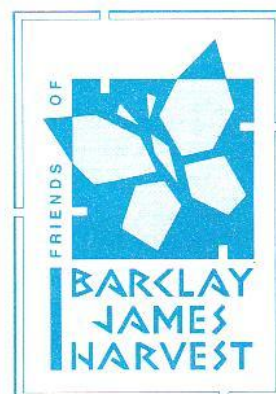


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Dear Friend :

I know we're rather late this time but so many things have worked against us that it's a miracle we ever got this issue together at all. We've had holidays, broken gear boxes, jury service and other things but all's well that ends well and here we are. Better late than never! I've got lots of interesting snippets this time and what better way to start than by presenting the latest addition to the BJH family John Joseph Lees.



THE NEWS

The album is not yet finished. There are various reasons for this (more about it from BJH themselves in a moment) but we do have a working title - "ELEMENTS". It looks now as if it will be towards the end of the year before it will be released. I know you are all getting very impatient about the delays by your letters but please, try and understand that it is not just a matter of all sitting round a studio all day churning out track after track. Far more is involved and the boys have run into some technical problems which, I

understand, are now sorted. I am typing this up on Wednesday 2 July and next week, if gear boxes allow, I have been invited into the studio by BJH to preview a couple of the tracks off the album. If all goes well and there is sufficient time, I shall put my views down on paper and slip them in with this newsletter.

BJH asked me (!) if they could write to you personally in this newsletter and so I can do more than take a back seat and hand you over to John Les and Mel ...

Dear friends,

this letter is by way of quashing all the rumours currently flying about the "show biz" circles

No John is not pregnant.

No Mel has not taken up sky diving and in doing so broken all the bones in his body.

No Les hasn't taken up Polo and joined the Argentinian Polo team.

But yes we have been working on the next and we believe the best yet B.J.H.

Album. It seems to have been ages.

since our last L.P. but we felt this year our "Coming of Age" should be rather special for all our fans, so we have

taken time out, returned to roots in
order to re-create for you some more
B.J.H. magic.

We know its been ages but we felt
after 20 years + you wouldn't mind if we
had a little time to ourselves. Our year
long schedule has always been 3 months
recording 3 months routing
and 6 months touring which in
any given 12 months gives us
little time to ourselves,

So far once we've had what we
consider a well earned rest
so that now we are fit to return,
to give you our all. Thanks for
your patience See you on tour
all our love John, Les, & Mel.

The delay in the album's release will, of course, mean touring has to be put back also. Again we are sorry about this but it is something we just have to accept. I realise I keep saying it but it will all be worth it soon - just hang on in there !!

THE MARCH COMPETITION - The Winners

Kenneth Findlay of Leeds won a jersey donated by Mel
Carsten Lauber of Germany, Monika Brauckhoff of Germany, Robert Ironmonger of Nottingham, Adrian Farmer of Bedford, and John Garrity of the USA each won a t-shirt donated by Mel.

Andrew Matthews of Northumberland won a Time Honoured Ghosts tour programme signed by the original four members of the band.

Stefan Lorentz of Germany won a sweatshirt donated by Mel

Ingrid Kuhlmann of Germany won a sweatshirt donated by Mel

Billy Rae of Scotland won a satin top donated by Les

Paula Southern of Farnborough won a white jacket donated by Les.

The answers (and I must add very few of yow answered question 1 correctly)

1. Become a farmer
2. Gibson
3. Alan Parsons

I have the prizes in my possession (John kindly brought them to my house risking life and limb against the savage attacks of my wicked Jack Russell) but I will send them out after I have despatched the newsletter and things settle down again.

THE MARCH CROSSWORD - The Solution

Across 1. Barclay James Harvest. 8. East. 11. Hit. 12. Lees. 14. Kid. 15. Earn. 17. Horses. 20. Sat. 21. Sari. 22. Pen. 24. Ore. 25. Mayday. 17. Tic. 30. How Do You Feel Now?. 32. Candles. 36. Rock and Roll Lady. 38. Mat. 39. Taking (Me Higher). 40. Ape. 42. Ill. 43. Eddy. 46. End. 48. Ursula. 50. Pray. 51. Get. 52 (John) Peel. 53. (Watching) You. 54. Year. 55. Concert For The People.

