# Bam-Caruso Records

I had decided to change the name of my record company. Waldo's Design & Dream Emporium was becoming a well-know design studio, doing work for Elvis Costello, The Damned, EMI, Ace Records, Edsel Records, and many more... so Waldo's Records was confusing things. I wanted a name for the record company that would be memorable, and one that I could have some fun with as a designer. I wrote two lists of words on two sheets of paper. The first had onomatopoeic words like: Zap, Pow, Bam, Whoosh, Klang, Pop, Bang etc. The second had musical and operatic words like: Opera, Opus, Concerto, Caruso, Aria, Symphony, Gramophone etc. I then slid one list past the other and read off the new hyphenated words... and Bam-Caruso leapt out. I then made an appointment to visit the catalogue department of Phonogram to see if I could license some of my favourite music, starting with....



KIRI 021 The Left Banke And Suddenly It's... 1st version (1983). 16 track release, with 4page 12" gatefold insert. Black and red label, on white. Matt outer sleeve. Black inner sleeves with no centre hole.





4-page Insei

We drove out to the tiny village of Ayot St Peter, in Hertfordshire, and took some shots of the church... which I used in the cover design....



KIRI 021 CD The Left Banke And Finally... 24 tracks



KIRI 021 CD The Left Banke And Suddenly It's... 2nd version (1988). 18 track re-release, with a different printed inner sleeve. Adding 2 tracks: Walk Away Renee and Foggy Waterfall. Green & black label. Laminated sleeve.



THE LEFT BANKE

Inner Bag

The Left Banke



### NRIC 022 The Left Banke

Walk Away Renee / Evening Gown / Bryant Hotel / Nice To See You This EP contained tracks not on the first pressing of LP KIRI 021.



### **OPRA 023**

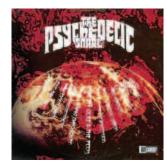
The Left Banke Walk Away Renee This Promo single was issued for Radio Play/DJ use. The 'B' side, although left blank on the label, contains the track 'lvy lvy'. The EP sleeve for NRIC 022 is used with a sticker added to the front.



# Introducing the RUBBLE series...

Based on my own record collection, the RUBBLE series was an attempt to gather together rare and collectable British Psych 45s, licensed from the major record companies and cut from original tapes. Lavish 12" square booklets were included. The first volume, issued in 1983, had the description "Choice UK Psychotic Freakbeat from the sixties" printed on the sleeve. It was the first time that the word FREAKBEAT had been used - as I made-up the word when I put the sleeve together. From small acorns.....

Front covers



Back covers



KIRI 024 (Rubble One) **The Psychedelic Snarl** 1st version (1983), with 8-page 12" gatefold insert. Black and green labels. Black inner sleeve. Matt finish on cover.



Original label design & Insert

Re-issued in 1986 with a laminated sleeve and the later Red & Cream labels. Note: Variations in the colours of the 2nd press labels (on Rubbles 1 & 4) are purely the ink density changing as they were being printed, leading to some collectors believing there was a 3rd pressing. There were no 3rd editions, but the label colours do vary for some reason known only to the printer!





KIRI 025 (Rubble Two) **Pop-Sike Pipe-Dreams** Red & Mint Green labels. Printed inner bag

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Note: Test Pressings of this LP had a mistake on side two. An unknown track called 'Somethin' You Got' was included as track 4 instead of The Sond Of Fred.



Inner Bag





KIRI 026 (Rubble Three) **Nightmares In Wonderland** Red & Cream labels. Printed inner bag



Inner Bag







KIRI 027 (Rubble Four) **49 Minute Technicolour Dream** 1st version (1983). with 4-page 12" gatefold insert. Black and purple label. Black inner sleeve. Matt finish on cover.

Re-issued in 1986 with a laminated sleeve and the later Red & Cream labels. (See the note about the 2nd press labels under KIRI 024 above.) Original label design & Insert





**KIRI 028** The Eyes "Blink" 1st version (1983) 4-page 12" insert. Black and Red on White label, Re-issued in 1988 with a different sleeve and Black on Red labels.



4-page Insert





KIRI 028 (re-issue) The Eyes "Blink" 2nd version (1988) Re-issued with a slightly different sleeve and Black on Red labels. No inner bag, but the back of sleeve was completely re-designed to include the story.





