Index of:

“Decca News”
“Decca Navigator News”

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Prior to Decca News No. 1, there was a news-sheet type of publication called "The Decca Navigator Monthly News" which did not have a list of contents. The only one I have is numbered "Issue 2" with a date of April 1949.

Page Sizes: Decca News was 246 mm high and 185 mm wide.
Decca Navigator News was the same up to Issue 20
then 265 x 208 from Issue 21 to Issue 56,
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No. 1   April-May 1950   “The Journal of the Decca Navigator Co. Ltd”

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After 1950 two separate publications appeared, “Decca Radar News” and “Decca Navigator News”. The following listing is for the latter only. All DNN issues were printed by the Chichester Press Ltd. and edited by Howard Capes although attribution to Capes was not made until Issue 30 (April 1961).


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