Down 1. Back to the Wall. 2. Reed. 3. John (Lees). 4. Mother (Dear). 5. Able. 6. Eyes (of the Universe). 7. Test. 9. Sea (of Tranquility). 10. Tar. 13. (Loving Is) Easy. 16. Ring of Changes. 18. One (Night). 19. Summer Soldier. 22. Polo. 23. Ache. 26. Drop. 28. (Just a Day) Away. 29. Turn of the Tide. 31. Under. 33. Play (To The World). 34. Rock. 35. Hymn. 37. Opel. 39. Tune. 40. All. 41. Player. 44. (After the) Day. 45. Dye. 46. Epic. 47. Dean. 49. Roar. 50. Push. 51. Grip.

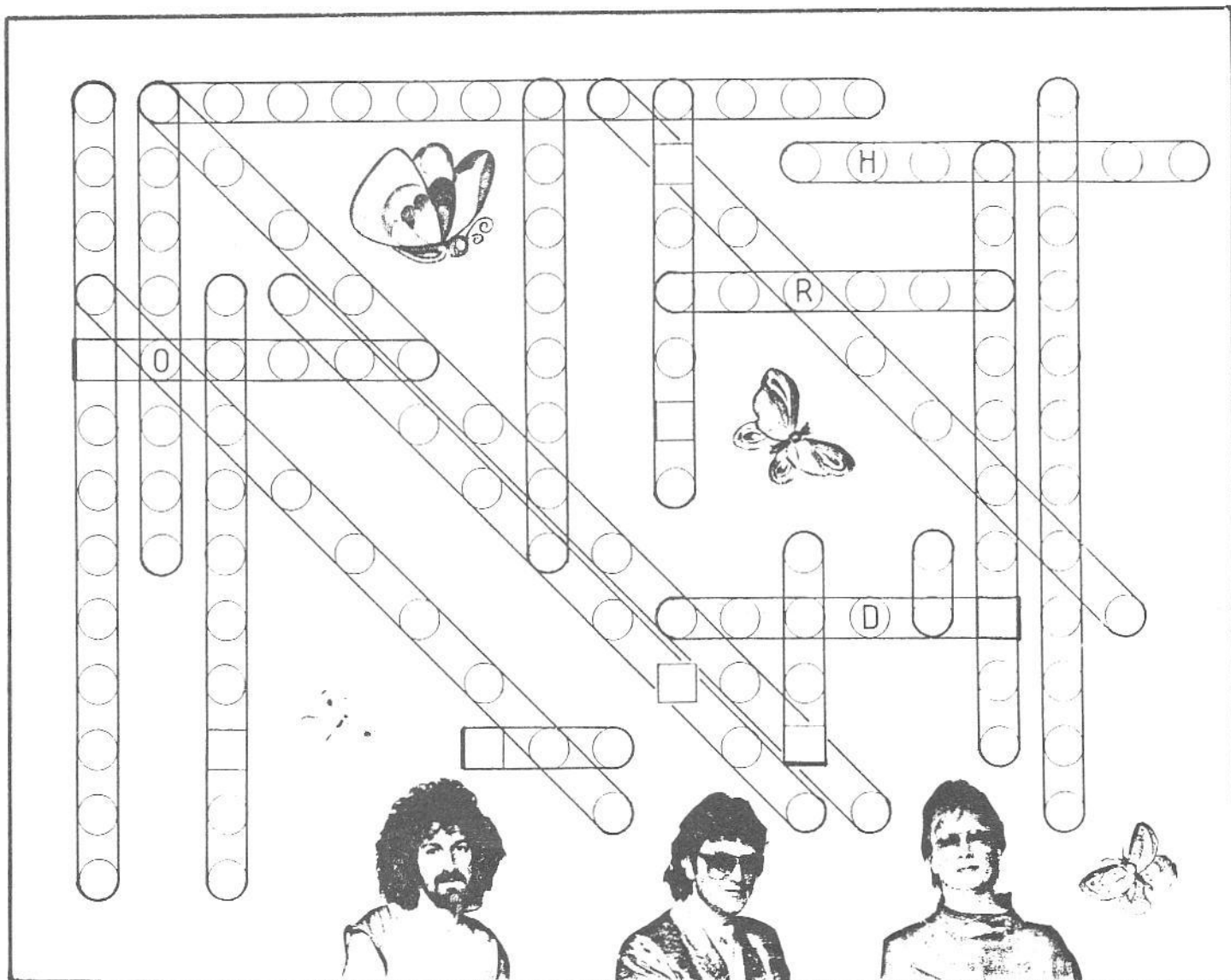
FOBJH GRAND SUMMER DRAW

I have been lucky enough to obtain (eternal thanks to Lindsay Brown) six copies of the BJH Interview Album - an album specially produced for radio stations and impossible to get hold of under normal circumstances. As you will appreciate, this is very much a collectors' item and well worth having. In my wisdom and with a view to fairness of distribution, I have decided to raffle these in our Grand Summer Draw. There is one entry form for the draw enclosed with this newsletter (if you wish more than one try, then just copy the form onto the relevant number of sheets of paper) and the cost of each

attempt is £1.00 or 5 attempts for £4.00. As a special bonus anyone spending more than £5.00 with the club on merchandise between now and the closing date will automatically be entered for one free attempt at the draw. The closing date is Saturday August 30th 1986 and do please remember that these albums will never again be available to you.

JUNE PRIZE RIDDLE

There is following a grid for our prize riddle, which was invented by the Scherrer Brothers of Germany (who have also donated the prizes). The idea is to find the BJH song titles in the grid. There are four letters to start you off. After having completed all the song titles correctly you will notice that there are several boxes in the grid. Each one should, by now, contain a letter. If you take all these letters and unscramble them you will find the title of another BJH song. This final song title is the solution to the competition. Amongst the titles there is also one from