now and every time I see them I think they get better. The sound was excellent, the lights amazing (many thanks to Ian Buxton if he was responsible for them) and obviously the material was the crowning glory. I am sure you will pass on my thanks, and the thanks of everyone who was there, to the members of the band.

Mike Melnyk, St. Albans, Herts



BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST - The News ***

In November BJH spent a weekend in Germany recording TOMMY's POP SHOW (for transmission in Germany December 8th) along with Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet, Billy Idol, Thompson Twins, Kim Wilde, Depeche Mode, The Cars, Howard Jones, Nik Kershaw and Limahl.

They've just finished the soundtrack for the Wembley video.

The boys haven't any plans for touring in 1985 save for America possibly in April/May. We are getting quite a few American members these days.

Later in the year they will get together to record their next album.

Obviously they will all be enjoying the customary break over Christmas and New Year and hanging up their stockings like the rest of us.

QUESTION TIME ***

During 1985 I shall be running a further series of Question Times with BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST. Can you therefore send in any questions you would like to ask JOHN by 31st January 1985. I hope to have them ready for inclusion in the March 1985 issue.

THE SWEATSHIRT ***

As usual, Christmas sees our special sweatshirt offer. This year the shirts are navy blue, printed silver with the same motif as the new club t-shirts. Remember, on sweatshirts only, we have to have your money in before we can order from the supplier. This year they cost £8.00 (UK), £9.00 (Europe) and £10.50 (Elsewhere). Prices include postage and packing. Closing date for orders is 31st January 1985 after which they will be ordered and you can then expect to receive them at the end of February. Please use special order form enclosed. Sizes Small Medium & Large

THE RAFFLE - The Winners ***

Colour block photo of JOHN - Julie Dyson, Chippenham, Wilts
Colour block photo of LES - Matthias Troscher, Germany
Colour block photo of MEL - Mark Fendt, Chigwell, Essex

These prizes will be despatched early in the New Year.

THE ALBUM TOP 10 ***

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| 1. RING OF CHANGES | 2. VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCE |
| 3. GONE TO EARTH | 4. EYES OF THE UNIVERSE |
| 5. TURN OF THE TIDE | 6. EVERYONE IS EVERYBODY ELSE |
| 7. OCTOBERON | 8. BERLIN |
| 9. XII | 10. TIME HONOURED GHOSTS |

THE TRACK TOP 20 ***

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| 1. HYMN | 2. MOCKINGBIRD |
| 3. CHILD OF THE UNIVERSE | 4. PARAISO DOS CAVALOS |
| 5. POOR MAN'S MOODY BLUES | 6. RING OF CHANGES |
| 7. LIFE IS FOR LIVING | 8. BERLIN |
| 9. FIFTIES CHILD | 10. PLAY TO THE WORLD |
| 11. MEDICINE MAN | 12. SUMMER SOLIDER |
| 13. IN MEMORY OF THE MARTYRS | 14. SIDE SHOW |
| 15. INSIDE MY NIGHTMARE | 16* SUICIDE |
| 16* WAITING FOR THE RIGHT TIME | 18. THE WORLD GOES ON |
| 19. FOR NO-ONE | 20. ROCK 'N' ROLL LADY |

Both polls were well supported and we'll be having another one in late 1985

THE AUCTION - What's Left ***

Remember we auctioned Steve's collection of singles. Well there are still some left. If you would like to bid on them, send in details of your bid, name, address and membership number by 31st January 1985. If you are successful in your bid I will contact you and you can then send in the money.

Mockingbird Demo x 2 ... Rock & Roll Woman ... Titles ... Live EP ... Friend of Mine ... Love on the Line ... Love on the Line (German PS) ... Life/Hymn (Juke box version) ... Life is for Living (shop version) ... Life (Portugal) ... Child/Live (German PS) ... Just a Day Away

BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST - The Inside Info ***

I get lots of letters wanting to know things like "what kind of aftershave do the boys like" etc etc. So the other day I sat them down with all these kinds of questions and each newsletter I shall be printing some of their answers. Here goes

FAVE AFTERSHAVE

JOHN - Doesn't wear any.
MEL - Kouros, Yves St Laurent
LES - Hates it

EDUCATION

JOHN - Oldham Art School
MEL - Various
LES - Yes!

