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URIAH HEEP'S OFFICIAL WORLD WIDE FAN CLUB -- ADMINISTERED BY DAVID OWEN & ALAN HARTLEY

Hi again and welcome to issue 12,

I know that the first thing you are expecting to read about is a new record deal, well, the bad news is that there is nothing to report at this point in time. There are more details on the exact position concerning the record deal in an exclusive interview with Mick in this issue. However, Heep have not been sat around doing nothing as those of you who use our concert dates service will know. At the time of going to press some of the shows have already been and gone but below is a list of this years confirmed dates so far:-

- 13th May 1994, Struik, Heino, Holland
- 14th May 1994, Sjiwa, Baarlo, Holland
- 15th May 1994, Noorderlicht, Tilburg, Holland
- 2nd June 1994, Stone Rock festival, Wiesen, Austria
- * 3rd June 1994, Waldbuhne, Berlin, Germany
- * 5th June 1994, Eisporthele, Halle, Germany
- * 7th June 1994, West Falenhalle, Dortmund, Germany
- * 8th June 1994, Sporthalle, Hamburg, Germany
- * 10th June 1994, **Festival**, Karlshamn, Sweden
- * 11th June 1994, **Scandinavium**, Gotthenburg, Sweden
- * 13th June 1994, Seidenstickerhalle, Bielefeld, Germany
- * 14th June 1994, Eisporthele, Kassel, Germany
- * 15th June 1994, Nibelungernhalle, Passau, Germany
- * 16th June 1994, Sarlandhalle, Saarbrucken, Germany
- * 17th June 1994, Villingen, Schweningen, Germany
- 17th June 1994, Open Air Festival, Liechtenstein, Switzerland
- * 19th June 1994, Sehweabenhalle, Augsburg, Germany
- 23rd June 1994, Music Hall, Koln, Germany
- * 24th June 1994, **Barbanthallen**, Denbosh, Holland
- 25th June 1994, Grosse Freiheit, Hamburg, Germany
- 26th June 1994, Music Palast, Brilon, Germany
- 2nd July 1994, Frielichtbuhne, Mieste, Germany

The dates prefixed thus * are supporting Deep Purple and were arranged at the last minute when Bad Company who were to play on these dates with Purple pulled out. Heep were asked if they could step in late evening on Wednesday, May 25th, by late evening Friday, May 27th, Mick had costed it all out and agreed the deal. There were several difficulties, not least was the trip from Wiesen in Austria where Heep were playing on June 2nd to play with Purple in Berlin, Germany, the next day. Also there was the Open Air Festival which Heep were already contracted to play in Liechtenstein, Switzerland on June 17th, the same day as the show with Purple in Saarbrucken, Germany, but in true Heep style they

managed to arrange to do both shows on the same day. The speed with which all this was arranged just shows how fast things can happen and gives members a hard hitting reminder that if you want to be kept informed of the very latest up to the minute concert news, then you need to send us another SAE or IRC as soon as you have received some dates from us.

Other offers are coming in for live work, Heep are in the very early stages of looking at a package that could see them back in North America in August this year, one show in the USA has been offered and the possibility of building more around this is being looked at. At this stage nothing is sure but as the next issue is not due until September, don't forget to use our concert dates service if you want to be kept up to date on any developments. One offer has come in already that could see Heep in New Plymouth, New Zealand in April 1995, yes, next year!! The band are looking at the possibility of adding further dates in other far Eastern territories if this one goes ahead. We'll keep you informed but all our members downunda' should keep their diaries clear.

If you want to be kept informed of Heep's shows as they are confirmed between issues of the magazine, just send us a SAE (UK members) or an international reply coupon available from any post office, (overseas members) and we'll keep you up to date. Please state whether you want dates for your own country or anywhere in the world. The band tell us as soon as they have signed a contract to play any concerts so we can provide you with the very latest news. It has come to our attention that some of the overseas promoters have been advertising some shows before they are fully confirmed, this is ok if everything goes ahead but not so good if a deal is not agreed as people tend to blame the band if a show is then cancelled when really it's the promoter who is at fault for advertising a show before a deal has been agreed. We've even had members from Australia sending in press articles saying that Heep were touring there early this year which just wasn't true. Enjoy the concerts that are coming up and don't forget to send in your reports.