A Major Fancy. The closing date is Saturday 30th August and you can have as many attempts as you wish. However, in order to assist club funds we are charging an entry fee of .50p (for each attempt). A special entry form is enclosed with this newsletter and if you wish more than one attempt, again, just copy the form onto the relevant number of sheets of paper.



The Prizes

1. One Ethiopia-aid single "Mother & Child Reunion".
2. A pack of 5 photos of the 1984 BJH tour. Personally signed
3. A pack of 3 photos of the 1984 tour of BJH. Personally signed.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking Siegfried and Meinrad Scherrer for their efforts and contributions.

JUNE MERCHANDISE SPECIAL OFFER

As mentioned earlier every member spending £5.00 or more from the Club/VOC merchandise lists between now and August 30th will automatically receive one free attempt at the Grand Summer Draw.

THE ANNUAL SWEATSHIRT OFFER

The response I received after mentioning last time that we would stop producing our annual sweatshirts unless orders picked up showed me that my timing was wrong. For the main, most of you would prefer this offer to take place in September so we'll give it a whirl this year.

THE AD'S

Julie Dyson, 83 Malmesbury Road, Chippenham, Wilts, SN15 1PY would like to hear from fellow members in the Chippenham area.

Barclay James Harvest Record Exchange - Wants lists, sales, exchanges, 37B Brecon Square, Ramsgate, CT12 6NS (tel Thanet (0843) 589670).

Would Roman Geiger no: 503 please contact Dagmar Mueller, PO Box 1 21, D-7234 Aicchalden, West Germany.

Martin Ellis, 25 Toronto Terrace, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 2UX will photocopy any FOBHJH newsletter and also try to find any album/single by BJH or any other artist in return for a sae or reply coupon for details.

Richard Barnfield, Oaklea, Hanmore Cross, Staunton on Wye, Hereford would like a female penfriend (come on ladies). He is 18 and likes BJH, Yes, Joni Mitchell, Pink Floyd and others. His interests include creative writing, listening to music and reading.

