



PIRATES UPDATE

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IT WAS NUMBER ONE, IT'S...



On 27th March, the band went into BBC Television Centre to record *Shakin'*, *Honey Hush* and *Peter Gunn* for an upcoming transmission of BBC2's TOTP2. (*Shakin'* was finally transmitted on 18 June.) The band's heavy authority was exemplified at the 9am (!) sound check when they struck out with a searing assault on *Shakin'*. Almost imperceptibly, a goodly number of passing BBC staffers quietly gravitated into the studio and even hard bitten technicians who have seen and heard it all, interrupted what they were doing! Due to both Frank's and John Lingwood's unavailabilities, we had to dep with a new stick-man Simon Holdgate who

entered the pressurised television studio environment not having even met Johnny before! Simon who had at least played with Mick before on that savage version of *Blue Suede Shoes* with Lemmy, performed very creditably under the circumstances. We would like to place on record our appreciation to the BBC's popular music supremo Mark Hagen who had the faith to put a band on without a record contract - that can't have happened too many times!! If you missed it, there's the chance that the programme will get a repeat and there's the possibility the other tracks may also see the light of day at some stage.

FOR THE VERY LATEST BAND INFO GO: www.johnnykidd.co.uk

Since our own site went off air, we have piggy-backed a dedicated Pirates section on the back of Adrian Barretts excellent tribute to Johnny Kidd. We don't have the time/resources at Pirate plc to keep up a regular stream of Newsletters so this is the place to find breaking gig info etc. Plus you can contact us via email at: ThePirates2000@aol.com or post at: Pirates, 3 Denman Drive, LONDON, NW11 6RE. All queries answered!!



From 1963, the lads caught modelling a fetching range of summer leisureware with J.K. of course and the band's rarely seen 'fourth man' keyboardist (or in those days organist) Vic Cooper. That's him on the...

AXE FACES AXE!

After years of Telecaster serial abuse, it looks as though Mick's long standing relationship with the famous Fender model - going right back to the Kidd hits in the 60s - may have come to an end! He has consigned the battered, rusty, ciggy scarred axe to the broom cupboard in favour of a new, um, Peavey! Yep you heard it right, that's Peavey! Fellow sideman in the Ferry band Chris (Motorbiking) Spedding raved about the Peavey and one was duly acquired. It's claimed to have a more focused sound but with no dilution of power. As if?

THREE AUGUST GIGS SET FOR FERRY TOUR BREAK.

As many of you are already aware, Mick has been co-opted into the Bryan Ferry world touring band until the end of 2002. It has meant that we have not been able to plug in any UK Pirates gigs apart from these three dates we've rapidly slotted in during the B.F. tour 'holiday' in August. These are unfortunately likely to be the only chance you will have to see the band live this year.

4 FRIDAY 09 AUGUST - THE BORDERLINE 3 WEST END OF LONDON

Compact, good atmosphere guaranteed. A favourite band venue. Manette Street, (Off Charing Cross Road), London W1. 2 mins. Tottenham Court Rd tube (Central/Northern lines), buses along Oxford St. Tickets: £11 in advance, £12 on the night. Box office for personal callers 10am - 6pm Mon - Sat: Bar Salsa, 96 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 1AH. (Telephone Bookings: 020 7395 0777. Ticket Agency: Stargreen: 020 7734 8932 (+Booking Fee). Doors 8.30pm. Promoter's Web Site: www.borderline.co.uk

4 FRIDAY 16 AUGUST - BOOM! BOOM! CLUB 3 SUTTON, SURREY

New venue due to problems with the W.P.C. and The Woodstock. At Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton, Surrey. Opp. West Sutton BR Station (10 mins to Wimbledon, 3 mins Sutton BR) Tickets: £10. Box Office 01784 460094 or 0208 568 0612. Venue: 020 8644 4440/5120 There are no booking agents or credit card sales on this one, just ring to confirm and your ticket(s) will be reserved for collection on the night. Doors 8.30pm. Promoter's Web Site: www.feenstra.co.uk

4 SATURDAY 17 AUGUST - RAYNERS HOTEL 3 NORTH HARROW, MIDDLESEX

Again, new venue for the band in the heart of Kidd country. Village Way East, Rayners Lane, Harrow, Middx. 3 mins. Rayners Lane tube (Piccadilly/Metropolitan lines) Tickets: £10. Box Office 01784 460094 or 0208 568 0612 Venue 020 8866 1666. There are no booking agents or credit card sales on this one, just ring to confirm and your ticket(s) will be reserved for collection on the night. Doors 8pm. Promoter's Web Site: www.feenstra.co.uk

UK RELEASE FOR JAPANESE 'LIVE 2000' TOUR CD

The live CD recorded during the November 2000 tour of Japan has been given an official UK/European release on the Indigo/Sanctuary imprint with three previously unissued tracks.



Remastered, with completely new, fab looking sleeve art and liner notes from our own Yukiko Akagawa, it is a fitting memento of a rampaging tour. As well as regular favourites, 'new' material includes *Brand New Cadillac*, *Castin' My Spell*, *Baby Please Don't Go* and *A Shot of Rhythm & Blues*.

PIRATES ON CD

These titles featuring the Mick, Frank and John Pirates line up, are currently in catalogue in the UK:-

- **Out Of Their Skulls Plus**
Zircon Zirc 1003 (20x tracks)
- **Skull Wars Plus**
Zircon Zirc 1006 (20x)
- **Happy Birthday Rock & Roll Plus**
Zircon Zirc 1010 (20x)
- **Out Of Their Skulls (Double)**
West Side WESD 201 (51x)
- **Live In Japan • 2000**
Indigo IGOXCD 2511 (20x)

From your record shop, or Magpie by Mail on 08700 711611 e-mail: magpie@highnote.co.uk web site: www.magpiedirect.com

SNIPPETS...

Barry Hammett contacted us. He was in a Welsh band doing Kidd covers and was shocked to be asked to accompany the band to Hamburg to replace Mick's successor John Weider who was too young to be on stage at The Star Club! Frank fondly recalls Barry's reaction to the Roxys tranvestites!