

tight Connection

NUMBER 22

ALTERNATIVES TO COLLEGE



The Bob Dylan Society

Across the Swamp of Time

Life is full of surprises.

It had been quite an ordinary Shrove Tuesday. Just like last year, as our pancakes landed on the table, we realised that we had no golden syrup. And, just like last year, our frantic search of the local village shops proved fruitless. Not one green and gold can in sight. Perhaps I can persuade Keith to offer a giant can of Lyles Golden Syrup as one of his unforgettable prizes. Then, when the prize is discarded by the unlucky winner, I can grab it to ensure that our pancakes will be forever sweet and sticky.

The Brits Awards were on TV and, as expected, Take That and Sting scooped the gongs. Then came the surprise. Mr Dylan, yes that Mr Dylan, made a brief appearance on the Brit Awards. He gave a short Van Rap in praise of the good musical works of Van Morrison.

Unfortunately I didn't have a blank video handy and it took a few phone calls before Chris eventually ascertained that the son of a friend in Newcastle had taped the show.

So it will probably come as no surprise to you therefore to know that, if you missed it, you will be able to catch Dylan on the Brit Awards at the next Cambridge meeting, which is on Friday March 25th. Hope to see you there for an evening with, possibly, still a few surprises.

John Stokes

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P.S. Bring your pens and pencils

Rumours and Assorted Facts

(134) Supper Club Update

Dylan appears to be very pleased with his efforts at the Supper Club. He has taken to editing the films personally and has been playing them to anyone who crosses his path at the moment! Unfortunately he had decided that they are probably too good to give to MTV and has set about preparing them for video release and possibly PAY TV in the States. Just hope he doesn't lose interest and chuck them. If they do appear on video there will almost certainly be a CD to go with them, so get them bootlegs out soon guys.

(135) Bootleg Series Vols. 4-6

This old warhorse is on the cards again. It appears that we may see them soon but as separate albums (3) and not as a box set. First off is meant to be the long awaited, often cancelled and now largely legendary Albert Hall show from '66. (Now is that the real Albert Hall tape, or the Manchester AKA Albert Hall, or the part stereo Albert Hall and part mono Manchester or the improved Swinging Pig Albert Hall or, blah, blah, blah). Can this really be the end?

(136) Carolyn Hester

The CD has now arrived and is superb quality. It also includes a picture of Dylan from the session plus two out-takes as mentioned, these are alternate versions of "I'll Fly Away" and "Come Back Baby". Again it's on import on Bear so I'd get it quick. These things now have a very short lifespan. The Baez set reported previously is already cancelled as UK release and quite hard to find. You were warned.

(137) Clinton New Jersey 7-12-75

A short audio tape of this has arrived, 15 minutes long but taken from a video which I am hopeful we will be able to screen in the near future. Not the best Rolling Thunder performance but certainly one of the most unusual as it was recorded in prison!

(138) Japan 1994

Little news in yet on the recently concluded Japanese tour. No new tracks though "*Jokerman*" and "*If Not For You*" have returned to the set as well as a slightly rewritten "*If You See Her Say Hello*". All tapes were recorded and will be arriving soon, most likely by the time you get to read this! So probably some are destined to make it on to a JR in the near future.

(139) Is The Tour Over?

Well no it isn't. Dates are being lined up for late April in North West America. No firm venues yet but our hero isn't done yet.

(140) THE BRITS

Finally did you catch himself on the Brit Awards the other night?? Yes Bob put in an appearance by satellite presumably from Japan and did a very short Van Morrison rap to honour Van getting an award!! Amazing stuff this and if you make it to Cambridge you can see for yourself just what the fuss (?) is all about.

Chris Cooper

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Let me set the scene for you. This JR is quite an exclusive item. Dylan has recently recorded and filmed 4 sets acoustically. Produced by Dave Stewart, the 4 sets each lasted an hour. Two were played on November 16th, two on November 18th. The recordings are to be edited into one show, probably for use at long last for MTV's "Unplugged". The shows were all acoustic and as you will hear, extremely lively!!

All the shows have "escaped" as audience tapes. The next JR will feature one show entirely, plus some highlights from the others.

Side A

THE SUPPER CLUB, NEW YORK CITY 16-11-93 (early Show)

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| 1. | Absolutely Sweet Marie | 4.51 |
| 2. | Lay Lady Lay | 5.29 |
| 3. | Blood In My Eyes | 4.23 |
| 4. | Queen Jane Approximately | 9.29 |
| 5. | Tight Connection | 8.24 |
| 6. | Disease Of Conceit | 6.12 |
| 7. | I Want You | 6.04 |

Side B

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| 8. | Ring Them Bells | 6.21 |
| 9. | Chimes Of Freedom | 6.13 |
| 10. | Forever Young | 6.17 |

And from the Late Show

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| 11. | Ragged And Dirty | 4.51 |
| 12. | I'll Be Your Baby Tonight | 4.55 |
| 13. | Jack-A-Roe | 5.52 |
| 14. | One Too Many Mornings | 4.58 |

We are really very fortunate to be able to hear these shows so soon. It is a great shame that they have to be edited for film release. Let's hope that at least some of the footage sees the light of day. But whatever happens to the films, you can listen to what the fuss is all about for yourself soon. Don't miss it now!

Chris Cooper

ODE TO THE LONG SUFFERING DYLAN FAN WIDOWS

"Bob bloody Dylan bloody Bob Dylan
that's all i seem to hear
i suppose you're off to Cambridge again
to watch more bloody video's and drink more bloody beer,
"What do you need to go there for you listen to him at home every
night
i suppose it's to see other nut's, waste more money and refurbish
your appetites",
"No wife you're quite wrong you're barking up the wrong tree
i go to laugh at that poet chap that alone is worth ten time's the fee
poet chap, who's he think he is, bloody Bob Dylan mark two
that's all i need, oh God indeed, i suppose you're soon be writing
Dylan imitation stuff soon too.

25/1/94

PAUL CORNELL
JAN. 94