**NRIC 029** 

The Remayns Going All The Way + 3 (Psychedelic vinyl every copy is different) NB: Test Pressing white labels were also multicoloured.





NRIC 030 Bam-Caruso International Rabbi Joseph Gordan Competition/Belief In Him

The elusive Rabbi was actually JULIAN COPE who recorded the two tracks for Bam-Caruso during his 'World Shut Your Mouth' sessions. Julian had just discovered USA Garage music after I had made him a compilation cassette from my collection entitled 'Paint Peelers'. Thought to be the only recording with a 'solo' played on a cheap pipe guitar tuner.



NRIC 031

Freight Train Man's Laughter/Head On A Plate Sleeve opens out and has a colour photo inside. Inner bags were black.

Julian Cope's brothers' band.











KIRI 032 **The Pretty Things Closed Restaurant Blues** 4-page 12" insert.







PABL 033 **Mandrake Paddle Steamer** 

Strange Walking Man/Steam (Gatefold sleeve with folded insert)

This elaborate release actually cost more to manufacture than the dealer price we sold it for! What an amazing single though!!







OPRA 035 **The Palace Of Light** Bitter Seal/Safer Radio Play/Juke Box Edition 2 tracks from the album KIRI 058

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PABL 036 **The Left Banke** Walk Away Renee + 7 (12" EP)





Inner Bag

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### OPRA 037

### The Mark Four Live At The Beat Scene Club

KIRI 034 **Plasticland** 2-colour inner bag

All pressings were "A" labels - 500 only.

3 tracks recorded live at the reuinion concert on18th January 1985, promoted by Bam-Caruso. The band played the same set list as they did when they last played there, in the 60s, as The Mark Four (pre-Creation).

Eddie Philips over-dubbed some guitar parts in Polygram's London studios, as the original tapes had low levels. Tracks: Hurt Me If You Will, Got My Mojo Working & That's How Strong My Love Is. A planned LP release never materialised.



### MARI 038

**The Eyes** Scene But Not Heard (12" EP) All tracks were cut from the band's original unissued Acetates. Inner bags were black.





NRIC 039

### The Chicaynes Further Thoughts/Cry A Little These records were originally pressed by Dinosaur Discs, who went bankrupt. Bam-Caruso bought the stock and all the records were re-labeled with stick-on labels. Power-Pop Heaven!

Back of sleeve









PABL 040 **Tortilla Flats** Giant Sky (12" EP) Tracks: Giant Sky/Waiting For The Rain To Stop, Shall Ever Be NRIC 041 The Left Banke And One Day/I Can Fly 2 tracks from the album 'Voices Calling' KIRI 045



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PABL 042 The Mirror Reflected Glory (12" EP) Cut from the band's unissued acetates Sunshine Train/Music Ground/Mr Papermaker/ Pretty Patterns







NRIC 043 **Fortunate Sons** Sometimes You Win.../ Me And My Uncle (non-LP)





KIRI 044 (Rubble Five) The Electric Crayon Set Printed inner bag

Inner Bag









**KIRI 045** The Left Banke Voices Calling Recorded in 1975 Previously unissued.

Photos were taken in the Palm House at Kew Gardens, and we were all chased out by angry officials for not getting the requisite permissions.







**KIRI 046 Hearts & Flowers** Now Is The Time For Hearts & Flowers B&W printed inner bag. Manufactured by EMI -Black/Silver labels.



Inner Bag

Inner Bag











The Koobas Barricades B&W printed inner bag. Manufactured by EMI -Black/Silver labels.







KIRI 048 Introducing... **The United States Of Existence** Purple printed inner bag.









KIRI 049 (Rubble Six) **The Clouds Have Groovy Faces** B&W printed inner bag.



Inner Bag

Inner Bag







KIRI 050 **Fortunate Sons** Rising

Licensed from Ausfahrt Music, Germany

KIRI 051 (Rubble Eight) All The Colours Of Darkness













also re-pressed by Revolver as: SPIN 1002

**Paul Roland** Danse Macabre Without inner bag.

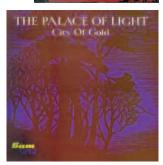


SPIN 1002 Paul Roland Danse Macabre (Cassette version)





Inner Bag





PABL 053 **The Palace Of Light** City Of Gold (12" EP) Tracks: City Of Gold/Silver Thread/A Siren Serene







KIRI 054 SRC The Revenge Of The Quackenbush Brothers B&W inner sleeve Manufactured by EMI -

Black/Silver labels.



