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The band have just finished their hugely successful Christmas Tour in which they played the following dates:-

11th December

- Aberdeen Exhibition Centre

12th December

- Glasgow S.E.C.C.

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14th December

- Hull Arena

15th December

- Cardiff International Arena

16th December

- Blackpool Opera House

18th December

- Brighton Centre

19th December

- Bournemouth International Centre

21st December

- London Battersea Power Station

22nd December

- Reading Rivermead

23rd December

- Plymouth Pavilions

We hope that all of you who managed to make it to any of the above concerts had a fantastic night, we certainly did!!!

STOP PRESS.....

Splash is very saddened to hear the recent news that Tommy has decided to leave the band due to personal reasons - as a dearly loved member of the band he will be missed by many.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO...

Karen Harding / Lisa Twyning / Debbie Kingston / Catherine Anderson / Elaine Robinson / Sally Armitt / Sarah Skinner / Caroline Bradley / Sue Carter / Lorraine Gee / Fiona Camerson / Gayle Walker / Rebecca Rahman / Janet Hughes / Mia Brosens / Vicky Whitehouse / Janinka Etherington / Debbi Morrison / Sue Briggs / Julie Mounser / Helen Pickford / Chloe Howell / Dawn Carter / Nichola Lees / Sarah Proctor / Helen Wigglesworth / Fiona Mitchell, Alison Parker, Tara Aldwin, Steven Simmons / Sara Hill, Carys Jones / Emma Radley / Monique Vis / Jo Copeland / Stefani Harrison / Gayle Arnes / Marina Vacca / Hazel Peek / Jenny Craddock / Kristina Parker / Amanda Ball / Cairns Gibson/ Elaine & Barry Anderson / Karen Harding / Lisa Twyning / Sarah Lewis / Rachel & Adrian Shaw If anyone would like to be included. or would like to nominate someone else for this "Hellos" section for forthcoming issues of Splash please

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Happy New Year

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Well here we are at the beginning of another new year, so now is the time to decide what the new year is going to hold for us, what promises and resolutions are we going to make (or maybe break!) during 1998? But what dose the coming of a new year hold for the band? Here's what your favourite bass player Graeme Clark has to say on the prospect of entering the new year:-

1998 - The new year always brings a new start, one year older and are you really one year wiser? I don't know....

To me the new year means new hope & new horizons - new album, new singles, new videos, new promotions, new ${\mathcal T}{\upsilon}$ shows, etc. etc.; all of these are in store for us.

Last year was good; two tours, an album, a movie, a new government and also a song writing sojourn in deepest Devon. Everything was great.

Now the challenge is to do it all again, but better - that's me - the eternal optimist! I'm a dreamer, I'll never deny that. One dream I'll never forget is that of a 15 year old boy who dreamed of having a band and maybe, just maybe, persuading someone to make a twelve inch piece of vinyl that he could claim to be part of, and maybe, just maybe, have a song in the Top 10. What a dream.... And that's what we're doing this year starting all again with another album which will hopefully be released in 1999 (my god, did I say that !!!) So keep dreaming,

Love,

Graeme



COMPETITION WINNERS



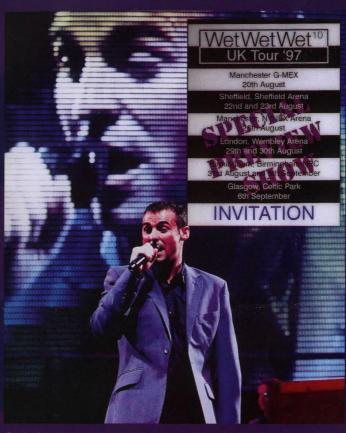












On the bands return from their record breaking Far East Tour in which they headlined the Honk Kong hand over concert, the prospect of beginning their British Tour came to the forefront. As usual the band always begin rehearsing just to make sure that everything on the opening night is a guaranteed success, only this tour was going to offer something a bit special to kick it off. So with the Playing Away Tour of Summer 1997, the band decided to give a small minority of their fans a once in a lifetime opportunity to see them whilst rehearsing for their forthcoming concerts. This was an experience that every Wet Wet Wet fan in the land would want to be involved in; a chance to see their favourite band, up close, with a concert being played especially for them and them only.

Following the initial idea, a nation-wide competition was launched offering one hundred lucky people the chance to see the Wet's at the exclusive gig to be held at the Manchester Nynex on the 20th August, between 7 and 9pm; these two hours would be precious time with the band that any devoted fan would never in their lives forget, a night that they would talk to other fans about for years to come.

