



# HARBOROUGH JAZZ

## NEWSLETTER No 6

### February 2008

#### 'JAZZ ON A SUMMERS DAY'

Harborough Jazz presents **JAZZ ON A SUMMERS DAY** - Live @ Lamport Hall Gardens.  
This will be an open air concert on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008** - Mid-Summer day.

We have four acts booked to appear performing five sets, as follows.

Set	Time (approx)	Artiste
1 <sup>st</sup>	3.00pm-4.00pm	Brass Wind and Fire (aka Harborough Big Band)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.30pm-5.30pm	Harborough Jazz Quartet / Quintet
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm-7.15pm	Andra Sparkes with the Nick Weldon Trio / Quartet
4 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm-8.30pm	Alan Barnes Quintet
5 <sup>th</sup>	8.45pm-9.30pm	Alan Barnes Quintet

#### Ticket Prices

In advance: Adults (M, G, NM) - **£18**; Children under 16 - **£9**

On the day: Adults (M, G, NM) - **£20**; Children under 16 - **£10**

Tickets are on sale now and may be bought from either Harborough Jazz (contact details as page 2 of this Newsletter) or alternatively Lamport Hall on 01604-686272.

In the event of rain, there is a marquee available; **HOWEVER** only those who have bought the first two hundred tickets will have access to the marquee.

This is fantastic value for money, almost 5 hours of jazz, and it will be a great day out!

Gates to the car park will open at 2.00pm. You will need to bring your own food and drink. Inevitably, there are some conditions, as follows.

Please do not bring gazebos. Please do not bring high-backed chairs. (The people behind you will want a view, particularly if we have to retreat to the marquee!).

No games will be allowed. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

In the past we told Members that we aspired to promote a Market Harborough Jazz Festival. However we have had professional advice which strongly recommended that we should not do that, but suggested this event as an alternative. So here it is!

We need all the support that we can get. We have to sell a lot of tickets. We will also need help on the day. Please support us in this venture; buy lots of tickets for a start!

#### Not-For-Profit

We have always assumed, perhaps mistakenly, that Members understood that Harborough Jazz is a Not-For-Profit organisation. Well, that's what it is! None of the Committee members make any money out of this, although they all put in a lot of hard work just to make things happen. (Not only do they do the work, but they have to pay the Membership fee and buy their tickets, just like all of the other Members.) Harborough Jazz exists to keep 'modern' jazz live in Market Harborough, to bring in some of the top national and international artistes who under normal circumstances would not appear here, and to give you the chance to see them at a local venue. Any 'profits' are put back into the pot to help us to subsidise the more expensive artistes that we are now booking.

#### Membership Matters

Yes, it really does. We have a small crisis of Membership at the moment. From a peak of 76 Members, we have dropped to 70. This is in spite of recruiting new Members, but not enough of them. Our target is to get at least 100 Members; this looked a reasonable aim when we had 76, but now appears to be more difficult to achieve. The reason that we need more Members is financial. (No surprises there!).

Each season on average it costs £250 in web site fees, stationery and postage to administer and publicise Harborough Jazz. In addition, for each of the top name artistes that we book we make, on average, a loss of £200. Each season we try to book four top artistes. The mathematics is simple;  $4 \times £200 + £250 = £1050 = 105$  Members. We are **NOT** going to close down, but unless we can increase Membership we will have to review some of our policies.

## Programme for Remainder of Season - 2007/08

Date	Artiste	Provisional Ticket Prices £	
		M&G	N
10 <sup>th</sup> February 08	Peter King Band Saxophone and rhythm section	10	12
9 <sup>th</sup> March 08	Hannah Northedge Vocalist and rhythm section	6	8
13 <sup>th</sup> April 08	Pete Harratt Quartet Saxophone and rhythm section	6	8
11 <sup>th</sup> May 08	Andy Panayi Quartet Saxophone and rhythm section	8	10
8 <sup>th</sup> June 08	Local / regional band to be booked Details available later	5/6	7/8
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 08	<b>JAZZ ON A SUMMERS DAY</b>	See p1	See p1

### Membership & Renewals

We work hard to recruit new Members, and hope to keep existing Members at Renewal time. However, this Season we have recruited 12 but lost 18. This means that the total is now 70, a decrease of 6 over the Season so far. We always phone Members at renewal time, to see if they are going to renew, and if not, to ascertain the reason. The most common reason given for not renewing is "I have conflicting / family commitments, and I now cannot get to enough / any gigs." Please help us to increase Membership to our target of 100.

### Audience Numbers For 1<sup>st</sup> Half of 2007/08 Season

The attendance figures have been as shown in the table below.

Date	Band	Audience Numbers			
		M	G	N	Total
9 <sup>th</sup> September 06	Dr Len's New Season Jazz Jam	15	9	7	31
14 <sup>th</sup> October 06	Mike Carr / Dave Cliff Trio	20	14	13	47
11 <sup>th</sup> November 06	Neil Hunter Trio with Carol Leeming	29	21	10	60
9 <sup>th</sup> December 06	Dave Collinson Quartet	26	16	9	51
13 <sup>th</sup> January 07	Dr Len's New Year Jazz Jam	16	13	17	46
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>106</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>235</b>

Note: M = Members

G = Members Guests

N = Non-Members

The total audience figure is **down** to 235 from 327 last season; a **reduction** of 92 overall. The average size of the audience is **down** to 47 from 65 last season. This is a **decrease** of 28%. The average audience comprises Members 45%, Guests 31% (M&G thus 76%) and Non-Members 24%. This compares with figures for last season of Members 43%, Guests 23% (M&G thus 66%) and Non-members 34%. These figures are all compared like-for-like against the figures for the first half of last season.

The biggest drop is in the numbers of Non-Members attending, **down 50%** to 56 from 112.

Please tell your friends and other jazz enthusiasts about HJ and encourage them to come along. **Non-Members are welcome.**

### Website

Visit [www.harboroughjazz.com](http://www.harboroughjazz.com) and see our photos, programme and artiste details.

### Feedback

If you want to talk to us we are contactable as below.

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