



Saturday October 14th. 2017

The Ragtime Band

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

Our first Gathering for the rear half of the year on the 16th. September saw a new five piece band congregate on our podium, namely the much heralded Kevin Grenfell's Jazz Giants. These formidable 'Dove Virgins' displayed their considerable musical talents in a most capable manner. I think that it would be fair for me to comment that our somewhat modest audience all enjoyed almost all of their entire wares. It was also abundantly clear that the exceedingly smartly dressed members of this quintet in their turn enjoyed being the guests of the Dove Jazz Club.

Once again it is the Ragtime Band who will be the stars of tonight's Concert. And as is usual they will have an enviable line up containing as it does an array of well-known favourites of the Club. The front line of this quintessential group will be led by that ace supremo of the **reeds** the hardworking **Mr John Hallam**. To quote from a recent article about John by Andrew Liddle in 'Just Jazz', whenever there is talk about the great reedman on the circuit today John's name quickly crops up. Those in the know always give glowing testaments to his professionalism, adaptability, modesty and bravura talent on clarinet and tenor. Over many years these outstanding abilities are ones that we have never been shy to take advantage of at Dove as you are only too well aware. The evergreen **Mike Pointon** an award winning author, broadcaster, **trombonist and vocalist** who is also a more than competent wit, raconteur and compere will be playing alongside John. Mike will be travelling up to join us from his home South of the Thames in Wimbledon. Here I am told you can easily hear the thwack of rackets on the yellow tennis balls that appear these days from up the legs of Persil white knickers like rabbits out of magician's top hat during 'Wimbledon Fortnight.'

Completing a formidable front line we are able to proudly display not for the first time, we are pleased to say the runner up to Enrico Tomasso in the trumpet section of the 2016 British Jazz Awards, the always innovative 23 year old **trumpeter Jamie**

Brownfield who continues to hail from LLanrhaeadr in rural North Wales. Much has been written about this extremely likeable young man who is rapidly emerging as one of the foremost standard bearers to carry the future of our music onwards and upwards into the 21st Century. Of course he will be ably assisted in this essential mission by **Jack Cottrill** who is already renowned for his musicianship, versatility, and general **drumming** ability. You can rest assured that he will be displaying all his talents to lay down his usual rock steady beat from behind his percussion kit for the Gig tonight. The rhythm section will also contain our Interpol man from over the border in Cheshire that firm crowd pleaser **Mr Ian McCann** with his two **stringed instruments**. It is a real pleasure to see him back treading our boards after a spot of serious heart surgery just over two months ago. The rhythm section is completed by **bassist Mad Ed Lloyd Hughes** who will be remembered by your good selves for his numerous engaging appearances with the Martin Bennett Band in what is sadly now our Festival Marquee of yesteryear. Mad Ed can be seen every Sunday Lunchtime with his formidable Hot Five at the Blue Bell Inn at Halkyn in North Wales. Some people I understand thought that the Brexit vote was all about keeping them from performing in Blighty !

We will be holding our raffle which will have a few valued prizes along with some tat. Needless to say to satisfy the needs of those wishing to partake of a tasty snack the famed Butcher Burnham's Pork Pies with their crusty casings and sumptuous pork fillings will be on sale with the usual free condiments. As usual the bar will have a barrel of enticing real ale for your delectation. Our next foray into the task of providing you with a tuneful interlude will see Tom Langham's Hot Fingers taking over the Dove stage on the 25th. November for yet another of his virtuoso appearances. You are of course cordially invited to join us on this occasion as well.

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Our next attraction - November 25th. 2017

Hot Fingers with Emily Campbell

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