



Saturday, January 19th. 2019

The Roy Walker Band

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

Our December Christmas Extravaganza enjoyed the benefits of a reasonably friendly weather front for a change - which contributed towards the admirable presence of over 70 Seasonal Jazzers in the Village Hall. They all appeared to enjoy the music on offer which kicked off with a well-received medley of 'Yuletide' favourites that set the scene for what was to follow. Barry had assembled his usual flavoursome array of seasonal nibbles plus sausage rolls and mince pies that were readily consumed and much appreciated by our Christmas audience and orchestra. In spite of my slight reservations 'Glum' and 'Ramshackle' (Eric and Bill) made an absolutely splendiferous job of their first attempt at selling the tickets for our bumper raffle which offered many prizes donated by our generous supporters. I think though that I can fairly confidently predict that it will be quite a little while before their obvious raffle expertise will be demonstrated again at your Club. However, I must offer my sincere thanks to them for filling in on the night in such a competent manner even though I did receive the odd complaint that a few people had been given extra tickets rather than their correct change! Don't forget my previous plea for you to enable any 'duplicated' and the like Christmas presents to be used in the raffles that always generate much valued funds for DJC.

Since our essential guide to the musical attractions at your Club in 2019 has been made public we have received many favourable comments on the quality of the forthcoming bands and musicians who will be making the journey to Dove to entertain you. We trust that this initial enthusiasm will bear fruit and result in a continuation, into the New Year and beyond, of the most welcome recent trend of larger audiences at our Concerts. Your distribution of the informative Fixture Card to any other potential visitors to the Cub would of course be very much appreciated.

Tonight's Concert sees the second visit of the Roy Walker Band following on from their impressive

inaugural appearance just twelve months ago. **Roy**, who directs the operations of the band from behind his **percussion** set, possesses a commendable enthusiasm for a wide spectrum of jazz music and he has skilfully gathered together a rather talented group of almost local musicians. Roy's interest in music, and the drums in particular, has its roots in his school days when he played in a band called the 'Frantic Imps.' Throughout his life he has always grasped opportunities to enhance his knowledge of the jazz spectrum by playing with different combinations having diverse musical backgrounds. Playing alongside Roy in the rhythm section will be the two **Bramhall brothers**, **Andy** playing his **banjo and guitar** as well as giving vent to his **vocal** talents and brother **Chris** laying down a steady beat on his **string bass** for his fellow musicians. A forceful and engaging front line will see **Will Robinson** showing his complete mastery of the **trumpet, flugel horn** and the odd **vocal**, ably assisted by the band's respected reeds player **Dave Hepworth** blowing his **clarinet and alto sax** with great aplomb. Dove favourite over many years **Mike 'Mr Chips' Taylor** will occupy the **trombone** chair from which he will display his vast experience resulting from years of activity on the 'New Orleans' jazz scene.

After their absence at the December Concert our much talked about and consistently lauded Butcher Burnham's Pork Pies will be back on the agenda resting rather resplendently under their shiny 'Pyrex' dome once again. Your fantastic support of our value for money raffle is always greatly valued and needless to say we will be running yet another one in January. We will also have more than a drop of fulsome real ale for you to enjoy at your leisure as you take in the joyous sounds of the Crescent City.

Next month on the 16th. we will have something rather special for you from the New Orleans based 'Frog and Henry Band' . You must really try to be in our audience to experience their electric mixture of early 20's jazz and much, much more ! RTM

Our next attraction - February 16th. 2019

The Frog and Henry Band with Ewan Bleach

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