PARENTS' NAMES

JOHN - Fred and Martha
MEL - Norman and Fanny
LES - Christopher and Mary

BROTHERS/SISTERS

JOHN - Sister, Edna
MEL - None
LES - Chris, Ian and Douglas

DUTCH RADIO SPECIAL.

Way back in March you'll remember I told you I'd been working closely with a Dutch Radio Station who were putting together an 8-hour BJH special. Well so far I've received one tape (another 7 to go). The special features interviews with JOHN, LES, MEL, WOOLLY, JAN INCE, BIAS BOSHELL, LINDSAY BROWN et moi! If you want further details the station concerned is Bernisse Radio, Postbus 43, 3214 ZG Zuidland, Holland and the guy responsible is Robert Kooyman.

THE AD'S ***

DAVID BARBER, 16 St Mildreds Road, Ramsgate Kent offers £10 for A MAJOR FANCY.

24468933 Lcpl. K. Broomfield c/o 32 John Tofts House, Leicester Row, Coventry CV1 4AL wants a female penfriend. He's a British soldier serving in North Germany and aged 26.

Silke Tschritter, Veue Str. 10, 3417 Bodenfelde 2, West Germany is 15 and wants penfriends. Hobbies include music, horse riding, writing letters.

Martin Ellis of 25 Toronto Terrace, Brighton, E Sussex BN2 2UX asks me to remind you he is still able to copy early newsletters. Please send sae for list. He also has several BJH and JOHN LEES albums and singles and will try and obtain any BJH record or discs by other people. Please send for list/wants with sae.

Bill Collins of Atlantic Records, Dallas (WEA Dallas 1625 Diplomat, Carrollton, Texas 75006, USA wants TURN OF THE TIDE and CONCERT FOR THE PEOPLE.

Mike Mueller, 509 Bangs Street, Aurora, Illinois, 60505, USA will tape A MAJOR FANCY for anyone. He wants album or tape of EARLY MORNING ONWARDS.

Ingrid Kuhlmann, Hauptstr 85, D2956 Moormerland 4, Germany wants A MAJOR FANCY and HYMN. Also a penfriend. She is 20 and likes music and BJH.

Sophie of 11 rue des A.C. d'AFN, 71980 St marcel, France wants a penfriend too. She likes, amongst others, BJH and music.

Robin Stapleford, 39 Shereford Road, Hempton, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 7LS wants to swap a Love on the Line single with picture cover for the Capricorn single.

Birgit Hochrein, Veit-Stoss- Str 62, 8000 Munich 21, Germany (probably LES HOLROYD's NO 1 fan) wants penfriends. She is 16 and likes BJH trying to meet BJH, concerts, sports and pets.

Dagmar Mueller, PO Box 1212, D7234 Aichhalden, West Germany wants a penfriend. He is 27 and corresponds in English and German

THE REJOINERS ***

December 1984 - Please renew before the end of December

367-391 ... 872-973 ... 1118-1121 ... 1382-1389 ... 1676-1683
2022-2042 ... 2365-2368

January 1985 - Please renew before the end of January

1684-1708 ... 2043-2061 ... 2369-2412

February 1985 - Please renew before the end of February

450 ... 981-989 ... 1195-1253 ... 1402-1407 ... 1709-1716 ...

2062-2085 ... 2413-2437.

Fees: £4.00 (UK) ... £5.00 (Europe) ... £6.00 (Elsewhere)

Well here I am at the end of another newsletter. I'd just like to say welcome back Steve Heap (who has returned from his travels and is helping us again) and congratulations to him and his new wife Katrina (don't know how she puts up with him personally).

Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year. See you in March and until then I'll leave you with a new photo.

CHRISSIE

