



Saturday 25th. November 2017
The Hot Fingers with Emily Campbell

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

The relatively large number of people who attended our last Concert on the 14th October appeared to be extremely pleased with the performance of the Ragtime Band - in fact several of our supporters remarked both on the night and afterwards that it was one of the best Ragtime Concerts ever and I for one would certainly not argue with this comment. The fact that we had over 90 happy souls in the audience shows the popularity of this unique to our Club ensemble.

Tonight we welcome back one of Dove's most exalted sons, **maestro of the strings Mr. Tom "Spats" Langham**, with his long standing close chums from the cloisters of the Cotswolds for what is pleasingly for us becoming their annual pre-Christmas visit to the 'Centre of the Universe.' Such is their ever ascending popularity amongst a wide spectrum of 'Jazz Aficionados' there is a difficulty with finding vacant dates for them to display their skills - a problem that becomes more and more troublesome each year. Despite this challenge we decided that the much valued supporters of Dove Jazz Club would greatly benefit from two visits by the Hot Fingers Combo in 2018. Fortunately we were able to find a brace of suitably available windows in their programme and we didn't hesitate to get their names in the book as they say. A decision that we are fairly sure will meet with your magnanimous approval - as will we hope the contents of Barry's eagerly awaited Jazz Club Programme for 2018 that will be available on the night in printed card format.

Any combination of musicians that is put together by what we still consider to be a youngish Mr Langham is automatically guaranteed to carry a fearsome reputation for musical excellence. In the jazz world the name Langham or even Spats is synonymous with first class musical entertainment by able purveyors of tunes with great melodies and, in the main, meaningful words linked by knowledgeable and entertaining cabaret. The whole spectacle of a Hot Fingers performance is delivered with ad hoc humour

in between carefully chosen numbers that in the main had their debut in the musical spectrum of the 1920's and 30's.

Whilst the interestingly colourful tapestry of Mr Langham's life from relative obscurity to the odd mention in 'The Times' is reasonably well documented, mysteriously those of his gifted chums who form the rest of the Hot Fingers are somewhat more obscure. Nowadays very few performances of the combo are given without the presence of the melodic charms of the band's outstandingly **delightful nightingale Miss Emily Campbell** - one who has been enthusiastically and justifiably described as a joy to behold for both the senses of the eye and those auditory ones ! **Danny Blythe** has expanded his musical abilities to readily take in **mastery of the mandolin, harmonica and various clarinets including the bass version.** One of these days space will permit me too to give details of the **marvel of the double bass and sousaphone Mr. Malcolm Sked's** adventures on the road with the famed Bob Kerr's Whoopee Band - a chapter in his life that could lead to extracts being published in the Scunthorpe Sentinel I am told !

As well as a barrel of the thirst quenching 4% ABV Jennings's Cumberland Real Ale the exceedingly popular and delicious Butcher Burnham's Pork Pies will be on sale in increased numbers for this Gig due to their running out before the band played a note last month ! Could this possibly be put down to the alleged presence in the audience of a phantom pie eater from Sparrowpit? Our October raffle was bountifully bounteous and once again made a huge contribution to the Club's Concert being in the black. Believe it or believe it not the next gathering at the Village Hall will be the Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Special with the tried and trusted Harlem Hot Stompers, our regular 'Santa Musicians' for eleven years now, accompanied by the traditional tasty deep filled mince pies augmented with numerous savoury titbits.

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Our next attraction - THURSDAY December 28th. 2017

Harlem Hot Stompers Christmas Extravaganza

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