



Saturday September 16th. 2017  
**Kevin Grenfell's Jazz Giants**

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

It feels that it was a long, long time ago that the distinguished members of the Ragtime Band congregated on our podium to bring the first half of our year's Jazz programme to a close for a Summer interlude. An audience of almost 90 souls clearly enjoyed their musical offerings once again. It is just a pity that the joy radiated by their musical endeavours was not matched in the main by the weather in July and August in North Derbyshire and in many other corners of our green and pleasant land. Your 'Committee,' however, has certainly not been entirely idle during the enforced periods spent indoors due to the spells of inclement weather. During these fairly frequent breaks it has directed its energies to scouring the land both here and further afield to engage bands and musicians for our 2018 Concerts. We trust that the results of this task will enjoy your approval when the many who have been called become the few who have been chosen around the middle of December when the full programme is revealed to the public gaze. As usual it will contain many tried and trusted regulars with a few new faces and the return of some that we haven't had the pleasure of enjoying at Dove for a little while.

Tonight's Band under the leadership of the affable Kevin Grenfell came into being in 2012 and have preserved their status as 'Dove Virgins' until now. No less a person than Gentleman Jim McIntosh claims to be a good and trusted friend of Kevin. It is also well documented that Jim has trod the boards in unison with him on more than one occasion both musically and in dramatic productions of Lauri Wylie's one act play 'Dinner For One' made famous by Freddie Frinton in the role of the Butler James. But please don't let this bit of information put you off attending tonight's Concert. In what is a relatively short span of time the Jazz Giants have accumulated an enviable reputation on the Jazz Circuit for all round Quality, spelt as you can see with a capital Q.

**Kevin Grenfell** who hails from the "toe" of England is yet another jazz musician with a sound upbringing in the brass band movement playing with Cornwall's Youth Jazz Orchestra who found that such a grounding was able to open doors for him in the military where he fine-tuned his much admired skills on the **slide trombone**. Playing alongside him on the front line tonight will be that virtuoso **reeds player John Hallam** who needs no introduction whatsoever to any Dove Jazz audience. John is kept busy these days denying the rumours that he has taken up residency in the Dove's Village Hall ! Although he doesn't have a military background like all lads who are now around our age he did have a few lead soldiers, some of which had no heads ! A solid rhythm section will consist of **Phil Nice** a **pianist and vocalist**, who whilst being born in Britain now resides in Denmark. **Dave Henratty** joins him on his **string bass** and yet another of Dove's favourite sons **Jack Cottrill** will be behind his **traps** lending his tuneful ear to the music.

Of course it will come as no surprise to you that tonight everyone will be able to purchase one or two of Butcher Burnham's 'All Meat, A Real Treat' Pork Pies with guaranteed consumption of the same being a delicious delight. Although perhaps that somewhat outdated advertising slogan should only be related to dog food, but does it really matter I ask myself! In addition there will be a barrel of the superb Jennings's, 4.0 ABV Cumberland Ale. - a beer that brings out the finer flavours of the pies as well as quenching your thirst at a more than reasonable cost that remains unaffected by the rumblings of 'Brexit.' It does you all great credit that you are always supportive of our ever bounteous raffle which makes such a large contribution to ensuring the appearance of 'Top Draw' Bands at your Club. We would of course very much like to be able to reserve your seat for October's Concert when we will have the ever reliable Ragtime Band back in harness with their exceptionally special brand of memorable musicianship and much more beside. RTM

**Our next attraction - October 14th. 2017**

**The Ragtime Band**

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