



The Foot Tappers News

June – July 2012



Norman Thatcher

1942 - 2012

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The sense of disbelief that greeted the news that Norman Thatcher had died of a heart attack whilst on holiday was enormous. For such a kind gentle man to be taken from us is hard to bear. Norman was a true ambassador for his style of music, to be admired by so many people up and down the land, is a tribute to his dedication.

Norman first came to our attention, in South Wales, when the Ken Colyer Trust Band played for the first PJS Jazz Affair in December 1989. Coincidentally his future wife, Sarah, was playing banjo in the Speakeasy Band on the same bill.

Norman had three main bands, his Ragtime Band, New Orleans Hula and The Spirit of Colyer as well as playing for the Wessex New Orleans Band, Phil Wall's Jazz Cardinals, to name but a few. Norman became a "naturalised" Welshman in the late 90's when he moved to Newport, and married Sarah in 2000. Both he and Sarah were regular performers in bands, at Café Jazz, under his name and "guesting" with like minded musical friends in others.

Norman had suffered from cancer, and in 2009 raised £1360 at a fund raising concert with his band and long standing friend Brian Carrick for Cancer Research Wales (Velindre Hospital). He did this concert in spite of being told that he needed an urgent blood transfusion, but preferred to do the concert first. This was typical of Norman in that he would stick to his promise. On many occasion he would prefer to play with local musicians rather than travel to far better paid jobs.

Norman's funeral was an occasion that will be remembered for a long time. The funeral procession being led by a 40 strong New Orleans Parade Band, followed by a "congregation" of several hundred. It was a massive tribute to Norman, who was held in such high regard by his fellow musicians and friends.

Norman, was one of the nicest people you could meet, always willing to talk to fan and musician alike, which endeared him to everyone he met. He will be sorely missed by all of us at the PJS and we extend to Sarah and Norman's family our heartfelt sympathy.

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Our Programme

We are getting concerned at the fall off in attendance at Cafe Jazz and hope this trend will be reversed over the next few weeks. It will never be the same without Norman but we will try and keep New Orleans Jazz in the forefront of our presentations.

So here we go :- June 5th Icon Revisited – Gwyn, Eddie, Clarence, Steve and myself will be accompanied by Tudor Thomas in a “revival” session - we’ll probably all require oxygen by the end of the session. June 12th Ron King’s band with Pete Locke and John Scantlebury (don’t know the full line up at the moment). The 19th bring Jelly Roll Jones which is a band led by bassist Mike Kennedy playing old time jug band/hokum blues from the 20s and 30s, with tunes from the likes of Blind Blake, Memphis Jug Band, Blind Willie McTell and Cannon’s Jug Stompers. All acoustic, featuring guitar, banjo, double bass, washboard and harmonica and finally on the 26th, the ever popular Memphis Seven.

July starts off on the 3rd July with the Wessex New Orleans Band whilst on the 10th there is a treat for New Orleans fans – Dave Smith will be bringing his clarinettist Dave Wood and Banjoist Ian Dalziel along with Steve Davis on brass bass. The 17th brings the John Davies Quintet the normal suspect along with the excellent Paul Munnery on trombone. On the 24th something different with Mike Kennedy’s Cowboy Operators, again excellent musicians featuring Violin, Django Style guitars vocals . They were good last time so given them a go. And finally on the 31st the Dick Williams Six – with Dick on trumpet, John Evans clt. Bob Tunnicliffe tbn with Bristol pianist Phil Blandford, Keith Tolley bass and Mike Pincombe drums.

