



Saturday June 10th. 2017

Enrico Tomasso's Awesome Six

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

We had a reasonably successful evening in the company of the little bit different Dave Donohoe Band but alas once again it was one of those nights when we could have done with just a few more people to boost the numbers - so as always if you could encourage another body or two to accompany you to sample our varied wares it would be very much appreciated ! On another subject I received a rather sad phone call from Colin Bowden recently when he apologetically informed me that physically he felt that he could no longer perform his long energetic drumming routines at Dove due to the vagaries associated with getting older. He trusted that he wasn't letting us down. I told him that far from letting us down we had been privileged to enjoy his world class drumming at the Club for in excess of 25 years, wished him all the best and arranged for him to receive a richly deserved personalised bottle of Laphroaig whiskey in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the music at your Club.

Tonight will be an exceedingly special concert featuring as it does that 'Master of his Art' **Mr Enrico Tomasso** along with his tuneful **trumpet** fronting an array of musical jazz talent that we are indeed fortunate to be able to assemble to play on our hallowed Dove stage. Born in Leeds on the 23 March 1961 Enrico began playing the trumpet at the age of five and after twelve months was receiving expert tuition from Dickie Hawdon. It was immediately obvious that this young musician had a natural gift for the trumpet, which was lovingly developed by his distinguished musical family. His father Ernie was a notable clarinettist who played with both Harry Gold's Dixieland and his Pieces of Eight Band, as did his brother the trumpeter Freddie. Of course in the 1950's The Pieces of Eight Band were regular visitors to Buxton's Pavilion Gardens for their famed Saturday night dances. Ernie also featured in a small dance band playing in the village hall of one episode of that classic TV series 'All Creatures Great and Small.' I well remember viewing it on our black and white television

set and noticing the name 'Tomasso' in the credits and thinking he's got to be related.

The occasion of Enrico and his father, along with his brother Peter on accordion, playing Louis Armstrong down the steps of his plane when he landed at Manchester in June of 1968, and his involvement with Louis over several years after this event, is well documented. After studying at the Leeds College of Music Enrico embarked on his distinguished musical career which began with him playing in Ken Macintosh's Big Band whilst undertaking his studies, followed by the Pasadena Roof Orchestra, Ray Gelato's Band, various of Keith Nichols' Orchestras and of course the Band of Acker Bilk until its dissolution. You don't manage to be voted best trumpet in the British Jazz Awards four times without having bit more than a grasp of your instrument!

We will have two evergreen Dove favourites joining him on the front line in the guise of the Gloucestershire resident **Paul Munnery** on trombone, who pays us a visit after too long an absence in my opinion, and the now Ormskirk based **John Hallam** on **reeds**. John's moved further away from Bolton Wanderer's Macron Stadium as he got fed up at being asked if they could have their ball back! A truly wonderful rhythm section will comprise of **Jon Penn** on **piano**, **Richard Vernon** with his **string bass** and that well known military historian the delightful **Nick Ward** behind his **Grand Percussion Kit**.

I am pleased to announce that your taste buds tonight will be able to enjoy once more the succulent Butcher Burnham Pork Pies, also the profound subtlety emanating from within a barrel of Jennings Cumberland Real Ale. Don't forget to support our raffle and we look forward to making your acquaintance again next month before our Summer Break when we will have The Ragtime Band with their own brand of New Orleans style music

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Our next attraction - Saturday July 1st. 2017

The Ragtime Band

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