



The Foot Tappers News

October - November
2010

Celebrate 15 Years of Jazz at Café Jazz



**Font line Musicians
Ian Jameson,
Pete Locke
Eric Swift**



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*The Memphis Seven
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In October we celebrate 15 years of presentations at Café Jazz and to mark this we have some of your favourite bands plus a new band to us from London – more about them later. In those 15 years we have had the 10th Avenue Band and the Black Eagle Bands as well as Jim Beatty, Jeff Barnhart, and Jim Fryer from the USA, Mysto's Hot Lips Band from Sweden, the late Tommy Burton, Phil Mason. Spats Langham, Roy Williams, John Barnes and numerous others from the UK as well as our great local musicians.

The Adamant, Marching Band played at Brecon Cathedral to a packed congregation and then paraded to the Castle Hotel via the town with the Dean adopting the role of Parade Marshal. I assume the festival went ahead, but a walk through town showed little or no festival activity. Well done "The fringe" for providing some excellent music, personally I think that they should have the Arts Council funding as at least they tried to get back to the roots of the festival in providing music by Welsh musicians and involving the local community.

A reminder for those who like to come to Café Jazz by car. You can park your car in the new St David's Car Park, at the John Lewis Store, for £1.00. When you get to Café Jazz, approx 5 min walk, on production of your parking ticket, you will get £1.00 off your first drink. So for those out of town people who would like to come by car there's a possible solution. There is also free parking in King Edward VIII Avenue, by the City Hall, and that is an approx. 10 min walk.

For those who go to Upton upon Severn the next few concerts are :-

8th Oct :- Ken Peplowski Quartet, 12th Nov :- Paull Munnery's 'Hootie and the Gang'

11th Dec :- Christmas Party with George Huxley and his Band.

Last week we saw the "Spirit of Colyer" Band with Spat's Langham – if you get an opportunity to hear them, do so, you won't be disappointed.

Café Jazz attendance.:- A big thank you to all who have come to Café Jazz over the last two months. What a difference it makes, both financially and from the bands perspective, a nice friendly audience to play to. Over the next couple of months most of your favourite bands will be there, so, please come along and help us celebrate 15 years of weekly jazz at Café Jazz - Lets hope it continues for some time to come.

Our Programme

We welcome Ceri Williams with his 'Ol' Spit & Dribble' band on the 5th Oct. Line up so far will be Ceri, Martin Butterworth and Paul Munnery. Ceri always puts on a good band so we should be off to a cracking start.

By popular request on the 12th Oct. we welcome Marcus Bridgeman with the Liberty Street Quartet with John Davies on reeds.

The 19th (which is the 15th anniversary of sessions at Café Jazz), see the return of the excellent 'Memphis Seven'. Eric Swift leads, with of course Ian Jameson and Pete Locke with Sarah Thatcher, Peter Bray, Gwynfor Jones and Don Thomas (piano)

On the 26th we feature our guests from London – they are all ex South Wales pats and go under the name of the London-Welsh Stompers

Lynn Saunders,



I lived in Victoria Park, son of Pharmacist, mother taught piano/ballet. Played with Mike Harries in the 50's, remember the No 7 Club, in St Mary Street?, came to London on Mothers Day 1960, my mother never forgave me for this, and formed my own band, the infamous Swamp Fever Jazz band, appeared on TV. from Cardiff, Western Ave. studios early 60's. I have been a member of such bands as Bill Brunskill, Cy Laurie, Alan Elsdon, Rod Mason, currently with the Phoenix Dixieland Jazzband.

Johnny Evans, Llanishen, also son of Pharmacist, a long history of playing with different bands, including, Clinton Ford, Freddy Randal, Alan Elsdon, Mick Mulligan and George Melly, John also played drums.

Norman Bull, trombone, played in R.A.F. bands during National Service, son of choirmaster/organist, his Grandfather and uncle were both Baptist Ministers, London/Kent. Played with Peter Coe, various big bands and still with the Phoenix Dixieland Jazzband after many years.

Dave Ware, trumpet. started his musical career on violin. His father played cornet with the Coldstream Guards, Dave is an ex. member of the Phoenix D.J.B. and has played with Dusty Springfield and recorded with Zoot Money, now lives in Kent and is a member of Burt Butler's Jazz Pilgrims.

Mick Scriven Mick was born in 1947 and learned piano as a boy. As a teenager taught himself guitar and bass guitar. During the late 70s and 80s he played in several trad and swing bands in the Portsmouth area. He moved to London in 2000, where he joined a 60s band 'The Backbeats' in 2002. During his time with them he has switched from 4 string bass to 5 string bass, and learned to play an electric upright bass. Having retired from engineering in 2007, he has now sought out the jazz fraternity to reconnect with trad and swing. He started playing bass with the Lord Napier Jazz Band during the 2nd quarter of 2008.

So do your best to come along in October and make the evenings a success
There's more in November

Our Programme

November starts with welcome return of Ron King's Meridian Jazz Band along with Martin Butterworth, Norman & Sarah Thatcher + Steve Davis.

We were rather overwhelmed with the whole 'Top Shelf Jazz' last time so Fred is coming, this time, with a quartet. Fred on vocals and guitar along with trumpet, Clarinet and double bass (Mr Upright Tickle) – looking forward to that.

