

CHRIS BARBER

JAZZ &
BLUES BAND

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Full venue details for the tour of Switzerland and Austria have not been received but the dates and towns are as follows:

FEB 11: GENEVA:SWITZERLAND	FEB 20: MAYRHOFEN:AUSTRIA
FEB 13: ADELBODEN:SWITZERLAND	FEB 21: SCHAAN:LIECHENSTEIN
FEB 14: ST. ANTON:AUSTRIA	FEB 22: AROSA:SWITZERLAND
FEB 15: SEEFELD:AUSTRIA	FEB 23: BASEL:SWITZERLAND
FEB 16: BADGASTEIN:AUSTRIA	FEB 24: ARBON:SWITZERLAND
FEB 17: LIENZ:AUSTRIA	FEB 25: BUCHS:SWITZERLAND
FEB 18: KLAGENFURT: AUSTRIA	FEB 26: ZURICH OPERA HOUSE:SWITZERLAND
FEB 19: KITZBUHEL:AUSTRIA	FEB 27: ZUG:SWITZERLAND
FEB 28: BERNE:SWITZERLAND	

Specific venue details and times can be obtained from our promoter for Austria and Switzerland, Hans Fuog, telephone Basel (061) 232902

In previous newsletters some uncertainty was indicated concerning the bill for the 35 year Anniversary events at The Fairfield Hall and the 100 Club. We now understand that Lonnie Donegan will, after all be available for these events. Therefore both concerts will feature the original line-up of the present band (MONTY SUNSHINE, JIM BRAY, RON BOWDEN, PAT HALCOX, LONNIE DONEGAN & CHRIS BARBER) along with most of the original 1949 Chris Barber amateur band (BEN COHEN, ALEX REVILL, FERDY FAVAGAR, GERRY FRENCH etc). The Fairfield Hall concert is on April 13th. and the 100 Club date is May 31st. which is, to the day, the 35th. anniversary of the present band's first ever public performance which took place in the very same venue. Admission to the 100 Club is strictly ticket only. This is stressed because normal policy at this venue is pay at the door. The advance tickets are available from Roger Horton, 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1. Tel 01 636 0933.

We have received further enquiries for the Chris Barber/Dr. John video filmed during the Marquee Club jubilee series. We no longer carry stocks of this item. However, it can be obtained from the distributors both in VHS and BETA. The price is £19.95 but a slightly higher figure may apply to non UK applications. Contact Jettisounz Ltd., 28-30 The Square, St. Annes, Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire FY8 1RF. Tel 0253 712453.

Some advance information re dates in West Germany: On April 23rd the band plays at BAD WILDUNGEN and on April 30th at MULHEIM RUHR: Full venue details re dates in West Germany from Karl Heinz Lyrmann in Dusseldorf. Tel (0211) 161000 or 323600

In a previous newsletter we announced the end of a 21 year association with the Hugh Christie School at Tonbridge due to the retirement of Ashley Best the master who had presented the annual Chris Barber concert throughout this time. Well, December 1988 was certainly the final concert at the school but we are delighted to learn that Ashley, with support of the local Lions Club will again be presenting Chris Barber's Jazz & Blues Band in concert on Thursday November 30th.. The venue will be at The Angel Centre in Tonbridge.

The next UK tour by the band commences at The Forum Theatre, Hatfield, Herts on Saturday March 11th and the following day they appear at The Fernham Hall, Fareham. Hants.. The tour finishes on April 2nd at The Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham. Full details will be included on the next newsletter in mid February as we still await final confirmation of a couple of outstanding dates for this period.

On June 23rd the Band appears at the TUNOE Jazz Festival in Denmark.

Now in stock is the long awaited re-issue of the famous 'Barber in Berlin' album of 1959. At present available only in LP form it is packaged with the original sleeve notes as part of a double album which also includes the 1960 London Palladium concert recorded at the Jazz News Poll Winners event and features the classic duet 'Swonderful with Ian Wheeler and Joe Harriott. The double album should soon be on sale at concerts but can also be obtained by post from this address at £11 (inc post & packing) if preferred.

A full list of recordings currently available by mail at special prices will be included in the mid-February newsletter.

This year's Birmingham concert takes place at The Repertory Theatre on Sunday December 17th. and will feature special guests to be announced later. Ticket prices have probably not yet been set . Box office is 021 236 4455.

On Wednesday August 30th the band appears at The Bude Jazz Festival. This is a new but growing festival well worth a visit. Full details of this event can be obtained direct from the organiser John Minnion at 236 Selly Oak Road, Bourneville, Birmingham B30 1HL. Tel 021 331 5474 or 021 459 0689.

Dates for Scotland this year are still to be finalised but it is so far known that there will be an appearance in Dumfries on June 3rd and dates in December in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen. Full details in due course.

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