



Saturday April 21st. 2018

## The Hugely Popular Ragtime Band

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

As the winter weather took an even greater turn for the worst on the evening of our scheduled Concert with the High Society Jazz Band on the 17th. March we felt that we were extremely fortuitous that the event had been reluctantly cancelled that afternoon. The daytime climatic conditions were most peculiar on that Saturday whilst we were setting up for the Gig - a mixture of numerous spells of brightish sunshine then snow showers that didn't stick on the ground. Then as we were putting everything away around 7-00pm we had a complete whiteout with the snow being blown off the land as fast as it fell by a bitterly cold East wind. The forecast for the High Peak Region on both the national and Buxton weather stations had for several days been for snow on the Saturday night. However the problem we have at Dove is that if we listened to forecasts of adverse weather hereabouts we would do very little for almost six months of the year !

One pleasing element though to come out of the exercise of making our first cancellation in twenty-seven years was a positive demonstration of our ability to contact virtually 100% of the potential audience to save them a wasted and hazardous journey. This was achieved by a combination of the use of our social media sites and contacts, including a hastily concocted edition of the 'Bugle', and the copious use of the 'Dog and Bone' both in its land line and mobile formats. To all those many people who most willingly and effectively assisted in the task of making telephone calls we extend our grateful thanks. Being in possession of people's email addresses is a real bonus when it comes to swift and effective communication. May we offer our sincere apologies once again for the show not going on and trust that we will not have to demonstrate our emergency communicative skills again for many a while. The main state of our current being of course is that we survive to fight another battle on another day !

This evening enables the Club to anticipate the return of the hugely entertaining Ragtime Band - a formidable 'All-star' crew that has been sailing to our shores for a period of time best described as being of great immensity. In spite of a few enforced changes to their personnel they have without exception skilfully played the jazz music that carries the broad New Orleans label. The purposeful rhythm section tonight will consist of **Mr. Ian McCann** playing **banjo and guitar**, **Jack Cotterill** with his **drum kit**, and **Howard Worthington** on the **string bass** plus the odd **vocal**. A strong frontline will contain **John Hallam** on **reeds**, **Jamie Brownfield** playing trumpet and **Mike Pointon** performing on **trombone and vocals**. This month's Sandy Brown Jazz Website features an interesting 'tea break' feature with Mike, ( a man truly a knowledge font ! ) giving us further insight into his fascinating and purposeful life amongst the New Orleans Jazz fraternity on both sides of the pond.

Once again it is time for the customary reminder that tonight will see yet another Raffle with a goodly selection of prizes available for the wining of. Butcher Burnham's Flavoursome Pork Pies will of course be available too, the perfect complement to the seductive contents of another barrel of the un-chilled subtly flavoured Real Ale, always a reassuring delight for your taste buds - and at a more than reasonable price !

Our 2018 Programme will continue on the 19th May when the tussockful Tom Langham will be bringing along his congenial Cotswold chums Malcolm and Danny playing under their familiar Hot Fingers banner whose ranks will be further enhanced by having the delightful Emily Campbell in them. Your presence in the auditorium for this, the first of our two Concerts by this line up this year, will give you a red tick in the 'attendance register.' A solo Tom will also be appearing in the Enrico Tomasso Awesome Six Band at Dove on the 21st July this summer. Yet another memorable date for your diary. RTM

**Our next attraction - May 19th. 2018**

### **Hot Fingers with Emily Campbell**

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