



Saturday, September 15th. 2018

The T J Johnson Band

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

The 100 plus who formed our largish throng attending the July Concert with Enrico Tomasso and his Awesome Six were royally entertained for the second year by his top flight line up. It would appear that Enrico certainly possesses the ability to obtain the absolute best out of any musician he plays alongside as well as his other well documented attributes. And what a line up it was with John Hallam and Paul Munnery joining our celebrity guest on the front line and a rhythm section to die for featuring Nick Ward, Richard 'Mr Pastry' Vernon and Thomas 'Spats' Langham. Our musicians pulled out all of the stops to send the large audience home filled with a complete joy that is rarely generated these days. A return visit around July of 2019 has got to be a must following on from this fine display by Enrico's high octave combination.

According to my early Club records, which are recorded on parchment, I find it exceptionally difficult to believe that it was way back in March of 2003 that TJ Johnson last visited Dove Jazz Club bringing with him on that occasion his Bourbon Kick Band. Charismatic and highly revered **jazz and blues singer TJ**, as he is universally known, is also famed for being an exceedingly hot **piano player, drummer**, respected band leader and a really good all round egg. Like many other jazz musicians he is a South Manchester born lad who will be returning close to his roots with his visit to Dove. These days he resides in London's fashionable Hackney and is very much a part of the vibrant London music scene.

He will be accompanied tonight by the cream of some of the distinguished London based jazz musicians that regularly form part of his delightful musical offerings, namely: **Al Nicholls** of Ray Gelato and King Pleasure's Biscuit Boys fame, a notable product of the Leeds College of Music, who features on **tenor sax** is joined by **Bruce Rollo** a fine traditional jazz and swing **bassist** a complete master of the rhythmic 'slap' style of playing. They will have a strong beat laid down by a young and one of the most requested

drummers in the UK, **Shane Forbes**. This leaves a **banjo and guitar** chair to be occupied by one of my favourite jazz personalities **Mr Tony Pitt**, a Londoner who has resided both sides of the river firstly in Kent and nowadays in Hertfordshire. His distinctive playing has ennobled the Bands of Bilk, Ball and Welsh amongst many other line ups in a long and distinguished career. A genuinely skilled craftsman, as well as a musician who has also repaired and made many a stringed instrument as he has travelled along life's highway. Who can forget seeing him the black and white film 'It's Trad Dad' playing in Acker Bilk's Paramount Jazz Band wearing the self-same pork pie hat that he still gets a modicum of use out of today.

Speaking of pork pies the crusty and famed Butcher Burnham's inimitable versions will be on sale from underneath their familiar World War 2 Pyrex Dome for the amazing value for money price of £1-50 apiece. It goes without saying that a barrel of flavoursome Jennings Cumberland Bitter delivering pints with a goodly head will be present. Loose change from your Summer holidays (preferably coin of our Queen's realm !) will readily fit in the raffle pot for a more than reasonable chance of winning a not to be sneezed at prize.

Saturday the 20th October is the date of your next Concert at the Village Hall when The Freetime Old Dixie Jass Band will be making a most welcome return to the hills and dales of Derbyshire after an absence of a couple of years. The pedigree of these Dutch lads from Enkhuizen does not have to be spelled out to you as the vast majority of our Concert attendees will only be too familiar with their superlative qualities of providing jazz entertainment that is in the upper echelons of their musical field. Make sure that you are available to join other Jazz aficionados for an evening of superb musical entertainment that will be full of ever ascending, never descending celestial joys.

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Our next attraction - October 20th. 2018

Freetime Old Dixie Jass Band

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