Inner Bag









**KIRI 055** Montage

NRIC 056 **The Time Machine** Summer Of Love/Another Scene In B&W







MARI 057 {12" mini-LP} Side One: The Patriots Pharaoh's Land Side Two: The Chicaynes Second Thoughts

Rated #148 in the 'Not Lame' records all-time 'Power Pop' Hall Of Fame!





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**KIRI 058** The Palace Of Light Beginning Here And Travelling Outward







PABL 059 John's Children Midsummers Night's Scene (12" EP)





KIRI 059 {July 1986} The Brian Marshall Orchestra/The Silencers The Spy With The Platinum Heart

This title was originally intended to be on the Bam-Caruso label. Test Pressings were made but it was switched to the new DIsques Noir label - See DN 2001.

**OPRA 060** 



Radio Play/Juke Box Edition Nick Haeffner Sneaky Mothers The Parking Lot World Spinning Sadly Radio Play/Juke Box Edition





KIRI 061 Nirvana Black Flower **B&W** inner sleeve





Inner Bag



**OPRA 062** Radio Play/Juke Box Edition Carolyn Dee Masquerade Brian Marshall Orch Wheelspin



**OPRA 063** Radio Play/Juke Box Edition The Brain Nightmares In Red SRC Black Sheep



Green Fish version

KIRI 064

The Kings Of Oblivion Big Fish Popcorn Pressed in 3 different versions:

1} 700 with red fish (original correct colours)

2} 700 with green fish (we swapped the magenta and cyan plates!)

3} Approx 100 as a '3D' version which requires red/green spex.

> All three versions have the same B&W inner bag, featuring shots of the band and lyrics.

The sleeve was designed and executed by Ed Brennan using material found washed up on the beach at Southsea.

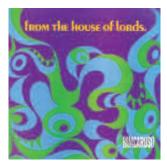
Inner Bag

by KIRI 079.











## KIRI 065 (Rubble Nine) From The House Of Lords This was the original Rubble #9... which featured all-new 80's bands. Later replaced





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WEBA 066 The Prisoner Soundtrack Ltd. Ed. of only 500 copies. Elaborate sleeve with opening gates (shrink-wrapped with sticker) B&W inner bag. Red & White labels.

Enclosures include: Colour Poster (with TV episode details), Map of the Village,

Book "The Making Of The Prisoner" and a voucher for membership to the 'Six-of-One' Prisoner Appreciation Society.







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**KIRI 066** The Prisoner Soundtrack Contains the same recordings as above, but single sleeve, and regular Bam-Caruso label.



WEBA 066 CD **The Prisoner** Soundtrack











KIRI 069 (Rubble Eleven) **Adventures In The Mist** B&W inner sleeve

Jan & Dean Meet Batman





Inner Bag







**KIRI 067** The Gants I Wonder

Black/Silver labels. B&W inner sleeve

**KIRI 068** Jan & Dean

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KIRI 070 (Rubble Twelve) Staircase To Nowhere B&W inner sleeve





Inner Bag

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KIRI 071 CD **Nick Haeffner** The Great Outdoors KIRI 071

Nick Haeffner The Great Indoors Black and Red inner sleeve

also re-pressed by Revolver as:

SPIN 1003 Nick Haeffner The Great Indoors Without inner bag.

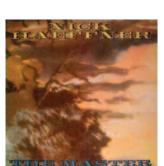
Both sides of the inner bag













PABL 072 **Nick Haeffner** The Master/Steel Grey/ Song From The Bottom Of A Well

(12" Single)

AFETY FILM 5063



SPIN 1003C

**Nick Haeffner** The Great Indoors (Cassette version)



PABL 073 **Nick Haeffner & The Readymades** Back In Time For Tea/Mean Guitar/ Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye (12" Single)







**MARI 074** Brad Is Sex Gentlemen, Start Your Sheep Contains an insert: 4-page 'Nack News'





'Nack News'





# MARX 075

# Meanwhile Back At The Ranch (Sampler #1)

Sold at £2.99 The Palace of Light 'Return To You', \* The Wild Kitchen 'The Wild Kitchen', Brad Is Sex 'Someone's Arms', The Patriots 'It Don't Show', The Brian Marshall Orchestra 'S.P.Y.D.A.'s Web', \* The



Fortunate Sons 'Sins of the Family', Paul Roland 'Twilight of the Gods',
\* Nick & Tracy 'Somebody To Love', The Chicaynes 'Gideon O', The Palace of Light 'If She Should Blame Him', Tortilla Flats 'Giant Sky', Nick Haeffner 'Don't Be Late'.
\* Only released on this compilation. 'Nick & Tracy' were Nick Haeffner and Tracy from 'Voice Of The Beehive'.

