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**HAPPY**

**CHRISTMAS**

**TO ONE AND**

**ALL**

**JAN**

*Hi everyone,*

Brief up-date on matters mentioned in the lat issue:-

The "Eclectic" video progress. Once again, I asked Ian if there had been any progress on this, *"This is not going to happen except there is the POSSIBILITY that, in the future, it MAY be available through the web page."*

**Record deal.** *"Can't say what's happening yet".*

In the last issue we said *"... by the way, anyone interested in writing the next magazine...."* Nothing from anywhere, nothing. So, I guess no one wanted to have a go!! So, what's been happening here, why is the mag a bit late, again? Well, apart from hoping that an "editor" was going to come forward, I've been busy - circumstances are such that I now have to go out temping to try to earn a crust. So, I temp every afternoon on a long term cover and also some mornings at various jobs - when not temping I'm here and then often come back in the evenings for a couple of hours. For all the work and running around I'm doing I can't believe I'm so broke! There you have it, no frills just the plain facts.

Sorry, there is not a lot to tell you but I really did want to get something out to you before Christmas even if it is really not very much but, it is all that I have.

Cheers, have a wonderful Christmas and new year.

Jan

#### **The HOT NEWS system.**

How it works:- all you need do is lodge a stamped, self-addressed envelope here, clearly marked HOT NEWS. (Overseas members should send International Reply Coupons).

This envelope should show YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER and the DATE OF THE LAST HOT NEWS RECEIVED by you.

I will then keep these envelopes here until there is news of release dates/tours or what-have-you. If you don't participate then, I have to say, you could miss out - funds do not run to a general mailing every time there is a bit of news, sorry.

To keep abreast between the newsletters/magazines you need to participate in the hot news System, whether by e-mail or "snail mail". If you wish to receive this news via your computer screen then just let me know your e-mail address and I will add you to the BC address group.



THE  
OFFICIAL  
WEB PAGE

[www.bigcountry.co.uk](http://www.bigcountry.co.uk)

Not a lot of news but, for those without access to the Web here is what you are missing.

All of those that make an order for Bruce's solo mini album "Faster Than The Speed of Sound" will have their name printed on the album if ordered prior to November 12th. This is only available in the members merchandise section. The album will be available to non-members from 23rd November (Members -£7.65 and non-members £8.50 plus p&P). Purchase any item of clothing from the merchandise section and get ninety days' free access to the members' section. Please note that I did e-mail Ian re Country Club having access to these items of merchandise for sale to CC members without Web access but unfortunately I cannot do this - you will need to go direct to Ian.

**Posted on 16th October:-** What Big Country get up to in their spare time! Mark is performing with that 70s boy, Leo Sayer tonight (Friday 16th October) in Witney, Oxfordshire. Mark also guested with Leo in Poland last weekend. Stuart flew into UK from Nashville this morning will also be guesting tonight. He is to play with Peter Green, BB King, Jools Holland and an assortment of guests at a private party in London. All will be revealed next week.

**Posted 27th October:-** Just to let those know who haven't visited the bulletin board, Stuart performed with BB King, Peter Green and his Splinter Group, Jools Holland and Kym Mazelle. Among others looking on were The Hollioake Brothers and Joey Benjamin (Surrey and England cricketers), Frank Skinner, Tiffany and Bianca (Eastenders), Samantha Fox, Eric Clapton (this was a surprise party organised for Eric after a gig at Earls Court for which Ian organised the musical side of the event) turned up, decided it was too hot and left. He had made his own way to the party and left. It was hot, very hot inside and with that excuse

made his leave. Shame. Still, BB King and Peter Green was pretty much "magic" and Stuart was honoured to join them.

## Big Country official webside xmas ep



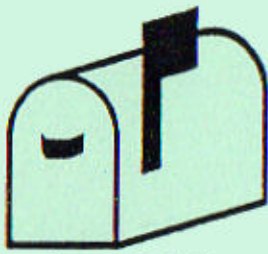
As taken from the News section of the Web site -

"It can be confirmed that there will be a five track EP of demos that haven't made the alum (although you never know what will ultimately happen in the studio when making the album):-

"Dive Into Me"  
"This Blood's For You"  
"Medicine Show"  
"Cimarron"  
"Without Wings"

Four of these are from the earliest demo sessions. The CD will sell for £8.50 (10% discount to members of members section of the Web site). Tony has mastered the album at his own studio and artwork will be commenced next week. We hope to have it available for 18th December and will take orders from 7th December. Anyone wanting to submit artwork ideas via e-mail over the weekend is welcome to do so."

Available only through the official web site, sorry.



From Valerie Busby (003536) ".....Thought I'd mention the BC gig in Redcar at the end of May. I hadn't considered travelling to Redcar as it would be quite a long journey on not good roads for me. However, for a couple of years I have been writing to another BC fan called John from Plymouth who kindly sent me a copy of "A Certain Chemistry" which I had asked for through the BC mag. John wrote and told me that he was travelling to Nottingham, Norwich and Redcar to see BC and he'd see me at Redcar if I was going. A photo was enclosed of John as I'd never met him. No more encouragement needed. After persuading my husband, John, STILL yet to be converted to the wonders of BC to go to Redcar with me (he'd sprained his ankle only a few days before) I purchased tickets. Our daughter Nikki was home on leave from the Navy and although she liked "KofE" as a child is not a big fan of the band but knowing she'd be in for a good time asked if she could come too.

It took two hours to get to Redcar and 'cos John was driving his ankle was hurting. We missed the support band but managed to spot John from Plymouth and his girlfriend Liz. After introductions and a brief chat, BC came onto the stage. Nikki and I got right to the front, leaving husband, John, right at the back, John and Liz not far behind us.

This was to be the only time that I would see BC this year and having not seen them play for two years I was determined to have a good time. We were not disappointed. Despite being pushed and shoved and literally dripping with sweat (I looked as though I had just come out of the shower) we had a brilliant time. It was a two hour aerobic work out only slowing for breath on the slower numbers. Nikki was in the thick of the crowd having a great time. All too soon it was the end of the concert and my all-time favourite BC song "Fields of Fire" began. As I'm usually alone at the front i.e. no friends or family I took the opportunity to do a jig with Nikki and horror of horrors I slipped and fell flat on my back. Head bouncing and Nikki staring in disbelief, I remember thinking please don't let me be unconscious, I want to see the rest of the concert! I was helped to my feet and after an enquiry from one concerned fan to see if I was OK, which I

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was, I got stuck in again and enjoyed the end of the concert. Very embarrassing, especially as I was sober. After the concert I couldn't find John and Liz to say goodbye but when husband John saw me, he took one look at the dripping wet state I was in and said "you daft sod". Nikki and I, and I'm sure the rest of the crowd had had a brilliant time which is what a BC concert is all about. It was good also to meet my BC pen pal at last.

Sorry to go on for so long and thank you for taking the time to read this. I only mentioned Redcar because no one else seemed to have done so. Best wishes Val"

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A fan wrote to me - unsigned, no address, no membership number etc. so, don't know who he/she is but:- "... With reference to issue 43 are any of the following available as I have never heard them? - "Simple Man", "Shattered Cross", "Private Battlefield", "Learn To Row", "President", "Sleep Till Dawn", "Loserville", "Living By Memory" and "I Get Hurt".

*It is too early to say at the moment.*

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## Notice Board

Neil Partridge (002941),

Bill Dalglish (001837)

Two copies of "A Certain Chemistry" good condition. Open to offers for the above, please write to Neil with a stamped addressed envelope.

Could any let Bill have a copy of "Without" The Aid Of A Safety Net (Live)" video?