



April

15th
22nd
29th

**The Memphis Six
John Evans Six
Phil Wall's Jazz Cardinals**

May

6th
13th
20th
27th

**The Workhouse Band
New Orleans Hula
Round The Horn
The Meridian Jazz Band**

June

3rd
10th
17th
24th

**The Icon Jazzmen
The Liberty Street Quartet
Ian Phillip's Pen & Wig Band - tbc
A New Old Fashioned Band**

Café Jazz - The Sandringham Hotel, St. Mary Street, Cardiff
Admission - unless otherwise stated Specials £4 / £5 (Students £2)
P.J.S Members & Concessions £3.50, Non Members £4.00, Students £2.00



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**The Workhouse Band
6th May – Café Jazz**

Editorial

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We have had a disastrous few months at café Jazz with attendances way below what we would normally expect, It's hard to point at any one factor why this is so, I don't think it's the programme – the venue hasn't changed, there is still a "cheap pint" which is comparable with pubs nearby; The only major problem, which we can't do anything about, is car parking. I don't drive a car so I don't see the problem as drivers do, but there is an excellent bus service to and from St Mary Street. You could always leave your car on the outskirts of the City and get a bus!! Car parking in the multi story is prohibitive but there is plenty of "free" parking at the City Hall.

Enough of the "sermon" I have finalised a programme until the end of June so we can see if there is an improvement in attendance, if not we will have to seriously review our situation.

To ensure that the "Little grey cells" keep working Pete Locke has designed a Word Quiz which contains a grid with 10 American pianists and or composers hidden in it. They are all well known – all you have to do is find them and complete another little poser to finish it off. No prizes, just a little fun. Many thanks Pet for compiling it.

Some Band News

"Round the Horn" Roy Davies leads this fine band at the White Hart in Caldicot they have local guest musicians each week and their special guest on 13th May is Roger Marks – so for those who live in the area why not pop along.

Keith Little Band – next gig at the Windsor is 30th April then fortnightly
Pontypool Jazz at the Comrades Club Market Street Pontypool – Live Jazz once a month on a Saturday night – Full Details from Gary Stone **01495 762504**.

It's getting near to festival time here's a few to remind you of the dates

Keswick Jazz Festival :- 7th – 11th May

Upton Upon Severn – Oliver Cromwell Jazz Festival 27,28 and 29th June

Brockwiler Jazz Festival (Wye Valley) Sunday 20th July

Brecon Jazz Festival 8,9 10th August *** 25th Year ***

Bude Jazz Festival :- 23rd – 30th August

So please support us and the local bands and hope to see you on a Tuesday at

Café Jazz

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What's On



Sunday

Jazz Paraders	The Wig & Pen - Newport	8 - 10:30 p.m.
The Society Jazz Band	The Royal Oak - Whitchurch	27/4 , 18/5, 25/5

Mondays

Speakeasy Jazz Band	Uplands Tavern Swansea	1 st of the month
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Tuesdays

The Preservation Jazz Society	Café Jazz The Sandringham Hotel, St. Mary St. Cardiff	8:30 - 11:00 p.m.
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Wednesdays

Various Bands	St James's Club - Uplands Swansea	8:30 – 11:00 pm
Keith Little Hot Six	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	30/4 – Fortnightly
The Liberty Street Jazz Band	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	Monthly

Thursdays

The Jazz Paraders	The Six Bells, Stow Hill Newport	8:30 - 11:00 p.m.
Midnight Special	The Butchers - Rhiwbina	Check 01633 264218
Various Traditional Bands	Mumbles Conservative Club – Mumbles	8:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Fridays

Torfaen Jazz Society	Sebastopol Social Club Griffithstown	8:30 - 11:00 p.m.
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Saturday

5 Go Swing	Old Comrades Club Market Street - Pontypool	19 th April
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Jazz on the Air

Sunday	Wales	09.05	Dewi Griffiths - String of Pearls
Sunday	Radio 2	22.00	Malcolm Laycock –Dance & Big Bands
Monday	Radio 2	22.30	Jools Holland - All styles
		22.00	Big Band Special – Clare Teal
Friday	Radio 3	16.00	Jazz Legends
Saturday	Radio 3	16.00	Jazz Line Up - various
	Radio 3	17.00	Jazz Record Requests - followed by Jazz File.

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Max, Austin and Mike Pincombe at the FBU



Some of Austins' musical friends at his funeral in Barry

Austin Davies- Jazz – musician and Pianist

Austin, a bastion of Jazz music in south Wales for nearly sixty years, died on the 4th February 2008 aged 84. He is survived by his two sons Julian and Max and grand children.

Long before there were venues set aside for Jazz, Austin and a few like minded musicians led the way by accompanying visiting musicians from other parts of the UK and the USA. And of course keeping regular gigs going enabling jazz fans more access to the music.