# CARLON CONSISTENCES

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CAIDA 076 **The Walker Brothers** In Japan (Cassette version)







Inner Bags





KIRI 077 **The Ghost** For One Second



Inner Bag





OPRA 078 Radio Play/Juke Box Edition **Wimple Winch** Save My Soul **Nirvana** Black Flower

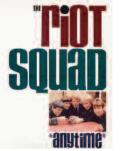




KIRI 079 (Rubble Nine) **Plastic Wilderness** With the 1st version of Rubble 9 deleted -

a 2nd version was issued containing rare 60's Dutch bands.







**KIRI 080 The Riot Squad** Anytime





Inner Bag



**OPRA 081** Radio Play/Juke Box Edition United States Of Existence Gone Paul Roland Madam Guillotine





KIRI 082 The Seeds Evil Hoodoo 1st pressing 500 Coloured vinyl. 2nd pressing Black. coloured vinyl pellets at random thinking we would





Inner Bag

KIRI 082 CD The Seeds Evil Hoodoo

We asked the pressing plant to 'throw in' all the have psychedelic vinyl. We got streaky

plasticine colours!

KIRI 082 Promo

The Seeds Evil Hoodoo (20 samples were pressed in a see-through psychedelic pink, and some were sent out as Advance Promo copies) Psychedelic pink swirly effect... made by dropping pink pellets into clear vinyl .



PABL 083 The Wild Kitchen One Foot In Eden {Unissued 12" EP}

Tracks: One Foot In Eden / Two By Two / The Wild Kitchen / Sensible Shoes / Genius In Exile / Pinko Fag / Saucers The band included Nick Haeffner - Guitar, and Richard Norris - Vocals. It was recorded at Alvic Studios, Earl's Court, 22nd Sept 1984.

One track can be found on the sampler album: MARX 075 Meanwhile Back At The Ranch





KIRI 083 (Rubble Seven) **Pictures In The Sky B&W** inner sleeve





Inner Bag

KIRI 084 (Rubble Fifteen) **5000 Seconds Over Toyland** 









**MARX 085 Illusions From The Crackling Void** (Sampler #2) Sold at £2.99







**OPRA 086** Radio Play/Juke Box Edition **Kings Of Oblivion** A) Big Fish Popcorn (radio edit) B) Variations





PABL 087 Fortunate Sons Hammerhead EP 12″ EP

**KIRI 089** The Sorrows

Red

Pink, Purple, Yellow &



**OPRA 088** Radio Play/Juke Box Edition The Poets I Love Her Still The Ghost Time Is My Enemy



IB-aline Laruso



OPRA 090 Radio Play/Juke Box Edition Scott Walker In My Room Walker Bros Sun Aint Gonna Shine







OPRA 091 Radio Play/Juke Box Edition **The Gants** Greener Days **The Seeds** Pushin' Too Hard







BRAV 092 Bam-Caruso Psych-Out Square Flexi-Disc Copies offhis flexi, without a sleeve, were included in the Music Week trade magazine, to accompany a feature on the label. Although a track by SMOKE is included, nothingby that group was ever issued on Bam-Caruso due to licensing difficulties.