To lay their hands on these tickets of gold dust several competitions were held throughout Britain. As always Splash gave the fan club members a priority chance of winning tickets with competitions being run through the phoneline, website and newsletters. In conjunction, several newspapers and radio stations were also involved in selecting the fortuitous winners, these competitions were arranged with the bands record company. One such competition ran in the August 1997 edition of Top Of The Pops magazine, five pairs of tickets were offered to readers who could name the













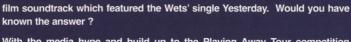


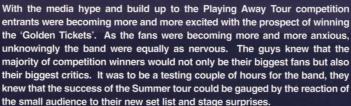




GIG IN MANCHESTER







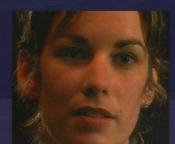


As the 20th August drew nearer, the names of the winners were released, all of whom understandably ecstatic at the thought of being privileged enough to have the band play exclusively to them, what was once a dream, a glimmering hope, now looked as if it was becoming reality. On discovering that they had won the magical tickets the winners now faced the tough ordeal of deciding who they would take as their partner.





Eventually after weeks of anxious wishing and waiting, the thrilled winners, equipped with their VIP passes made their way to Manchester's Nynex Arena. The atmosphere among the fans was electric, everyone chatting nervously yet full of anticipation and enthusiasm, they were after all going to hear the band of their dreams play especially for them. The excited winners were then given yet another surprise, as if seeing the band was not enough of a prize in itself, the delighted fans were given the opportunity to appear on the gigantic onstage screens which would be used during every date on the Playing Away Tour. The winners were called into the bar at the Arena half an hour before the gig began and a select few were hand picked to be photographed for the 'Jumbo Tron'. Their faces full of expectation and delight were caught in a split second of time, capturing a picture of emotion that only those present at the intimate concert would be able to fully understand and appreciate. Now the winners themselves had become 'famous' to a certain extent, as at every Wet Wet Wet concert in the weeks to come thousands and thousands of devoted fans would see the faces of these mysterious people screened during one of the all time favourites 'Goodnight Girl'. Leaving all those in the audience wondering who theses people were and how they could have been lucky enough to be included in the Wet's stage show.





Then the moment arrived that the winners had been dreaming of all day. Wet Wet Wet on stage and ready to put on a show only for them! The one-off gig began with the band launching into their first ever hit Wishing I Was Lucky, an appropriate song for the winners who had wished they'd be lucky enough to win the competition and now their wish had been granted! Along with other songs from their debut album Popped In Souled Out, the band played a vast array of their other all time favourites, moving from Lip service to other hits such as their cover version of Jammin'. The stage show, as always, was equally as fabulous with a spectacular arrangement of lights, huge screens and glorious fireworks, which when they exploded were almost as loud as the screams and singing from the fans!!! There was definitely magic in the air and as the band played on, their music cast a spell over the crowed gathered before them, who were jumping, clapping and singing to the music, bringing the concert to a fantastic end.





The winners were left full of wonderful memories, able to boast to others that Wet Wet Vet - the band they love had put on a special show just for them and the faces of an even luckier few were projected up on the stage during each Playing Away performance to prove it !!! And the band-the band were overjoyed that a group of their discerning yet devoted fans had verified that the British Summer Tour of 1997 was going to be yet another of their hugely successful tours!!!













HONG KONG 1997

The band travelled over to Hong Kong in July during their Far East promo tour to perform in a pop extravaganza with other major artists such as Lisa Stansfield and Claire Johnson etc.

The concert was on the 5th of July to celebrate the reunification of China with the former British colony of Hong Kong.

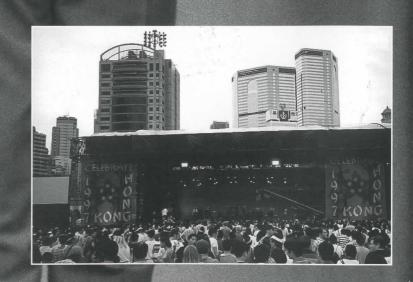
Unfortunately due to unusual weather conditions with torrential rain causing flooding. the concert had to be postponed from Saturday 5th to Sunday the 6th of July.

The following day the huge audience stood in humid conditions and soaring temperatures to see Wet Wet Wet. The crowd had no alternative but to spray water over themselves to keep relatively cool.

Despite these set-backs the concert was a great success and raised about £500,000 for various charities in Hong Kong.

The band had a great time and look forward to returning some time in the future.







