



Saturday April 8th. 2017

The Old Chaps - from Lille, France

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

As I have stated many times before the enthusiasm and the sheer professionalism and musical competence displayed by the majority of our musical visitors from the Continent to our shortly to be 'Brexit-ed Isle' sadly knocks several of our British bands into a cocked hat - to quote what used to be a familiar saying not that many years ago I recall. Never was this more evident on the than on the 11th March in your Village Hall when Doc Houllind's memorable men gave us a most comprehensive demonstration of how in my opinion New Orleans style music should be played. Those of us in the Hall that evening were privileged to witness first-hand the delightful offerings emanating from a group of people who wanted their audience to be royally entertained by their exceedingly competent endeavours.

However, I have it on the best of authorities that if anyone can compete with the high voltage musical offerings of last month's Danish Dynamos then this month's visitors, the young Old Chaps from Lille in Northern France are going to be more up to that task than most bands on the jazz scene today, albeit that their music follows a different vein of the New Orleans genre. I am fairly certain that they are making their first appearance amongst the hallowed Hills and Dales of Derbyshire. One thing that we can be certain of is that The Old Chaps' music will be delivered with an enthusiasm that should have you all spell bound from their first note to the last.

Tonight the members of the two man front line of this much acclaimed orchestra will be **Louis Thomas** on a **trumpet** that lays down the rhythmic melody for their warm music playing alongside the **alto saxophone** of **Romain Desreumaux**. They share the microphones with **Audrey Leclercq's vocals** and **Claire Rolain's backing vocals**. The second line will comprise **Vincent Evrard** on **guitar** and **Benoît Luchier** on his **string bass** whilst behind on the **drum battery** we will have **Matthias Sandorf**.

I think that it is fair to say that this young band first came to the wider attention of British jazz fans as a result of their show-stopping appearance at Trevor Stent's popular Fest Jazz in Brittany in the Summer of 2015. I am told that it was 'love at first sight' for the whole of the audience immediately these youngsters took their first step on to the sun drenched French podium. They have this to say about themselves on their own Facebook blurb: - The band is a sextet which delivers general jazz compositions and standards of swing music from the 20th century that is flooded with an energy associated with music to dance to.

Once again in April I am pleased to be able to announce that tasty gastric offerings will be available to accompany your beloved jazz. Tonight these will be in the form of a rather select barrel of Weightless IPA - a session beer with a 4.2 ABV from the noted Red Willow Brewery at Macclesfield. Those beer drinkers amongst your ranks will of course immediately remember their outstanding ales being on sale in the Real Ale Marquee at numerous of our much talked about Jazz Festivals. There will also be several of Butcher Burnham's Presumptuously Prodigious Pork Pies accompanied by censorial, complimentary condiments.

Looking to the future on the 20th May we trust that you will be joining us for yet another eventful evening of stimulating jazz entertainment. On this occasion it will be in the form of Dave Donohoe's six piece New Orleans Band who will have the stage to themselves from which to majestically entertain you with their inimitable brand of infectious New Orleans music. For some reason, which is lost in the mists of time the sounds of Dave's Band have sadly been absent from our Village Hall since the Festival of July 2012. I know that you will all be pleased that we have at last addressed this matter with adequate aplomb !

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Our next attraction - Saturday May 20th. 2017

The Dave Donohoe Band

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