New Orleans Hula with Sam Sims on the 16th and Phil Wall's Jazz Cardinals on the 23rd The Newport invasion is completed on the 30th by the very popular Wessex New Orleans Band,

December dates are not yet confirmed, but the one on 21st Dec is, and that's John Scantlebury with Norman Thatcher – if the session we had on 21st Sept is anything to go by then you are in for a treat, don't miss it. Also Memphis Seven confirmed 14th Dec

Other News

Congratulations to Gwyn Lewis and his wife Laila who were married in Sweden a few weeks ago – I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them all happiness for the future. Gwyn & Laila will be in the UK in October so the 19th would be an appropriate date for them to come to Café Jazz.

Ceri Williams, as you probably know, runs the Torfaen Jazz Club on a Friday – they now have a new venue "The Open Hearth" which is about 200 yards from the old club in Sebastapol alongside the Brecon Canal – check www.torfaenjazz.org.uk/

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PJS JAZZ CROSSWORD (N0.2) - Solution

Here's the answers to Pete's crossword in the previous issue of the Foot Tappers' News – hope you found it fun and not too difficult!

Many thanks Pete – there's a quiz - with answers on the next page

PJS Jazz “Quick-Quiz”

See how you score with this simple ‘pub-style’ jazz quiz. You’ll find the answers printed on page 6
Please let us know if you enjoy this one and would like more – it could become a regular feature.

1. Sidney Bechet died in 1959 in Paris. Where, in 1897, was he born?
 2. The trombone evolved from which 15th century brass instrument (unrelated to a different much older horn instrument referred to in the Bible by the same name) ?
 3. Who composed ‘Doctor Jazz’ and ‘Snake Rag’:- Jelly Roll Morton; King Oliver or Fats Waller ?
 4. During her 70-year life prolific songwriter Dorothy Fields wrote ‘Exactly Like You’ and ‘I Can’t Give You Anything But Love’ and lots more, but how many songs did she write:- 100+; 200+; 300+; 400+ ?
 5. On October 19th join the Memphis Seven at Café Jazz to celebrate the Preservation Jazz Society’s 15th anniversary of presentations at Café Jazz. Of course the PJS is older than that, but in what year was the first edition of the “Foot Tapper” published :- 1988; 1990; 1992 or 1994 ?
 6. Where does the annual North Sea Jazz Festival take place ?
 7. Ah, how sadly Brecon Jazz Festival had changed! In the good old days (when it *really was* all that it claimed to be!) what was the popular slogan used to promote the Festival during the early 1980s ?
 8. Jazz virtuosos Sandy Brown, Ian Christie, Wally Fawkes & Tony Coe played what instrument ?
 9. At various times, all four of the above musicians have played for which British bandleader ?
 10. Mamie Smith, Dinah Washington and many others since have been called “Queen of the Blues” but who was the only singer to be billed “Empress of the Blues” ?
 11. Differing styles of jazz evolved in places such as (a) ‘The Windy City’ and (b) ‘The Crescent City’ – which cities were these?
 12. Which successful, but egotistical, 1920s bandleader falsely claimed to have “invented jazz” ?
 13. Who was also known as “The First Lady of Song”:- Pearl Bailey; Sarah Vaughan; Ella Fitzgerald; Peggy Lee or Billie Holiday ?
 14. For how many years has Upton-on-Severn Jazz Festival been held ?
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15. In one word, what is the main musical characteristic that distinguishes ‘Ragtime’ from other jazz music styles ?

‘Quick-Quiz’ – copyright 2010 – Pete Locke

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PJS “Quick-Quiz” – Answers: (1) New Orleans; (2) sackbut; (3) 400+;(4) King Oliver (5) 1990; (6) Rotterdam; (7) ‘New Orleans beneath the Beacons’; (8) clarinet; (9) Humphrey Lyttleton; (10) Bessie Smith; (11) a: Chicago; b: New Orleans; (12) Jelly Roll Morton; (13) Ella Fitzgerald; (14) 25yrs; (15) syncopation



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The Dean of Brecon, the Very Reverend Geoffrey Marshall, leading the Adamant Band from the Cathedral



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
Round the Horn	The Old Tipling Philosopher Caldicot	Fortnightly 28/9, 12/10 etc

Wednesday

Various Bands	St. James's Club – Uplands Swansea	8:30 – 11:00
Keith Little Band	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	20/10 etc
Liberty Street	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	13/10 etc

Thursday

Various Traditional Bands	Mumbles Conservative Club	8:30 – 11:00
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Fridays

The Camelia Band	The Ivy Bush Inn, Clarence Place Newport	3pm – 6pm
Various Band	Torfaen Jazz Society The Open Hearth - Sebastapol	Check www.tonfaenjazz.org.uk

Saturdays

Various Bands	Old Comrades – Pontypool	Details 01495 762504
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- 19 The Memphis Seven
- 26 The London – Welsh Band

November

- 2 Ron King and the Meridian Band
- 9 Top Shelf Jazz Four
- 16 New Orleans Hula
- 23 Phil Wall's Jazz Cardinals
- 30 The Wessex New Orleans Band

December

- 7 T.B.C.
- 14 The Memphis Seven
- 21 Scantlebury – Thatcher New Orleans Band
- 28 No Jazz Tonight

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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