



Saturday May 20th. 2017

The Dave Donohoe Band

- it's the font of all knowledge - some would say !

Our April 8th. visit from the curiously named, for a group of youngsters, 'Old Chaps' from Lille in France provided us with a most definite step outside your Club's musical comfort zone. The style of playing delivered by this enthusiastic group from their Town's Conservatoire was most definitely markedly different from our usual offerings. I am most certainly not qualified to pass judgement on their array of virtually one vocal after another but I think that I correctly grasped the fact that the majority of their repertoire comprised their own compositions. Whilst their offering was not to the liking of a relatively small number of our largish audience of 80 plus, those present who enjoyed their performance greatly outnumbered those who did not. It must also be said that many glowing comments were received about the Band and its members both on the night and afterwards from some of our most regular of attendees.

In welcoming tonight's band lead by one of Britain's if not Europe's finest and most notable purveyor of the New Orleans style of music, **trombonist Mr Dave Donohoe**, your Club is most certainly heading back to its roots and one might be tempted to say onto tried and trusted 'higher ground.' With his strong Manchester connections Dave could be said to be a person who has made a lasting impression on many jazz enthusiasts in our area over what for many such as me could be described as almost a lifetime. I can well remember as barely more than a mere slip of a lad on my way back to Dove from Salford Tech ascending the wooden staircase of an evening at the Black Lion, a dingy hostelry situated on the fault line between Salford and Manchester - there to hear Dave and other worthies who are still on the scene today giving of their all for the cause of New Orleans Music. Would it be wonderful to be able to turn the clock back - I'm sometimes not so sure these days!

The Donohoe band tonight will contain **Teddy Fullick** on **trumpet** and **Frank Brooker** on **reeds** playing

alongside Dave to give an awesome front line. Their powerful rhythm section will contain no less a person than **Richard Vernon** playing his **string bass** whilst the youngest of those gifted drummers from the blood line of the 'Cotterill Stable' **Jack** will be present and their **keyboard** will be in the most capable hands of that Dove favourite **Tom Kincaid**.

Alas I am afraid to say that there is yet more activity in the departure lounge. Ken Sims, that extremely mellifluous trumpeter, most brilliant of writers and the finest of advertisements for the cause of alcohol left us on the 29th. March. We were privileged to enjoy the company of this larger than life wit and raconteur, who didn't suffer fools gladly on the Dove Podium, for our Festivals in 2008, 09 and 10 as well as several Saturday Night Concerts around this time. A generous and kindly man who often arose from his bed on the stroke noon Ken played with numerous of the top bands from Lightfoot to Walsh and Laurie to Wheeler although perhaps his finest hour was his four years or so with Acker Bilk's Band in the late fifties and early sixties when he was responsible for many of their arrangements. Our Jazz world is much the poorer for Ken's passing and our sincere sympathies are extended to his wife Chris along with their three daughters.

Tonight we will have yet another top quality Concert, when you will be able to take part in our raffle for a glittering array of prizes, and also have the chance to sample the delights of a healthy drop of real ale from a barrel of Thwaite's Wainwright whilst Butcher Burnham's Pork Pies with their delightfully meaty fillings will satisfy the needs of the culinary buffs amongst you. You mustn't forget that on Saturday the 10th June we will be featuring Enrico Tomasso, the three times winner of the British Jazz Award for the Best Trumpeter, augmented by an almost unbelievable orchestra of quality musicians. We trust that you will be amongst the throng for what promises to be a very special evening. RTM

Our next attraction - Saturday June 10th. 2017

Enrico Tomasso's Awesome Six

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