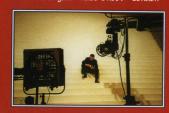
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THE WET'S 1997 DIARY

JANUARY

6th: Sarm West Session 7th: Sarm West Session

30th: 'CUAgain' Video Shoot - London 31st: 'CUAgain' Video Shoot - London



MARCH

National Lottery Show PB

Band Rehearsals - London

Press Conf. Band Reh - London

Band Rehearsals - London Band Rehearsals - London

Band Rehearsals - London

'CUAgain' Release/ISDN Sessions

12th: Glasgow In-Store

17th: Int. Promo Munich, Germany PB

18th: Int. Promo Cologne, Germany 19th: TOTP PB

20th: Int. Promo Hamburg, Germany

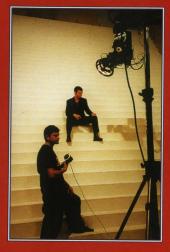
21st: Int. Promo Hamburg, Germany 22nd: Noel's House Party. PB (London)

25th: VH1 Interviews (London)

26th: Capital Music Awards (London)

27th: Sheffield Press Conference

31st: "10" Released



12th: Travel To Barcelona, Spain 13th: Int. Promo Barcelona, Spain Live Radio 14th: Int. Promo Barcelona, Spain Live TV

15th: Int. Promo Barcelona, Spain PB

16th: Int. Pro Madrid, Spain Live Showcase 17th: Int. Promo Baden B, Germany PB Reh 18th: Int. Promo Baden B, Germany PB

29th: TOTP.PB

30th: Int. Ints. / Promo / Press - London





MAY

28th: Press - London 29th: 'Strange' Video Shoot 9th to 17th: Hook End Manor Session

22nd: GMTV "Roots Filming - Glasgow 28th: GMTV Sat. Link - Glasgow



10th: Neil Programming - London

11th: Neil Programming - London 13th: Glasgow Press Conference

20th: Int. Promo Dublin, Ireland

21st: Int. Promo Dublin, Ireland PI

24th: Int. Promo Holland PB, Travel To London

25th: Int. Interviews (London)

26th: Int. Interviews (London) 27th: UK Promo (London)

28th: Chart Show Int./This Morning PB



JUNE

2nd: 'Strange' Rel. / GMTV, Glasgow PB

9th: Turner Rd. The World Pb

11th: Band TOTP Rehearsals - Glasgow

14th to 17th Band Rehearsals - Glasgow

19th: Maybe/Yesterday Video IShoot

20th: Band Rehearsals - London 21st: Int. Promo - PB Cologne - Germany 22nd: FFH Festival, Korbach, Germany 23rd: Travel Home 24th: Leave For Thailand

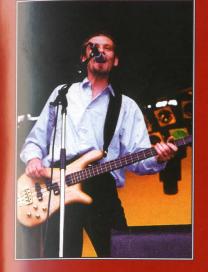
25th: Int. Fromo Bangkok, Thailand 26th: Int. Fromo - PB Bangkok, Thailand 27th: Int. Fromo Bangkok, Thailand 28th: Int. Promo Bangkok, Thailand-

Showcase 29th: Travel To Taipei

30th: Int. Promo Taipei, Haiwan







Int. Promo Taipei, Taiwan Showcase

2nd: Int. Promo Taipei, Taiwan 3rd: Travel To Hong Kong

4th: Int. Promo Hong Kong

5th: 'Celebrate' Hong Kong Gig 6th: H.K. Gig/Travel To The Philippines

Int. Promo Manila, Philippines PB/Showo Int. Promo Manila, Philippines PB

Travel Home

18th: Travel To Belgium 19th: Axion Beach Fest, Zeebrugge Belgium

20th: Travel Home

23rd: TOTP Acoustic Rehearsals. London

25th: Live At Capital Cafe PB, London 26th: Int. Promo (Ger.) PB Salzburg, Austria

SEPTEMBER

Travel To Newcastle / '10' re-release

Int. Promo (German) Amst. Holland

Newcastle Gig - Newcastle Arena

27th: Travel Home

30th: 'Beyond The C' French Rec. London 31et: Yesterday Video Shoot

Travel To Glasgow

Glasgow Gig Soundcheck

Glasgow Gig - Celtic Park

10th: Birmingham Gig - NEC Arena

29th to 30th Video Online Session

17th to 19th Video Editing



AUGUST

1st: The Weekend Show, London 2nd: National Lottery, London 3rd to 8th Band Rehearsals, Glasgow

11th: Travel To Prod. Rehearsals.

12th: Production Rehearsals,

13th: Prod. Rehearsals. / MP + KD Phot, 14th to 19th Production Rehearsals,

20th: Prod. Rehearsals. / Comp. Gig -

GMEX, Man.

22nd: Sheffield Gig - Sheffield Arena 23rd: Sheffield Gig - Sheffield Arena 24th: Travel To Manchester

26th: Manchester Gig - Nynex Arena

29th: London Gig - Wembley Arena 30th: London Gig - Wembley Arena 31st: Travel/Birmingham Gig - NEC OCTOBER

22nd to 14th Video Mixing Session - London

3rd to 29th The band have well deserved

Gee Ain't They Cute

1st: Int. Promo Munich, Germany PB 2nd: Travel Home

30th: TC - Capital /Clyde / North sound Ints.

NOVEMBER

14th to 17th CAVA Demo Session 18th to 21st Int. Promo Vienna, Austria 22nd Travel Home

DECEMBER

5th: Band Rehearsals, Glasgow 6th: Band Rehearsals, Glasgow

8th: Travel To Rehearsals . Aberdeen 9th: Production Rehearsals, Aberdeen

22nd: Travel / Reading Gig - Rivermead 23rd: Travel / Plymouth Gig - Pavilions 10th: Production Rehearsals, Aberdeen 24th: Travel Home An End To Another Great Year

11th: Aberdeen Gig - AE & CC / Travel To Glas.

19th: Travel / Bournemouth Gig - Int. Centre

21st: London Gig - Midland '97 @ Battersea

12th: Glasgow Gig SECC

17th: Travel To Brighton 18th: Brighton Gig - Centre

20th: Travel To London

13th: Travel To Hull



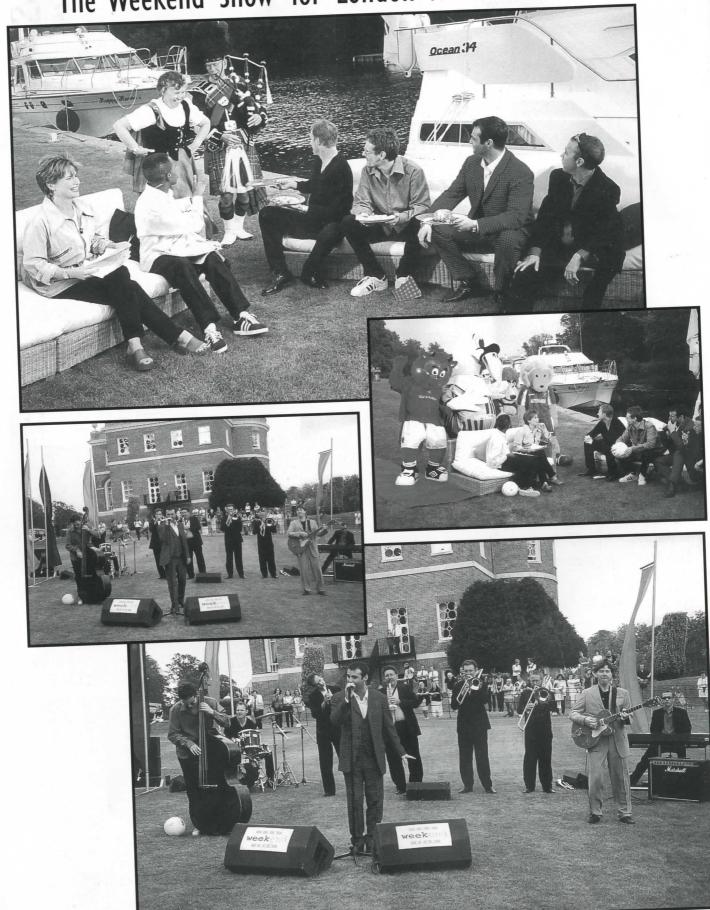








Wet Wet Wet filming 'The Weekend Show' for London Weekend Television



WET WET WET PROMOTIONAL TOUR

SUMMER SUN & SAT 1

With only a few weeks to go before the 'Playing Away From Home' British Tour and literally a couple of weeks after the Far East Tour, many would think that the band would be taking a well deserved break giving them time to recharge their batteries for the forthcoming concerts - but not this band!!!

It was all Work Work Work for the guys who were off on a promotional trip taking them to Top Of The Pops, Capital Cafe for 'Live at the Capital Cafe' and lastly over to the continent to record a performance for the Germany television program 'Summer Sun & Sat 1' or as they say in Germany 'Sommer, Sonne, Sat 1'.

With 'Sat 1' being Germany's second biggest national private channel and with an estimated audience of 5 million this television performance was a great opportunity for Wet Wet Wet to reach their European fans. The show, screened on a Saturday evening with a popular German presenter, consisted of two other music acts beside Wet Wet Wet, although our guys stole the show with their live performance of the smash hit 'Strange'.



















THE 'STRANGE' VIDEO - WHAT DID THE BAND THINK?

'The unfortunate thing about making the strange video was that it was a 'two day shoot', so we never actually got to meet the other people who took part in it but it was nice seeing the rest of the guys being put onto smaller bodies, sort of made me feel an equal size for once!'

Neil Mitchell

'Strange was strange! It was so weird seeing ourselves with other bodies - spooky in fact! Of course the body builder was the real me'

Marti Pellow

'Like anyone I suppose I found it all very odd, but I quite liked being the baby, I saw the world from a different perspective'

Graeme Clark



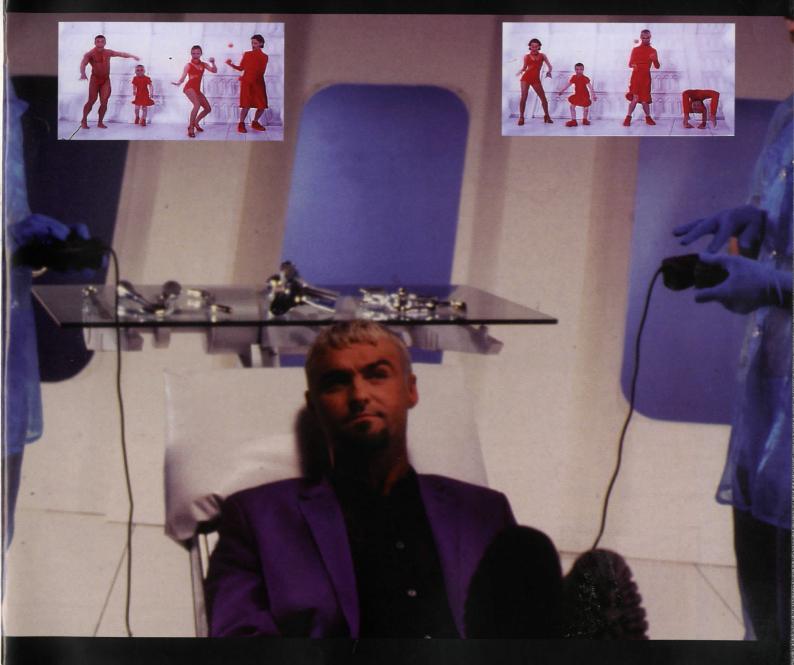




















COMPETITION 1

Q. WHAT DATE DID THE BAND PLAY A SPECIAL GIG FOR COMPETITION WINNERS? PRIZE. TWO LUCKY PEOPLE WILL EACH WIN A FANTASTIC LIMITED EDITION '10' (D.

COMPETITION 2

Q. HOW MANY CONCERTS WERE PLAYED AS PART OF THE CHRISTMAS TOUR 1997. PRIZE. TEN WINNER WILL RECEIVE AN EXCLUSIVE CREW T-SHIRT.

To enfer Splash competitions please send your answers on a postcard or sealed down envelope, remembering to add your name, address and membership number to:Splash, 1 Park Gate, Glasgow, G3 6DL
The competition closes on Friday 27th FEBRUARY 1998

0930 55 56 57

The exclusive Wet Wet Wet Phoneline keeps you up to date with all the latest news on the band. As well as all the latest tour information, news on what the band are up to, single releases and Splash merchandise news there is also a special new feature. The phoneline is now interactive, and by choosing the option you can leave your own message for Splash. We shall also be running regular competitions on the phoneline, with the chance to win great prizes just by leaving the correct answer along with your name, address and membership number on your message.

Calls to the Phoneline cost 50p per minute at all times, and please remember to ask permission from whoever pays the phonebill before calling. Unfortunately the Phoneline is only available to callers within the UK (this is outwith our control-sorry!). Fan Club Members outwith the U.K. can still keep up to date with all the latest news on the band via the newsletters and the Web Site,http://www.wetwetwet.co.uk



WET'S WINTER WORDSEARCH

Well now that the festive season is over for yet another year, no doubt many of you will have turned square eyed watching all the 'Christmas Specials' on television. So, to come to your rescue Splash has prepared a wordsearch which should hopefully set the cogs in your head back into motion once again!!!

The words listed below are associated with...yes, you guessed it, Wet Wet!!! They can be found vertically, horizontally and,diagonally

The completed wordsearch can be found at the foot of this page, but remember, no cheating!

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SWEET SURRENDER
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WORD SEARCH ANSWERS



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Navy Blue T-shirt (Aqua Logo)	£10.00	£12.00 £1	3.00
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PICTURE THIS TOUR ITEMS

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