KIRI 093 Fortunate Sons Karezza



KIRI 093 Promo Fortunate Sons Karezza (with extra track)



Impossible Records 004 {Spain} Fortunate Sons Karezza





PABL 094 Paul Roland Alice's House (12" EP)









MARI 095 CD John's Children Midsummers Night's Scene

KIRI 095 **John's Children** in A Midsummer Night's Scene





Inner Bag

KIRI 096 (Rubble Sixteen) Glass Orchid Aftermath





KIRI 097 July Dandelion Seeds







KIRI 098 (Rubble Ten) **Professor Jordan's Magic Sound Show** 

**KIRI 099** 



Inner Bag









A Trip In A Painted World (Rubble Seventeen)















**Rainbow Thyme Winders** About 12 White Label Test Pressings only some were given to fans and collectors with printed folded 'slicks' of the finished







KIRI 102 Freak Beat Fantoms (Rubble Thirteen)







KIRI 103 **The Steppes** tourists from timenotyet

KIRI 103 Initial Test Pressings had the wrong 'B' side: Side A **The Steppes** Tourists From Timenotyet Side B **The Magic Rocking Horse** {KIRI 106}





Test pressing (above) with wrong 'B' side



KIRI 104 Just Fou {Unissu Test Pro

Just Four Men - The Wimple Winch Story `63-'65 {Unissued LP} Test Pressings only



BRAV 105 **The Bam-Caruso Catalogue** This 'catalogue' was actually an LP sleeve with 12" square B&W printed sheets inside.







KIRI 106 **The Magic Rocking Horse** (Rubble Fourteen)





Inner Bag



PABL 107 Jan & Dean Batman Theme (Extended Mega Re-Mix) (12" EP)





PABL 107 DJ Copies Jan & Dean Batman Theme (Extended Mega Re-Mix) (12" EP) DJ copies were all sent out in Black sleeves with a centre hole cut out









KIRI 108 Wimple Winch Story Part Two '66-'68 The Psychedelic Years



KIRI 108 CD **Wimple Winch** The Wimple Winch Story '63-'68







KIRI 109 (Rubble Nineteen) **Eiderdown Mindfog** {Unissued LP} About 12 White Label Test Pressings only some were given to fans and collectors with printed folded 'slicks' of the finished sleeves.







KIRI 110 (Rubble 20) **Thrice Upon A Time (Nothing Is Real)** {Unissued LP} One Acetate only in a printed folded 'slick' of the finished sleeve.

# A Missing Rubble !





### MBT 5002 Morgan Blue Town

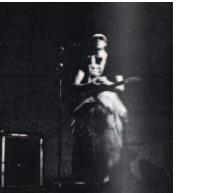
This album was compiled, and designed to come out as a volume in the Rubble series. Unfortunately the deal fell through, and it was eventually released on the Morgan Blue Town label, but with the original Bam-Caruso cover artwork and inner bag.



# Catalogue Inserts / Sleeves / Inner Bags / Postcards



Generic catalogue insert







Generic single sleeve for 7" 45s

### POSTCARDS



The Eyes

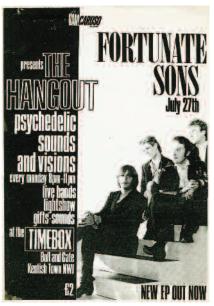
Dantalion's Chariot





Nick Haeffner





Generic catalogue inner bag

Hand-out for the TIMEBOX. Bam-Caruso presented live sounds, light shows and sounds every monday.

Tortilla Flats

# BAM-CARUSO GALLERY





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# Compact Discs \*



KIRI 021 CD The Left Banke And Finally... 24 tracks



KIRI 052 CD Paul Roland Danse Macabre 11 tracks





Orchestra The Prisoner Promo Only













NRIC 112 CD **Ron Grainer** 3 track single



KIRI 114 (RPMBC202) The Gants I Wonder 30 tracks

**KIRI 115** 

22 tracks

KIRI 116

(RPMBC244)











**KIRI 120** (RPMBC287) The 23rd Turnoff The Dream of Michaelangelo 21 tracks







KIRI 123 (RETRO 845)

WIMPLE WINCH Tales From The Sinking Ship 1964 to 1968 29 tracks

RPM BC 45001 Mac MacLeod & **Neo Camel** White Angel + Hurdy Gurdy Man/It Hurts Me Too/The Cuckoo

### **RARE 001** Whacky Waxings From Waldo's! Volume 1 Rare recordinas, demos, acetates

and unissued singles. **RARE 002** Whacky Waxings

From Waldo's! Volume 2 More rare recordinas, demos, acetates and unissued singles.





