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Since the printing of the enclosed leaflet (which gives all box office details for the 'Swing Is Here tour) Roy Eldridge has been taken ill and his doctors have advised him not to travel to England as planned.

We have been extremely fortunate in securing the services of a top line replacement in ex-Louis Armstrong All-Star TRUMMY YOUNG. As far as we are aware, Trummy has not visited Europe since the late 1950's and because of his commitments in Hawaii has constantly turned down offers over the years to appear at major European festivals.

This fine trombonist is looking forward to renewing acquaintance with Chris' Band with whom he appeared on the same bill at the Hollywood Bowl in 1960!

In late August/early September this year we shall be bringing more U.S. guests to England for a special tour with the band. The show will be entitled 'New Orleans and The Blues' and our guests will be New Orleans trumpeter Alvin Alcorn and Blues singer Tommy Tucker (of High Heel Sneakers fame!).

The band returns from the current European tour at Easter and prior to the commencement of 'Swing Is Here' some of the band will be 'on the road' around the country as guests at some club dates.

Sammy Rimington appears as guest soloist at:

- Wed Mar 29th: Albion Hotel:City Road: CHESTER
- Thu Mar 30th: Delph Band Club: DELPH: Nr. Oldham
- Fri Mar 31st: Coxwains Cabin:BOWNESS: Windermere
- Thu Apr 6th: Birch Hall Hotel:LEES: Nr. Oldham
- Fri Apr 7th: Village Hall:CREATON: Northants
- Sat Apr 8th: Royal Oak: BITTERSWELL: Leics
- Sun Apr 9th: Boston Jazz Club: BOSTON: Lincs

Sammy appears with his own quartet at:

- Sun Apr 2nd: Salisbury Hotel: BARNET: Herts
- Mon Apr 3rd: Red Lion: HATFIELD: with special guest PAT HALCOX

John Crocker guests at The Brahms & Lizst, Brown Street, Manchester on Monday April 3rd with The Smokey City Jazz Band and on Thursday April 6th John and Pat Halcox guest at East Lancs Jazz Club, Great Harwood Football Club, Wood Street, Great Harwood, Nr. Bolton.

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After completion of the UK part of 'Swing Is Here' on April 23rd (Huddersfield) the tour moves accross to Europe for a few days, after which the band takes a short holiday.

The next UK tour by Chris Barber's Jazz & Blues Band (without guests!) commences on May 17th; full details:

Wed May 17th: Town Hall: DURHAM
Thu May 18th: Allestree Jazz Club: Pennine Hotel: DERBY
Fri May 19th: Corn Exchange: KING'S LYNN: Norfolk
Sun May 21st: Strathallen Hotel: BIRMINGHAM
Mon May 22nd: Hexagon Theatre: READING
Tue May 23rd: Witney Jazz Club: Witney Town FC: WITNEY
Wed May 24th: King's School: GLOUCESTER
Thu May 25th: Johnson Hall: YEOVIL
Fri May 26th: Green Lawns Hotel: FALMOUTH
Sat May 27th: Crown Inn: CODSALL: Nr. Wolverhampton
Sun May 28th: Ellesmere College: ELLESMERE: Salop
Mon May 29th: Parade Gardens: BATH
Tue May 30th: Congress Theatre: CWMBRAN: Gwent
Wed May 31st: Brewhouse Theatre: TAUNTON
Thu Jun 1st: White Buck Inn: BURLEY: New Forest

Revised release plans for the 'Echoes of Ellington' 3 album boxed set are running to schedule so it seems certain that the album will be available prior to commencement of the Lewis/Young tour. The special price of £6.50 to fan club members can only apply to callers at concerts. Postage would make it more expensive than the normal retail price!

It now seems certain that, at long last, the band really ARE this year going to make their first ever trip to Australia. The tour runs from September 28th to October 10th and features at all of Australia's major concert venues. Requests for long lost Aussie friends on Family Favourites would help tour publicity no end (hint, hint).
