



Saturday, December 28th. 2019

Manchester Jazz

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

We take this opportunity to wish all our loyal Jazz friends a Wonderful and Happy Christmas along with a Joyous and Peaceful New Year. Your tremendous interest and much valued support over the past twelve months has been very much appreciated - we are hopeful that it continues throughout 2020 - without your presence at our Concerts there would be very little point in the existence of the Dove Jazz Club. We trust that by now you will all have had the opportunity to gaze upon what we think is a most exciting line up for next year and hopefully award it your casual nod of approval ?

It was a real delight to witness the sight of well over a 100 smiling faces in our Village Hall for the November visit of Tom Langham's Hot Fingers jazz ensemble. Once again this Compelling Cotswold Compendium delivered their spellbinding goods with an ease of paramount paucitousness - a real joy to behold. It was interesting to note that with their greater maturity their leader feels the confidence to offer the members of his orchestra an increased number of speaking roles, which needless to say they all executed with great aplomb. Alas we are sorry to have to tell you that their extremely busy schedule for the New Year and beyond means that they are only able to offer their talents for one Dove Gig in 2020. However, we have every confidence that it will be an occasion, in jazz parlance terms, to rival the 'Last Night of the Proms !'

The majority of tonight's musicians of Manchester Jazz are known to you as they have tested the Dove podium in various guises over the years, although as you would expect there is a smattering of 'Dove Virgins' amongst their ranks. The exceedingly talented and much admired **Allan Dent** leads on **trumpet** having made his debut on the Manchester jazz scene in 1958 with the renowned Zenith Six. He is joined on the front line by a founder member of the band **Eric Brierley** who re-joined Manchester Jazz in 2005 after a break to obtain a musical degree and do a spot of sponsored swimming. The

latest recruit to the orchestra, joining earlier this year, is **clarinettist Eric 'Busker Newton.'** Eric gained National notoriety by raising over £60K for various charities by completing 38 Marathons in the 80's and 90's, running whilst playing 'The Saints' on his clarinet. A most commendable achievement !

The competent rhythm section comprises **Louis Lince** on **guitar and banjo**, a much in demand reviewer, jazz historian and lecturer, playing alongside **drummer Chris Pendlebury**, son of trombonist Alan and nephew of piano player Keith, the Railway at Whaley legend. Completing the rhythm section we have **Allan Wilcox** the self-taught **string bassist**, Theatre Director and Anglican priest who is aided by the **piano player Roger Browne**, yet another band member with theatrical connections of a musical nature, particularly in relation to Grand Opera.

As is usual at our Christmas Gathering there will be none of Butcher Burnham's pork pulcitrudes on sale due to everyone being overstocked with Christmas Fayre on the home front. We will though of course be offering our usual much talked about Festive complimentary sausage rolls, savouries and mouth-watering mincies, plus a drop or two of real ale from a barrel of Wainwright's amber liquid. Your support of the November raffle as ever was just amazing and tonight we offer our renowned bumper Christmas temptation when there will be at least 12 tantalizing prizes up for grabs. Whilst mentioning the raffle we extend our grateful thanks to all of those goodly folk who have donated a vast array of raffle prizes over the past twelve months.

The 25th January sees the start of our 2020 season, with a much requested return visit for the youngsters of the Frog and Henry Band featuring the sensational Ewan Bleach on reeds. Their programme largely features a selection of early New Orleans Dance Hall Music. You really shouldn't miss the opportunity to see and hear what promises to be a spectacular jazz extravaganza !

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Our next attraction - January 25th. 2020

The Frog and Henry Band

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