Through the interest created by these efforts, jazz societies evolved in the region (the Welsh Jazz Society for instance that fostered the Cardiff Jazz Festival and helped make the Brecon Jazz Festival the success it became) Austin took part in all of these and more.

He was born at Pentre in the Rhondda in 1924 to a musical family. He obtained diplomas from the Royal School of music for Violin. At a young age he suffered a serious accident when knocked off his bicycle by motor cyclist and came near to losing his leg and was only able to walk with aid of a special built-up boot.

His music studies continued and in 1943 he left for London and obtained employment as a dance band guitarist with the Mecca group of dance halls. The Locarno ball room in Streatham being his main employer.

After the war Austin came back to south Wales and played the music scene at night while working in the labs at the Distillers Company. In the early fifties he contracted TB and had another major operation with part removal of one lung.

Austin always had a head for figures and he obtained a degree in physics and maths and after teacher training found his niche when he became head of physics at Barry Girls Grammar school.

His involvement with the music continued and was appointed branch secretary of the musicians union. Austin was a highly talented man who was respected by his fellow musicians and the fans that came to listen to him to perform.

Talents like Austin's don't come along very often and we are all the better for knowing him.

From the family Eulogy edited by Paul Dunleavy

... and now for something different! Test your skill and knowledge of Jazz with this double jazz puzzle devised and compiled by Pete Locke...



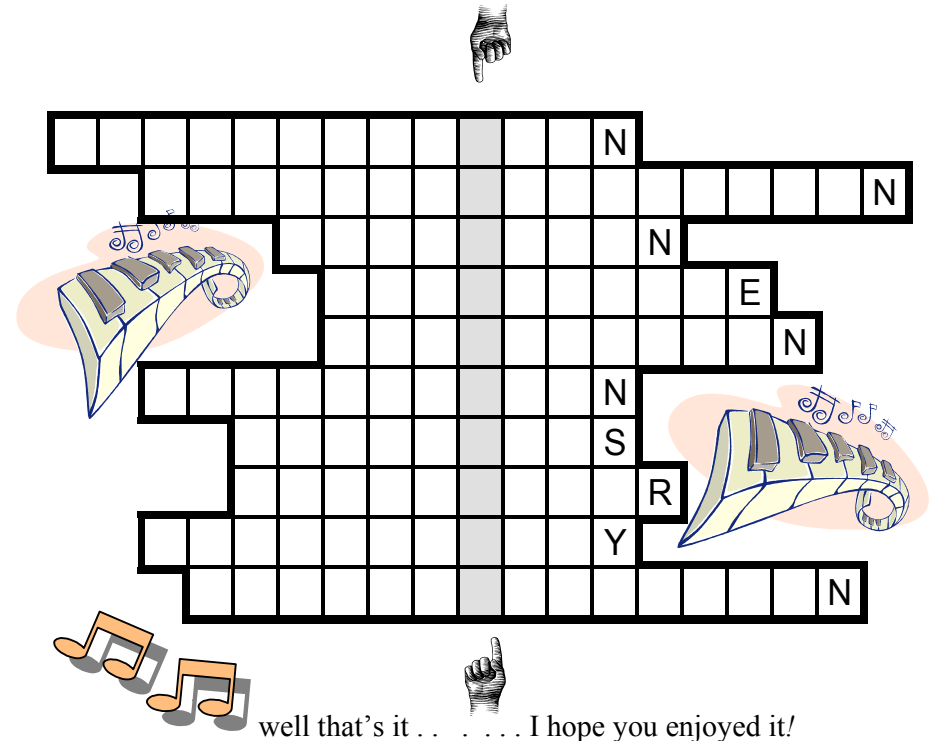
“TEN GREAT JAZZ PIANISTS”



The names of TEN FAMOUS AMERICAN JAZZ PIANISTS are hidden in the above grid. They were either Bandleaders, Solo Pianists or Arrangers (often all three!) who all played and recorded at various times in the period 1900 to 1940. You'll find them under the names by which they were usually known - not always their given names (*ie: 'King Oliver' not 'Joe Oliver' - but you won't find him there - he wasn't a pianist!*). The names are written vertically, horizontally or diagonally in the grid - **but just to confuse you** - names of three other famous jazz pianists who don't qualify are also hidden.

When you have found all ten American pianists, or most of them, you've done the difficult bit. Next, write down all the names you've found on a scrap of paper. Now have a go at the easy part. The names will fit neatly into the word-grid below, but notice the shaded stripe down the middle of the grid. There are alternative ways to enter the names - but there's only one correct answer. So, to make it *really* easy the last letters are already entered.

If you get it right, the shaded stripe should reveal something that most of those brilliant jazz pianists would probably have enjoyed from time to time!



well that's it I hope you enjoyed it!

However, just in case you didn't finish it, keep this copy handy and the solutions will be in the next issue of the **“Foot Tappers News”**

(If you would like more puzzles in future issues of “Foot Tappers News” let the Editor know, or you can write to pete@keithlittleband.com Any feedback or comment is welcomed)