Original Soundtrack Music 26 tracks

WEBA 066 CD

The Prisoner



KIRI 071 CD **Nick Haeffner** The Great Outdoors 15 tracks



KIRI 082 CD The Seeds Evil Hoodoo 16 tracks



MRI 095 CD John's Children Midsummers Night's Scene 12 tracks



KIRI 107 CD Just Four Men/ Wimple Winch The Wimple Winch Storv 1963-1968 28 tracks

KIRI 111 CD Mabel Jov Wish I Was CD only 12 tracks





KIRI 118 (RPMBC254) The Fox

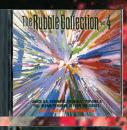
For Fox Sake 13 tracks

KIRI 119 (RPMBC258) Mac MacLeod The Incredible Musical Odyssey Of The Original Hurdy Gurdy Man 20 tracks

# THE RUBBLE COLLECTION ON CD

RUBBLE CD 1 - 11 The Rubble Collection (11 Volumes)





























# Strange Things Records

Strange Things Records was started during the period that Bam-Caruso was affiliated to Demon Records. Things were not going well, to say the least, and while we struggled (through the courts) to regain ownership of the label, we started Strange Things. 'Circus Days' was really 'Rubble' in disguise... but with an emphasis on Pop-Sike.



STZ 5001 **Circus Days** Volume One







Label designs & sleeve reverse



**Circus Days** 





Label designs & sleeve reverse



STZ 5003 Garaaelands Volume One

STZ 5004 From The New World



just like me

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STZ 5005 **Tony Jackson** Just Like Me

STZ 5006

**Circus Davs** Volume Three









Label design & sleeve reverse



Label design & sleeve reverse



Label design, inner bag & sleeve reverse



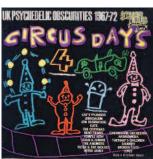
Label design & sleeve reverse







STZ 5007 Garagelands Volume Two



STZ 5008 **Circus Days** Volume Four





Label designs & sleeve reverse

STZ 5009 The San Fransisco Scene {Unissued LP}

STZ 5010 The LA Scene {Unissued LP}



STZ 5011 **Circus Days** Volume Five





Label designs & sleeve reverse





STRANGE PIC 1 The Seeds Evil Hoodoo (Ltd Edition)



STFREE 3001 Strange Things Are Happening Magazine Number 7 {Free Disc} 4-track EP Clover 'Ice Cream Man' Johnny Burton 'Polevault Man' The Eggy 'You're Still Mine' Rhubarb Rhubarb 'Rainmaker'





STCD 10001 Circus Days 1&2



STCD 10002 Garagelands 1



STCD 10003 **Tony Jackson** Just Like Me



STCD 10004 Circus Days 3





Circus Days 485

STCD 10006

STCD 10007 Circus Days 6

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THE SPY WITH THE PLATINUM HEART

# Disques Noir Records





DN 2001 **The Brian Marshall Orchestra with The Silencers** The Spy With The Platinum Heart Soundtrack to the film of the same name... with B&W inner bag.





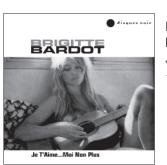


Label designs & inner bag

DN 2002 & DN 2003 were tentatively licensed from Phonogram but never issued.



DN 2002 **Serge Gainsbourg** With Jane Birkin & Brigitte Bardot {Unissued LP}



DN 2003 Brigitte Bardot Je T'Aime...Moi Non Plus {Unissued LP}

STCD 10005 Garagelands 2 (Unissued)

# "Strange Things Are Happening" MAGAZINE



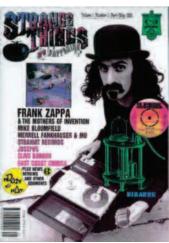
Volume 1 - March 1988 **NUMBER 1** Contents: The Kinks; Beach Party Movies; James Taylor Quartet; Syd Barrett;



Volume 1 - Christmas 1988 **NUMBER 41/2** This was a special 4 page issue on cream card... which 'doubled' as the 'Strange Things' Christmas Card. It was signed by all the staff and posted to subscribers only. Contents: The songsthat Brian Wilson gave away + Discography; Krazy Kat cartoon



Volume 1 - May/June 1988 NUMBER 2 Contents:



Volume 1 - April/May 1989 NUMBER 5 Contents:



Volume 1 - July/Aug 1988 NUMBER 3 Contents:



Volume 1 - Summer 1989 NUMBER 6 Contents:

Volume 1 - Sept/Oct 1988 NUMBER 4 Contents: Volume 1 - Spring 1990 NUMBER 7 Contents:

