



SPRING '79

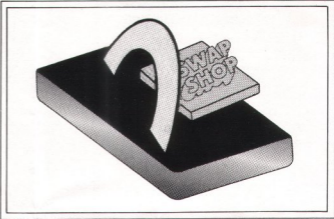
A huge thank you to all fans who helped Showaddywaddy to win Noel Edmond's "Eric" Award on Swap-shop, against the fierce competition of the other finalist groups, Abba & Blondie. Similarly, we'd like to thank all those of you who helped Showaddywaddy into the finals of the Nationwide Rock & Pop competition, where they were only just beaten for the best all round group award - two positions to be rightfully proud of.

Well, Showaddywaddy's latest release "Remember Then" is climbing rapidly up the charts as expected, and looks like being one of their big hits of 1979, while their "Greatest Hits 1976-1978" album has already gone platinum.

The band have just returned home from a very successful venue in Malta and are taking a short break before starting a tight schedule of touring.

After a few gigs in Britain, the band will leave for Poland to do some concerts and television in Warsaw (a first-time visit for them) from where they will go on to Frankfurt, Bremen, Hamburg and West Berlin in West Germany, and East Berlin in East Germany. Their final visit will be to Czechoslovakia, before returning home for a few concerts, including gigs on the Isle of Man, during "T.T." Week.

If you're on holiday in the Channel Islands you might catch the band in Jersey in June, and in July they're doing an open-air gig in



Congratulations to Showaddywaddy ... A big thank you to all fans.

Greenock in Scotland.

The rest of July will consist of visits to Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and as usual, the band's summer break will be during August.

Many apologies to all Showaddywaddy fans in Oldham who bought tickets for the Civic Centre concert on 16th March. Due to the appalling weather conditions, the show had to be cancelled, (the journey from Leicester took 8 hours instead of 2 hours). We hope you enjoyed the concert when it was restaged (April 30th).

Well, I must get back to work I'll see you all in the summer.

Sheila.

SHOWADDY WADDY '79 TOUR DATES

- * April 30th Oldham Civic Centre
- * May 2nd Hammersmith Odeon
- * May 4th/5th Double Diamond Club, Caerphilly
- * May 6th Wolverhampton
- * June 3rd/4th/5th Isle of Man (TT Week)
- * June 29th/30th Jersey
- * July 8th Greenock, Scotland
- * Subject to final confirmation.

On tour with the greatest rock 'n' roll show ever



Phew! After almost non-stop touring since autumn it's good to be back home for a short break. Most

people don't realize what it takes to keep a rock 'n' roll band like Showaddywaddy on the road.

An hour of fabulous rock 'n' roll for the fans, means a 24-hour-a-day job for over a dozen highly skilled road crew members (including a full time HGV driver with a massive articulated lorry). Every Showaddywaddy gig takes over 6 hours to set up and 4 hours to dismantle (there's 10 tons of equipment some of which is extremely delicate).

Recently in Malta, Mike, the driver, with his co-driver drove for

36 hours non-stop, sleeping in the cab of the truck to arrive on time at the concert venue.

But he's not the only one who often misses his sleep; the whole crew frequently find that there just isn't enough time. But they don't mind really - they enjoy it.

Well, we're off again soon, so next time you come along give the road crew a wave, and have a great time 'cos that's what makes it all so worth while.

- Ian, Steve, John, Martin & Mike Showaddywaddy road crew.

HOW, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY

Q Do things ever go wrong in concert?
A Yes, things do go wrong occasionally, but the secret of a really professional band is to be able to cope with such emergencies. For example recently at a concert the power pack for the mixing desk failed, but the road crew managed to run the equipment by using a couple of car batteries and the battery of the road truck.

Q I am a new fan club member. Do I have to renew my membership every year?
A For all new fans — here are some facts about the fan club. Membership is for life. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is required in the spring, summer, autumn and at Christmas for newsletters. We cannot answer personal questions about the band (but letters marked 'Personal' are passed on unopened). It is helpful if fans print so that we can sort your letters and orders more quickly.

It is unbelievable - we only asked if anyone wanted a pen pal!
 Well, get writing to each other!



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PEN PAL
 MAIL BAG.

HEY ROCK N' ROLL

All you kids get on your feet — now move your bodies and let's rock and roll with — SHOWADDYWADDY

Standing on the corner in my new blue jeans
 Dreamin' 'bout the girl in my limousine
 Everybody's talkin' 'bout the world's greatest rock and roll band.

Newsmen on the corner said hold on kid
 What's the use of dreamin' 'bout a rich man's grid
 Get yourself a boppin' 'to the world's greatest rock and roll band

Hey rock and roll, bring it to town
 let's stroll,
 Hey rock and roll, lets go,
 let's go, let's go.

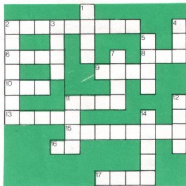
Rockin' to the band and a record machine
 Suzie hand gives — she's a rock and roll queen

Johnny sings a love song he sings it right from the ha ha ha heart.

Little Nicky's dancing with the girl in blue
 Over to the band and a song for you
 Everybody's shoutin' 'bout the world's greatest rock and roll band.

SPRING COMPETITION WINNERS

- The winners of our Spring competition were:
 • Anne Livingstone (Inverness), Samantha Louise Birch (Milton), Christopher Spencer (Solithull), Marianne Areston (Derby), Carole Hussey (Brentwood), Michael O'Donnell (Lancaster), Paul Enoch (Lothouse), Susan Pollard (Cantebury), Emily-Anne Ray (Preston), and Paul Oxford (Carlisle). They will each be receiving autographed copies of Showaddywaddy's greatest hits 1976-1978.



- Clare Across**
- Born in Berwick upon Tweed. (9)
 - This guy has to have good rhythm sense. (4)
 - The call of 'Rock 'n' Roll. (3)
 - He started as a choirboy. (4)
 - How many singles were released by Showaddywaddy before 'Hey Mister Christmas' (3)
 - Inseparable with 11 down. (4)
 - Newspapers helped him to become a member of Showaddywaddy. (5)
 - Flip side of 'Heartbeat'. (8)
 - This guy sings and plays bass. (2)
 - This is the second name of the other Showaddywaddy bassist. (4)

- Clare Down**
- His friends have nicknamed him Buddy. (4)
 - This album climbed almost as fast as the parcel service after which it was named. (7)
 - This answer with the answer to 10 across was an early Showaddywaddy Album on the Bell Label. (4)
 - 'I wonder... (3)
 - Single which followed 'Under the Moon of Love'. (7)
 - Second name of 1 down. (4)
 - Could be off paper or on a drum. (4)
 - In an Angel's case they are said to be pretty (4)
 - Mr... now owns a brand new white Cadillac. (5)

NEW COMPETITION

Big thanks to Anne Louise Huckley who sent us a super crossword. Unfortunately, it was too big to include but we have made up a smaller version as our Spring Competition. All completed crosswords should be detached from the newsletter and sent to SPRING COMPETITION, SHOWADDYWADDY FAN CLUB, CAVENDISH HOUSE, CROSSGATE, SOUTH SHIELDS, TYNE & WEAR, before May 30th. The first ten correct entrants will each receive a drumstick used either by Romeo or the Duke.