



Saturday, May 21st. 2016

The Ragtime Band

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

We were made most welcome by all concerned with Chapel Arts for our joint venture in April at their well-appointed venue, Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall. It was certainly an interesting experience, perhaps I should put it into the modern parlance and describe it as a 'logistical exercise.' These days I am unable to get my head around the fact that there are numerous trucks or waggons journeying around our green and pleasant land having the word 'Logistics' emblazoned on their sides. What does that mean I ask myself? Has it got anything to do with the EEC? However I must apologise for digressing from my set script for this persiflage - now there's a good word for your grandchildren to look up for you on their computers. Yes nearly eighty enthusiastic supporters were treated to some fine, pure music from the Deep South delivered completely acoustically, apart from a microphone for the announcements. Brian Turnock's New Orleans Z'Hulus demonstrated superb musicianship with their Danish clarinetist, Jesper Capion Larsen, probably just being the pick of this outstanding Band. The only downside to the evening was the news from Brian that they wouldn't be travelling North of Birmingham if they do make another trip over here in future years.

I am deeply saddened to have to report the deaths of Pete Smith and David Pullinger, two long serving and well known stalwarts of the Traditional Jazz Scene in general and the Dove Festival in particular. Pete will be remembered for his promotions at the Didsbury Jazz Club in the days of Phil Mason's Band as well as the playing of his sousaphone in the Bibbington Limeburners Parade Band and Jam Sessions during numerous Dove Festivals. David lived in the Bradford, Norfolk and then the Southern Lake District in the last thirty years and was always pleased to offer accommodation and exceedingly generous hospitality to visiting bands in his various abodes. The jazz fraternity can ill afford to lose the patronage of such dedicated and enthusiastic aficionados. We offer our sincere condolences to

their spouses Diana and Penny who shared their husbands' passion and support of our music.

An appearance by tonight's exceedingly popular band always gives me the headache of finding some news to relay to you about them without being too revealing. Their treading of the Dove boards must be approaching, if not exceeding, thirty occasions, which is quite a feat to say the least. Considering that we tend to put on ten Concerts a year the number thirty equates to three years of Dove Jazz Club Concerts! Those of you who saw the televised repeats of 'Jazz Britannica' a couple of weekends ago will realise that two of tonight's gifted musicians also featured as main contributors to the programme. I refer of course to **Colin Bowden (percussion)** and **Mike Pointon (trombone/vocals)** who are amongst the rapidly decreasing numbers of experts on these short lived but exciting times in the history of British Popular Music.

Tonight's other musicians making up the front line of the Ragtime Band are the outstanding and award winning **Jamie Brownfield** on **trumpet** playing alongside the versatile and illustrious **John Hallam** on **reeds**. Both are freshly returned from May's Keswick Jazz Festival, which sadly looks like being the last with its current format. The strong rhythm section will be completed by the crowd pleasing and extremely popular **string bass** player **Jim Swinnerton**, also recently returned from Keswick, who will be joined on **banjo** by that exceedingly well known and much respected player from just over the Derbyshire border in Mellor, **Mr. Ian McCann**.

'Porkey Burnham's Sumptuous Pork Pies' will be on sale and there be the usual raffle. Should you wish to reserve a ticket for our Special Show with France's exciting young band 'Hippocampus' on the 18th June please let us know although there should be some tickets on sale on the night as usual. And don't forget about your tickets for the Anniversary July Festival, which will soon be upon us. RTM

Our next attraction - Saturday, June 18th. 2016

The Hippocampus Jass Gang

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