



Saturday July 1st. 2017

Your very own Ragtime Band

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

The Concert on the 10 June featuring Enrico Tomasso and his top draw group of musicians was absolutely magnificent and to be honest in a class of its own. Right from the band's first note they swung like the clappers and had all of their appreciative audience firmly gripped by their propensity of melodious sounds. I must admit that I had forgotten what an entertaining character on the mike Enrico was having equal stature as a frontman with the likes of Mike Owen and Tom Langham. Of course when playing with quality bands such as the Pasadena Roof Orchestra or one of Keith Nichols entertaining All Star orchestras Enrico does not have the opportunity to demonstrate this facet of his abundant talents. You can certainly rest assured that the wheels are already in motion for Enrico and his gifted cohorts to be in Concert again on the Dove Podium in 2018 hopefully with a slightly larger but just as enthusiastic audience.

Of course the first weekend in July was for 25 golden years the occasion of the Village's International Beer and Jazz Festival. I am very well aware that this much respected Gathering holds many joyous and treasured memories for numerous of our supporters, musicians and ourselves alike. Fortunately memories of such valued happenings shared by friends with similar callings will not be erased by the passage of time. I suppose that it is very apt that the appearance of the Ragtime Band in 2017 marks what had in previous years been the Festival Weekend with their being just one of the many entertaining bands that appeared countless times at our Festival over a goodly number of years. It is exceedingly pleasing to be able to look back on those eventful 25 years knowing that they certainly put Dove on the 'Jazz Map' and more importantly that they brought considerable pleasure to many, many people and helped to promote the cause of our beloved music.

The Ragtime Band will be providing tonight's entertainment in the Village Hall. Their line up

contains the majority of the old favourites but as I mentioned in the June 'Bugle' one of our most popular drummers, Colin Bowden, has had to reluctantly retire from his Gigs that involve long journeys followed by an energy sapping session in the **drum chair**. We are fortunate, however, to have obtained the services of **Jack Cotterill**. It doesn't need me to tell you that Colin's will not be easiest pair of shoes to step into, but Jack is looking forward to the challenge! The front line of this popular band will contain the sensitive **John Hallam** on **reeds**, the redoubtable **Mike Pointon** on **trombone and vocals**, and runner up to Enrico in the **trumpet** section of the 2016 British Jazz Awards the innovative **Jamie Brownfield**. In addition to Jack Cottrill the rock steady rhythm section will comprise our man from Cheshire **Mr Ian McCann** on **guitar and banjo** and a **slap bassist** of the highest order who has visited Dove since our early days **Howard Worthington**.

We trust that tonight we have assembled all the ingredients for everyone to be royally entertained by another talented and lively ensemble. Our raffle will have an outstanding array of valued rewards. Regrettably I don't have another pair of the interesting 'Gelding Shears' to include amongst the prizes but who knows what may turn up during our Autumnal Programme as a raffle prize? Needless to say the famed Butcher Burnham's Pork Pies with their crusty casings and sumptuous pork fillings will be on sale with the usual free condiments to satisfy the needs of those wishing to partake of a tasty snack. The bar will have a barrel of the Black Sheep Beer on tap from their renowned Brewery in Masham up there in North Yorkshire. This multi award winning English pale ale style beer always receives the thumbs up from our knowledgeable real ale devotees. After a 'Summer Recess' we return on the 16th. of September when Kevin Grenfell's Jazz Giants will make their inaugural entrance on to the Dove stage. We sincerely hope that you will greatly enjoy your Summer Break and look forward to welcoming you back again in the Autumn!

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Our next attraction - Saturday Sept. 16th. 2017

Kevin Grenfells Jazz Giants

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