Everyone who ordered the new Ken Hensley CD, "From Time To Time", from us in the last issue will have received their copy some time ago, the CD's arrived with us during the third week of May and were mailed out straight away. As we go to print in June the CD is still not in the shops so we would like to thank Robert Corich and "Red Steel Music" for doing a great job in ensuring that UHAS members received their copy of the CD before anyone else. You can still order the CD from us using the form in this issue. It will probably be another 6 or so weeks before the CD is released in America and we believe that the version released there will not include the small bonus track of "Does Anything Matter", (which became "Woman Of The World"), with it's comical lyrics that is on the English version as I mentioned in my review of the CD in the last issue.

Red Steel are also producing what they call a 'fan club' edition of "The Lansdowne Tapes". This edition of the CD will feature different artwork on the insert which will probably more closely resemble the original idea which we featured in issue 10 and there will be artwork on the CD. They are only manufacturing 500 of these and they are offering them to UHAS members first, if you want one be sure to order it now, details are on the separate form in this issue. Once our members' orders have been filled Red Steel will distribute the remaining CD's to specialist dealers so we will not be able to get any more. It is anticipated that the CD manufacture will be completed sometime between now and the next issue but order early if you want to be sure of getting a copy, by the time the next issue is out it could be too late.

Still on the subject of forthcoming releases, the 25th anniversary box set is expected to be ready for release towards the end of the year, "Holy Roller", one of the tracks recorded by

Heep in August 1992 which we reported on in issue 5 is now set for inclusion on this release. We will be able to supply the box set to our members and further details of this will be included in a future issue.

Just when you thought that Heep were quiet on the recording front comes a surprising bit of news. Not that Heep have been in the studio but Phil has and he's recorded a dance version of "Gypsy". Yes! it's true and as I said to Phil, "if I didn't know it was you I would probably say, listen to what some lousy sod has done to Gypsy". We had a laugh about that but joking aside the track sounds every bit as good as any other dance record that you may hear, I'm not an expert on this type of music, far from it but it could end up being the highest charting Heep song yet. The track will initially be pressed up as a CD for promotional purposes and we will have one to give away as a prize in the next issue. A video has also been made and there are more details in an exclusive interview with Phil in this issue.

There is an interesting new release on the "Windsong" label from "Lone Star" titled "BBC Radio 1, Live in Concert" (WIN CD 059). It's a shame that it's not a full concert but there are 8 tracks on the CD and 4 of them feature John Sloman. These are:- "She Said She Said", Crafty Jack, "Bells Of Berlin" and "Flying The Real".

Over the past few issues we've mentioned a new Uriah Heep song book. "Uriah Heep Collection" is the title of this 148 page song book which features a colour band photo on the front and the music for piano, vocals, guitar tablature and chords to the following tracks:- Gypsy, Lady In Black, July Morning, The Wizard, Easy Livin, Traveller In Time, The Magicians Birthday, Sweet Lorraine, Devil's Daughter, The Other Side Of Midnight, Cry Freedom and Different World. There is also a short write up on the band, an explanation of guitar tablature and a selection of photos, some of which were supplied by our own Issabella Seefriedt. The publishers tell us that the recommended selling price for the book is £16.95 in the shops. We can supply our members with a copy for £13.50 plus post and package and if your order is received by July 23rd 1994 your copy will be signed by every member of the band. Please see the separate form for details of post and packaging costs.

Thanks to Anders Rofstad of Norway who wrote with some information about "Excavations From The Bronze Age". You may remember that we mentioned some time ago that the "Rarities" CD was to be issued in Europe under this title and we asked if any members could let us know if the sleeve or the track listing was any different to the English version. Anders tells us that he's seen the CD in a mail order catalogue and the sleeve is the same but it seems that there are only 20 tracks on this version, "Return To Fantasy" being the one that's missing.

Now an important item for any overseas members who may have any UK sterling currency, after this issue we will no longer be able to accept the £10 note that features Florence Nightingale. This has been replaced with a new £10 note so if you have any please use them up before they cease to be legal in the UK.

It's the time of year again to mention football, well done to Manchester United who are Premier League champions and FA Cup winners, whilst I'm patting them on the back for their tremendous achievement of winning the double, Mick is patting Tottenham Hotspur on the back for avoiding relegation from the Premier League although they may still be relegated because of financial irregularities at the club. Let's hope not for Mick's sake, they may be going through a bad spell but they are one of only 5 other clubs to have won the league and cup double so they are a side worthy Premier League status. Good luck to all our members who's country is represented in the World Cup later this month in