



Saturday, October 15th. 2016

Your Very Own Ragtime Band

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

Our first Concert of the Autumnal Season got off on a successful note with a reasonable number of enthusiasts seated in the Village Hall to enjoy the carefully thought out programme provided by the well balanced High Society Jazz Band from Cumbria. Another pleasing aspect of the evening was the fact that the members of the orchestra were obviously tremendously pleased to be treading the Dove boards. Or was it that what was giving them that special 'Centre of the Universe' glow was the fact that they were staying overnight prior to a tour of 'England's Leading Spa Town' - according to one of the Town's latest information brochures ? ! I think that it is fair to say that by far the vast majority of our audience were well pleased by the musical offerings delivered by our guests on their first visit of course. They would be pleased to see them making a return visit sometime in 2018. Currently we only have a couple of slots left for 2017 and they are both towards the beginning of the year.

An appearance by tonight's 'Ragtime Band' always produces a reliable turn out from our much valued supporters. As I have said many times before it becomes increasingly difficult to find a fresh bit of news to relay to you about them without delving too deeply into their private lives! Their strong and powerful rhythm section will comprise a **banjo and guitar player** whom it is said possesses some the magical qualities of that Scottish novelist and playwright J W Barrie's character that never grew old, Peter Pan. I refer of course to **Ian McCann** who tonight will be playing alongside another distinguished musician who has also retained his youthful good looks, **Mr Howard Worthington**. In Howard's case it could have something to do with him playing his **slap style string bass** alongside his pupils in the school's Rock and Roll Combo in his days as a fairly hip teacher not that many years ago. Talking of youthfulness we once again look forward to the inimitable contribution of **drumming legend Colin Bowden**, a man who for his sins still plays those skins with a great deal more energy and panache than many

drummers less than half his age ! He is widely regarded as being amongst the best in Europe and someone who constantly still holds his eager audiences spellbound.

The other musicians who will make up the front line will include someone who very much has youth on his side, namely the talented and multi award winning **trumpeter Jamie Brownfield**, a young man who I am reliably informed has literally taken to the skies in recent months by obtaining his pilot's license. Who knows, this king of the trumpet could abandon his musical career for one with Monarch Airlines? He will be playing alongside that awesome **reeds player John Hallam** who has had his dainty feet firmly planted on the ground for many a year now. A true gentleman with immaculate manners who always delivers exactly what his audience expects of him in the most modest of ways. We trust that his long association with the musical goings on at your Village Hall will continue for many a year yet. Our **trombone** player and tuneful vocalist tonight will be the man who can see the Centre Court at Wimbledon from his en-suite shower-room, namely **Mr Mike Pointon**. Mike's amazing encyclopaedic knowledge of New Orleans music and of those who have played and still play it, not to mention also what he knows of the French Quarter area of the town, has been gathered over a lifetime of true dedication to the subject.

In addition to our top quality band at the October concert we will once again have a barrel of Real Ale in tip top condition for you to sample, perhaps in conjunction with one of Butcher Burnham's Bountiful and Beautiful Pork Pies. Please support our raffle which makes such a huge contribution to keeping your Club afloat. And don't forget too our next offering on the 26th. November when our good friend Tom Langham will be bringing his rather special talents along to your Club in the company of his close friends who form the exceedingly entertaining and much acclaimed Hot Fingers.

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Our next attraction - November 26th. 2016

Hot fingers with Emily Campbell

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