



The Foot Tappers News

August – September 2017



The Memphis Six

Editorial	e-mail :- pjscardiff@btinternet.com Tel :- 029 20625639
------------------	--

Hi All, This issue features the Memphis Six who have taken early retirement after 47 years of dedication to the Jazz Fraternity. We wish them all the best in their retirement, but I'm sure we will see one or two of them again in different combinations. The M7 article was written jointly by Pete Berry, Pete Locke and myself – we had to delve back into our memory banks, and I'm sure we could have gone on a lot further.

Our Programme

1st Aug Spike's 5 & Dime Band

Personnel :- Ceri Williams trumpet, Paul Munnery trombone, Brian Huggett reeds, Phil Blandford piano, Sarah Thatcher tenor guitar, Spike Kennedy bass and Mike Pincombe drums.

8th Aug Ron King's Rhythm Aces

Personnel :- Ron King, Andy Leggett, Pete Mathison, Mike Kennedy, Jane Williams

15th Aug Dave Smith Quartet

Personnel :- Dave Smith, Phil Wall, Vic Partridge and Steve Davis

22nd Aug Moonshine Boulevard

Personnel :- Tudor Thomas, banjo Ron King, Jeff Matthews, Pete Locke and Peter Berry

29th Aug No Jazz Tonight Bude, Aberaeron, Bristol Old Duke Festival

5th Sept All That Jazz

Personnel:- John Foley leads his 7 piece Band

12th Sept. Phil Wall's Jazz Cardinals

Personnel :- Phil Wall, Paul Munnery, Sarah Thatcher and Steve Davis

19th Sept. The Music of Lionel Hampton

Personnel :- Richard West, Donnie Joe Sweeney, Greg Evans and Ashley John Long

26th Sept Hot String Café

Personnel :- Heulwen Thomas, Howell Maggs John Frost and Donnie Joe.

U Tube Videos

Just a reminder that there are currently 181 of Paul's videos on u-tube with the majority filmed at Café Jazz PJS sessions. Enter :- **Paul Dunleavy** into the U Tube search bar and you can access the lot.

Late News :- Potters Bar, Newport. The Camelia Band will be playing fortnightly during Aug. and Sept. August dates 11th and 25th – September 8th and 22nd.

Visit the PJS Website :- www.pjscardiff.co.uk

The Memphis Seven

The Memphis Seven has been in existence for nearly 47 years and in that time has played with many of the International and UK stars that have toured the UK over the decades - notably Wild Bill Davison, Peanuts Hucko, Bud Freeman, Ken Colyer, Alan Elsdon, George Melly and many more. The Band appeared at the first Brecon Festival in 1984, playing there every year for the next 30 years. Trombonist Sandy Axon started the band in 1971 with Eric Swift and Peter Berry, together with Ian Jameson on reeds, pianist Bill Nichols, Glyn Jones on banjo and Arwyn Edmunds on drums.

Over the years the trombone chair has seen a number of changes. Mark Tattersall followed Sandy Axon, then Howell Davies and Mal Jones for a while, until Mark re-joined. When Mark finally retired about 20 years ago, Pete Locke was asked to help the band out until the trombone vacancy was filled – he's been there ever since!

Special mention must be made of Ian Jameson who had been in the band as long as Eric and Peter. Ian was a wonderful clarinettist who had a lovely velvety liquid tone. When playing his Soprano Sax you only had to close your eyes and you could hear Bechet. Sadly Ian passed away in 2013.

The banjo chair also saw changes including George Sykes and Sid Powell. Two CDs were produced during Roy Davies 7 years with the band, followed by John Gill and most recently Sarah Thatcher.

The band has always included a pianist – in particular I remember founder member Bill Nichols (who could also play bass clarinet), followed by Ray Jones and now Don Thomas. I can recall only two drummers with the Band - Arwyn Edmunds at the start and then Gwynfor Jones. After Gwynfor died in 2010 the band decided to continue without drums, since when they have operated as **The Memphis Six**.

The current line-up is Eric Swift (trumpet); Pete Locke (trombone); Jeff Salter (clarinet/sax); Sarah Thatcher (banjo/guitar); Pete Berry (bass) and Don Thomas (piano). Past member, Roy Davies (banjo) joined the band for a few numbers.

The Memphis Six/Seven has always been welcomed at Café Jazz and has consistently given us good performances. They will be sadly missed – I'm sure we will see some of the "survivors" in other bands from time to time - keep on playing as long as you can! To those musicians who may be retiring we wish you all the best - enjoy your retirement and thank you for the pleasure you and the band have given over the years.

The Band played their final gig at Café Jazz on Tuesday 18th July. You can see a video of the Band on our Website under "Video Gallery" [AJ/PL/PB](#).



Eric playing “Wild Man Blues”



Jeff Salter



Pete Locke

Don Thomas – Roy Davies



Peter Berry and Sarah Thatcher





Mark Tatersall Sept 1996 at Sandys with the Acme Band



Bill Nichols at the Golden Cross

Visit the PJS Website :- www.pjscardiff.co.uk



At the Golden Cross, Howell Davies, Bill Nichols Eric and Ian



At a Brecon Fringe gig



PJS Gig List



August

- 1 Spike's 5 & Dime Band
8 Ron King's Rhythm Aces
15 The Dave Smith Quartet
22 Moonshine Boulevard
29 No Jazz Tonight

September

- 5 All That Jazz
12 Phil Wall's Jazz Cardinals
19 Ashley John Long
26 Hot Strings Cafe

Our Autumn Special
Emily Bacon's Good Time Gang
17th October

Join our Mailing List and receive weekly reminders of "What's ON"
Just send a note to:- pjscardiff@btinternet.com
All photographs © Paul Dunleavy or Alun Jones
Café Jazz - The Sandringham Hotel, St. Mary Street, Cardiff
Admission - unless otherwise stated
P.J.S Members & Concessions £4.00 - Non Members £4.50, Students £2.00.
Specials £5.00



The PJS Acknowledge assistance from Dutton Hotels