Peter Brooks, 10 Bramley Road, Birstall, Leicester would like a copy of A Major Fancy and absolutely anything else connected with BJH from past concert tickets to stage photos to press releases. Anything at all - best prices paid as they say.

If you would like to advertise here please send your advertisement worded as you would like it to appear (ensuring full details of your name, address and membership no are included) together with .50p towards printing costs.

JOHN AND YOUR TAPES

I have received quite a few tapes from people who want John to listen

to them because as you know he has his own studio and is keen to help new talent. All of these have been passed along to John who says thanks. He tells me he has listened to them all but does not have sufficient time to sit down and reply or contact you about them unless they are interested.

TIME FOR A NAG

You're at it again - not putting your membership no's or addresses on things you send in. It may seem a minor point to you but imagine it multiplied by hundreds and you will begin to appreciate the problems it causes. Please try to remember this point.

Also the sae/reply coupon situation. We spend a fortune in postage, believe it or not, and funds simply do not stretch to extras. I have been quite good at replying whether or not return postage was included in the past but from now I am clamping down.

As I explained to you last time, with BJH off the road for the last 2 years the club is not picking up as many new members as usual. I think I told you, last time, that when the boys tour and we advertise in the programmes as well as on new albums, we obviously pick up a large influx of new FOBJH's. However for the past couple of years whilst we have still attracted a fair amount of newcomers it has not been anything like our usual numbers. This, in turn, means that our funds are very much more restricted than usual. It costs an awful lot to keep the FOBJH show on the road - most of our money disappears on postage, stationery and printing costs and so we do definitely need your support. Please enter our draw, competition and try to buy something from our merchandise lists. Easier times will be here soon but we all have to work together to keep FOBJH up to its present standards.

THE REJOINERS

The following members should renew immediately

43 - 80 ... 515 ... 1495 - 1561 ... 1753 - 1776 ... 2127 - 2187 ...
2523 - 2562 ... 2904 - 1931

The following members should renew before the end of July 1986

87 ... 530 - 544 ... 1562 - 1585 ... 1777 - 1801 ... 2188 - 2255 ...
2563 - 2608 ... 2932 - 2943

The following members should renew before the end of August 1986

566 ... 1355 ... 1586 - 1612 ... 1802 - 1853 ... 2226 - 2262 ... 2609
- 2677 ... 2944 - 2959.

Fees:

UK - £5.00 ... Europe - £6.50 ... Elsewhere - £8.00

Here I am at the end of our summer special. Before I close I must say that we really do appreciate your patience and support - never more. I'll leave you with a drawing done by member Dagmar Mueller which was really intended as our cover but a certain young man took that over. Enjoy the summer weather and carry on listening to BJH - you cannot do better.

Chrissie



BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST

THE ALBUM - Track preview

On 9 July as mentioned in the newsletter proper, I visited BJH in the recording studios to preview the tracks they are recording for their next album.

In all I listened to five tracks (there was no point in hearing more since the rest had no vocals as yet). At present there are, obviously, no firm titles for any of the tracks so I am unable to relate my impressions by referring to individual tracks by name. However, I can tell you that you most definitely will not be disappointed. The tracks I heard were, all five of them, extremely strong songs (I heard a 50/50 mixture of John and Les songs) the fourth of which I think would make a terrific single. They are very reminiscent of the Gone to Earth/Time Honoured Ghosts tracks, beautiful haunting melodies and lyrics. It is very difficult to actually describe a song but I promise you the wait will have been well worth it. If it took them another year to finish this album (don't panic, it wont) it would still be worth the wait.

BJH themselves are pleased with the product so far as are the engineers. The purpose of my visit was as your "ears" ie representing you so that I can come back with my views. The boys would have been quite happy for me to say I hadn't liked it if that was true. It isn't! If the rest of the tracks are as good as these (and Les feels the best is yet to come) then the next BJH album will be solid gold.

Sitting at the control desk listening to the tracks at full belt on good quality equipment was one of the most magic moments of my time with BJH. The work that has been put into this album, the professionalism and quest for perfection will be well rewarded when you can buy it in the shops and confirm my opinion for yourselves. Good things are always worth waiting for and I cannot enthuse enough about this good thing. Words like sensational, wonderful, beautiful, fantastic etc quickly spring to mind but honestly they are insufficient. In my opinion this album far surpasses anything that has gone before it and BJH should be justifiably proud of their work.