August schedule will include the New Georgia Band Quartet (Dave Smith et al) on the 14th We will try and get the rest finalised over the next week or two



Festival News

Upton Upon Severn :- 22nd – 24th June

Now in it’s 27th year a fabulous programme featuring all your favourite artists –Full details on their website :- www.uptonjazz.co.uk Ticket prices Fri £25, Sat £35 Sun £30 or £70 for the weekend. For details phone :- 01684 593254

Bromyard :- 17th – 19th August

The is Sir Alan’s 2nd Bromyard Carnival of Jazz which is held at the Falcon Hotel Complex. This again is a New Orleans / Traditional festival featuring amongst others New Orleans Heat, Bob Kerr, Lamarotte. Price £40 until 31st July then £45 for the weekend. For details phone :- 01885 483034



I have been informed that a celebration of Norman’s life is to be held at the Wessex Hotel on Sunday 25th Nov. 12 noon to 11 pm – More details as soon as I get them

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

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Tom Whittingham, Norman and Brian Carrick in the
"Spirit of Colyer" Band



There will be more photographs of Norman , his playing, and the wonderful send off he had on our website. www.pjscardiff.co.uk



The 40 strong Parade Band playing “Sing On”



Happier Times
Jim Fryer on his recent visit to Café Jazz



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2nd BROMYARD "CARNIVAL OF JAZZ"

At The Falcon Hotel Complex
Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4BT.
17th/18th/19th August 2012

Friday £25
Falcon Hotel Complex
12.00 noon - 11.30p.m.



Saturday £25
Falcon Hotel Complex
12.00 noon - 11.30p.m.



Sunday £8
Church: 10.00am-12.00noon
Falcon Hotel Complex
12.00 noon - 5.15p.m.

Lamarotte (Holland)~
~52 Skidoo ~ Ross Jive & Swing
New Orleans Heat~ Claire Taylor Sings
Bennett Brothers Sheepwash Playboys
"Sir" Alan's Hot Groovers
W/E Guests ~Pete Allen~Ben Holder
John Smith~Jim Swinnerton

New Orleans Mardigras through the Streets of Bromyard
Featuring you the "Second Liners" with your decorated umbrella's
Lamarotte (Holland)~Burlesque Girls

Bob Kerr & His Whoopee Band
Bev Pegg & His Rail Road Skiffle Group
52 Skidoo ~ Barbara & All That Jazz
Claire Taylor Sings ~Ross Jive & Swing
"Sir" Alan's Hot Groovers
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Campsite Open noon Thursday 16th until
Monday noon 20th August

4 Days Camping
£20 Each

Jazz Festival Service At St Peters Parish Church

Ruth Frith~John Everett's Red Dragon Jazzmen
Lamarotte (Holland)~Claire Taylor Sings
"Sir" Alan's Hot Groovers
W/E Guests ~Pete Allen~Ben Holder
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W/end £45
From
1st August

Cheque made payable to
Bromyard Music Festival enclose s.a.e.
Falcon Hotel ,Broad St,
Bromyard, Herefordshire. HR7 4BT.

Early Bird W/end
£40
Tickets until July 31st

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Sunday

Ian Phillips Jazz Paraders	The Wig & Pen - Newport	8:30 – 10:30
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Tuesday

The Preservation Jazz Society	Café Jazz The Sandringham Hotel St Mary St. Cardiff	8:30 – 11:00
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Wednesday

Various Bands	St. James's Club – Uplands Swansea	8:30 – 11:00
Keith Little Band	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	20/6, 4/7 etc
Liberty Street	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	13/6, 27/6 etc

Thursdays

Memphis Seven	Mumbles Conservative Club	7th June, 5th July
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Fridays

The Camelia Band	The Royal Mail 31 Mill Street, Newport	3pm – 6pm
Various Band	Torfaen Jazz Society The Open Hearth - Sebastapol	Check www.torfaenjazz.org.uk

Saturdays

Various Bands	Old Comrades – Pontypool	Details 01495 762504
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There are more photographs on the website of the artists that appear at Café Jazz
just click "Photo Gallery"

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PJS GIG LIST



June

5	Icon Revisited
12	Ron King's Band
19	Jelly Roll Jones
26	The Memphis Seven

July

3	The Wessex New Orleans Band
10	The New Georgia Band Quartet
17	The John Davies Quintet
24	Kennedy's Cowboy Operators
31	The Dick Williams Six

August

7	TBA
14	The New Georgia Band Quartet
21	TBA
28	No Jazz Tonight

Join our Mailing List and receive weekly reminders of "What's ON"
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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

Café **JAZZ**

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