

B'ham woman's date with Gracie Fields

AMONG the thousands of people who will throng the Town Hall next week, a middle-aged Birmingham woman will watch anxiously for the moment when the spotlight turns on the figure of the star who has become a legend in her own lifetime — Gracie Fields.

To this woman, and to many other fans this will be a night to remember. For this performance in Birmingham is one of eleven one-night

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stands of the concert tour in which Gracie Fields is making her come-back to the stage, after an absence of seven years.

Many people will remember the days when Gracie Fields starred at Birmingham Hippodrome. But for Hilda Harris, clerical receptionist, who lives at Selly Oak, the relationship which began when she was a starry-eyed teenager waiting at the stage door of the Hippodrome to catch a