

NEWS

Petty: 11 concerts



DEBBIE HARRY and the rest of Blondie flew into London this week, at the outset of a UK visit lasting best part of five weeks. They'll spend the build-up to Christmas rehearsing, appearing on TV and radio, and tomorrow night (Friday) hosting a special music-biz party. Their Christmas Day plans are secret, but on Boxing Day they begin their round-Britain jaunt. See *Gig Guide*, page 55).

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CLASH EXTRA

THE CLASH have added another batch of dates to their New Year tour, reported two weeks ago — at Canterbury Odeon (January 6), Crawley Lesiure Centre (11), Hastings Pier Pavilion (12), Ipswich Gaumont (14), Aberdeen Capitol (19), Leeds University (31) and Derby Kings Hall (February 21). Tickets are on sale now priced £3, £2.50 and £2 at Canterbury, Ipswich and Aberdeen; £3 elsewhere.

Extra dates still subject to confirmation, but expected to be finalised, are at Bristol Locarno (January 13), Glasgow Apollo (22), Blackpool Tiffany's (24) and Portsmouth Locarno (February 12). The gig at Bradford St. George's Hall is brought forward from January 31 to 29.

These new bookings mean that original gigs at Bath Pavilion (January 11) and Taunton Odeon (12) are now cancelled, but they are being re-scheduled for late February — when, in fact, a further week of dates is likely to be added.

MORE MADNESS



DATES AND VENUES have now been confirmed for the 1980 UK tour by Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers. They visit Leeds University (February 22), Glasgow Apollo (23), Edinburgh Usher Hall (24), Newcastle City Hall (25), Liverpool Empire (26), Brighton Dome (28), Southampton Gaumont (29), Manchester Apollo (March 1), Bristol Colston Hall (2), Birmingham Odeon (5) and London Hammersmith Odeon (6).

The tour, plans for which were revealed by *NME* in October, marks the band's first appearances in this

country since Knebworth in the summer of 1978. It's unlikely that they will have a new album issued to coincide, as their latest set 'Damn The Torpedoes' was released only recently — but MCA are planning a new single.

Ticket prices vary from one venue to another, and readers should check with individual box-offices. They'll be on sale at all theatres, and through the usual ticket agencies, from January 2. Tour promoters are the MAM Agency, and it's possible that one or two more dates may be added, although these won't be announced until the New Year.