Roll on release date so everyone can share the sounds.

Friends of Barclay James Harvest

METHODS OF PAYMENT

These details apply to all orders, membership fees etc.

UK MEMBERS

- 1) By Postal Order
- 2) By Cheque
- 3) By Cash (if you really must)

EUROPEAN MEMBERS

- 1) By Eurocheque in STERLING
- 2) By International Money Order in STERLING
- 3) In your own currency (if you really must) but you must add the equivalent of £1 sterling to cover bank administration charges. We cannot accept your coins.
- 4) In sterling currency (again, if you really must) but we cannot accept coins other than £1 ones.

MEMBERS OUTSIDE UK & EUROPE

- 1) By sterling cheque (cheques payable in your own currency are not acceptable since after negotiation at the bank they are worthless and, on most occasions, our bankers have refused to accept them.
- 2) In your currency (if you really must) but be sure to add the equivalent of £1 sterling for bank administration charges. We cannot accept your coins.
- 3) In sterling currency (again if you really must) but we cannot accept coins (except £1 ones)

EVERYONE

Cheques, Postal Orders, Money Orders must be payable to FOBJH

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**FRIENDS OF BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

I would like to renew my membership to FOBJH for a further year.

Full Name

Full Address (including country if outside UK)

Membership No :

FRIENDS OF BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST

CLUB MERCHANDISE - Price List (June 1986)

	Price UK	Price Europe	Price Elsewhere
Club Shirts	4.50	5.00	6.50
White shirt/blue logo (sm. med. large)			
Black Shirts	2.50	4.00	5.50
(small only)			
Scarf	2.45	2.75	3.80
Navy/white BJH logo			
Poster .....	.70	.85	1.20
Black/white Size A3			
Metal Badge	1.65	2.00	2.75
Blue with FOBH logo			
Picture Badge .....	.40	.60	.80
FOBH stickers (5's) .	.60	.75	.90
Black/white stickers(5's).	.55	.65	.75
EOU Patches .....	.55	.65	.75
Black/white patches ..	.45	.55	.65
Time Honoured Ghosts Programmes	1.00	1.50	2.50
Writing Pads .....	.75	.95	1.50
Biros50	.60	.70

** PRICES INCLUDE POSTAGE & PACKING (AIR MAIL OUTSIDE UK & EUROPE) **

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FRIENDS OF BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST CLUB MERCHANDISE - ORDER FORM (June 1986)

Descr.	Size	No	Price Each	Total Price
White shirt				
Black shirt	small			
Scarf	n/a			
Poster	n/a			
Metal Badge	n/a			
Picture Badge	n/a			
FOBH stickers	n/a			
B/w stickers	n/a			
EOU patch	n/a			
B/w patch	n/a			
THG Programme	n/a			
Writing Pad	n/a			
Biro	n/a			

GRAND TOTAL OF ORDER

Full Name :

Full Address (including country if outside UK):

FRIENDS OF BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST
VOC MERCHANDISE - Price List (June 1986)

	Price UK	Price Europe	Price Elsewhere
Navy Shirts with VOC motif (sm med)	2.85	3.30	5.00
White shirts Sleeveless VOC motif (sm large)	2.85	3.30	5.00
Grey Jersey with VOC motif (sm med)	3.95	4.70	7.60
Enamel Badge	1.25	1.35	1.45
Scarf	2.45	2.75	3.80
Tour Programmes	2.00	2.50	4.60

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FRIENDS OF BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST
VOC MERCHANDISE - ORDER FORM - (June 1986)

Descr.	Size	No	Price Each	Total Price
Navy shirt				
White shirt				
Grey Jersey				
Enamel Badge	n/a			
Scarf	n/a			
Tour Progr.	n/a			
GRAND TOTAL OF ORDER				

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Full Name :

Full Address (including country if outside UK):

