



Saturday, 27th. July 2019

## Enrico Tomasso's Awesome Six

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

A rather disappointingly small audience, for whatever reason, were present to enjoy the offerings of the High Society Jazz Band in June. This five man line up gave us a well thought out and interesting programme that contained several little played jazz numbers from yesteryear.

You will all be no doubt interested to hear that the recently published 2018 British Jazz Awards contained the names of a few of the regular Dove 'board treaders' -including in 5th position in the 'Rising Star' category, Alex Clarke who is appearing in September then with us in October we have Adrian Cox who was 2nd in the 'Clarinet' league table. Of tonight's musicians, reeds player John Hallam was 5th in the Tenor Sax section, Enrico topped the trumpet category for the fifth time in recent years and Tom Langham's 'Thanks for the Memory' Lake Records CD recorded with Jeff Barnhart was fourth in the Best New Album classification.

The Club is extremely proud tonight to be hosting Enrico Tomasso with his fearsome band 'The Awesome Six'. It is a collegiate of well-known musicians who truly represent the cream of today's British New Orleans Jazz Scene and we know that they will be giving of their all to gift you with an outstanding night of inspiring jazz numbers. They have a legendary line up that sees Manchester Jazz's ever reliable and rhythmic **Chris Pendlebury** competently occupying the **drum chair** to drive the band along. To complete the engine room section he is joined by two very old friends, both of whom are by no means strangers to the Dove Stage. I refer of course to **string bass player Richard Vernon** and **banjoist, guitarist and vocalist Tom Langham**. This able brace of gifted musical troupers travelled many thousands of miles on the road in the delightful company of that Black Country Genius and good friend to the Dove Jazz Club Tommy Burton, often I am told with the cricket commentary playing loudly on the car radio. Their amusing tales of these enjoyable days of yesteryear are sourced from a

deep well that never appears to run dry, notwithstanding that it is a product that does need the occasional bit of filtration to make it more palatable to the perhaps slightly sensitive ear !

Joining **trumpeter Enrico** to front the band will be two more musicians whom your Club is privileged to be able to call 'Dove stalwarts.' The first of these is Gloucestershire resident **trombonist Paul Munnery**. For many years Paul led his own big band Harlem that was inspired by the Jazz sounds of 1930's New York. The second is that fluent and supremely sensitive **reeds player John Hallam** who possesses a much envied versatility of style just like Paul. There is very little that I can say about tonight's star trumpet player that has not been said and put into print numerous times before by many more gifted with the quill than myself. Suffice it to say that you don't manage to be voted best trumpeter in the British Jazz Awards five times without having a bit of an idea of how to 'blow that thing'!

The Famous Butcher Burnham's Pork Pies will be on sale along with a drop of lovingly conditioned Weightless RedWillow real ale to enhance their fulsome flavour. This beer is brewed using Mosaic Hops to form a session IPA with a specific gravity of 4.2%. Your loose change will easily fit into the raffle pot for a more than reasonable chance of winning one of several valuable and bountiful prizes.

We will be having our customary break in August when we will be beavering away to complete the hiring of the Clubs musos for 2020. What I can tell you is that tonight's band are already in the book ! We return on the 14th September with the youthful and outstandingly talented Jamie Brownfield and Alex Clarke fronting the competent and increasingly busy 'Three Bears' rhythm section of Jack Cotterill, drums, Jim Swinnerton, string bass and Tom Kincaid, piano. It promises to be yet another first class night's entertainment for all you much appreciated, goodly people who support the Club. **RTM**

**Our next attraction - Saturday, September 14th. 2019**

## **The Three Bears with Alex and Jamie**

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