

Saturday, September 14th. 2019

The Three Bears

with Alex and Jamie

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

What a delight it was to behold the spectacular sight of over 120 joyful and enthusiastic souls glued to their seats at our Village Hall for your July jazz concert - all of them eager to hear that fine musician and natural showman Enrico Tomasso fronting an array of exceptional sidemen performing under the collective banner of the Awesome Six. Awesome was indeed far from being too strong an adjective when describing the truly exciting fayre delivered by this band and yet again I felt that we were privileged people to have them in our midst!

Another positive side to the July offerings was that the bar easily sold all of the delectable Red Willow hand pulled 'Weightless Beer' on offer. We have been exceedingly fortunate over the now almost 30 year life of your Jazz Club to benefit from the fantastic facilities at the Village Hall supported by the Community Association and its hardworking and dedicated volunteers. We enjoy quality bands, ease of parking, bums on chairs that are reasonably comfortable - plus our new bar personnel Emma and Janet along with their helpers are settling extremely nicely into their roles - and in addition we now have a Royce' sound system thanks knowledgeable and user friendly engineer John McGrother whose skilful endeavours are very much appreciated by one and all. Many people do not realise that it costs almost £300 a week to keep the Hall open. The profits from the bar sales make a vital contribution towards this so it is important, therefore, that the bar takings from our Jazz Concerts are maximised to assist with keeping our venue in the black.

The vast majority of tonight's musicians are well known to you as they have appeared at Dove during their formative years and on many occasions since reaching maturity. Their rhythm section, collectively known as The Three Bears, are a fairly recent coming together of youngish but vastly experienced North West based musicians. They have the Alsager based, rock solid Jack Cotterill in the percussion chair, the

latest in a long line of drummers rejoicing in the famed Cotterill handle. He will be ably assisted by the powerhouse string bass player Jim Swinnerton who bears yet another esteemed surname amongst the British jazz fraternity. Both of them are carefully nurtured into a compact, driving unit by that fine pianist, musician and composer with a growing international reputation Mr Tom Kincaid. A compellingly outstanding front line will feature another longstanding Dove regular the also the award winning youngish Welsh trumpet player from Llanrhaeadr Jamie Brownfield. He is joined by the exciting reeds player nineteen year old Alex Clarke who, despite her tender youth, has already packed many musical adventures into the eleven years since she began piano lessons. I love the tale that Alex's supportive parents Neil and Sarah originally discouraged her from owning a saxophone because it might annoy the neighbours, and because it wouldn't fit in her school bag so she might leave it on the bus! Whilst Alex has sat in at the Club before on a couple of occasions we are delighted to welcome her for her first full session which we are certain will not be her last.

Fresh from his peat fired ovens we will as always have Butcher Burnham's tasty pork pies on sale and the beer for September will be Banks's Sunbeam from Woverhampton with its golden colour, good head and an A.B.V. of 4.2 Your support of the July raffle was a credit to you all and tonight you will have a further opportunity to purchase a ticket for one of our valued prizes.

On the 19th October that Dove favourite Adrian Cox will return with his London based ensemble to present in two one hour sets his 'Profoundly Blue' show featuring the music of that New Orleans based clarinettist Edmond Hall. You really must not miss this spectacular event created by these really outstanding British players.

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Our next attraction - Saturday, October 19th. 2019
Adrian Cox's "Profoundly Blue"

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