



HARBOROUGH JAZZ

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Harborough Jazz at 'The Angel'

In view of the outstanding success of our move to the Angel, we intend to stay for Season 2007/08, and have booked the second Sunday in each month accordingly.

Provisional Programme for Season - 2007/08

Date	Artiste	Provisional Ticket Prices £	
		M&G	N
9 th September 07	Dr Len's New Season Jazz Jam Local musicians jam session	5	7
14 th October 07	Mike Carr/Dave Cliff Trio Hammond organ, guitar and drums	10	12
11 th November 07	Carol Leeming with Neil Hunter Vocalist and rhythm section	6	8
9 th December 07	Dave Collinson Quintet – Moments Notice Vibes, saxophone and rhythm section	6	8
13 th January 08	Dr Len's New Year Jazz Jam Local musicians jam session	5	7
10 th February 08	Peter King Band Saxophone and rhythm section	10	12
9 th March 08	Hannah Northedge Vocalist and rhythm section	6	8
13 th April 08	Pete Harratt Quartet Saxophone and rhythm section	6	8
11 th May 08	Andy Panayi Quartet Saxophone and rhythm section	8	10
8 th June 08	Alan Barnes Quartet Saxophone and rhythm section	8	10

NB – the artistes for the gigs on 9th December and 13th April **may** swap dates!

Ticket Prices

At one or two gigs during the last Season the ticket prices that we charged were different from the Provisional Price that appeared in the Newsletter. We try our best to ensure that we give you correct information in the Newsletter. However, we can often get an artiste to pencil in the date for a gig, but until we have actually agreed final booking terms we do not know what we will actually have to charge. We are sorry if some of you were upset at changed ticket prices, but we hope that you understand our problem.

Loyal Members

At the last gig of the season we made presentations to our two most loyal Members. They are both ladies, who coincidentally joined at the same time but who do not know each other. One of them had attended all ten gigs, and the other had attended nine, missing only one gig because of holiday commitments. They were both given gift vouchers.

Raffle

Without doubt, the great prizes from our sponsors have made our raffle very successful. It is one of the three principal sources of income for Harborough Jazz. To put it into context, the proceeds from the raffle are the equivalent of the sale of between five to ten additional tickets to Members or Guests at each gig. Please continue to support it generously.

Press Reviews

We are getting more attention from the press. In June, "The Guardian" promoted our Bobby Wellins gig as its "Gig of the Week".

The "Leicester Mercury" jazz critic also attended the Bobby Wellins gig and wrote a favourable review. If you didn't see it, read it on our web site.

Honorary Life Member

In view of his generous support with prizes for the raffle for the past two seasons, Duncan Murray, already a Member, has been made our first Honorary Life Member.

Membership & Renewals

At the end of the last season 2005/06, 72 people had signed up for Membership of Harborough Jazz. Annual Membership Renewals commenced on a monthly basis from September 2006 onwards. The number of Members not renewing was higher than expected. Of the 72 Renewals that were due up to the end of June 2007, 25 Members did not renew. Only one person gave the type of music played as the reason for not continuing with Membership.

We have worked hard to replace the lost Members, and by the end of June we had recruited another 29. This means that the total is now 76, an increase of 4 over the Season.

Please help us to increase the Membership during Season 2007/08. Tell others about Harborough Jazz and bring them along as your Guest.

Audience Numbers Season 2006/07

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

Date	Band	Audience Numbers			
		M	G	N	Total
10 th September 06	Dr Len's New Season Jazz Jam	15	11	28	54
8 th October 06	Mike Carr Quartet	26	15	19	60
12 th November 06	Nick Hislam Quartet with Jo Arthur	34	18	18	70
10 th December 06	Dave Cliff & Geoff Simkins	35	16	13	64
14 th January 07	Dr Len's New Year Jazz Jam	29	16	34	79
11 th February 07	Katya Gorrie and Trio	28	16	5	49
11 th March 07	Ray Butcher Quartet	19	15	9	43
8 th April 07	Gina Harkell with Tim Lamphorn	19	11	15	45
13 th May 07	Roger Beaujolais Quartet	28	15	26	69
10 th June 07	Bobby Wellins Quartet	22	19	18	59
TOTALS		255	152	185	592

Note: M = Members

G = Members Guests

N = Non-members

The average size of the audience this season has been 59. This is an increase of 18% compared with the average of 50 for last season.

The average audience comprises Members 43%, Guests 26% (M&G thus 69%) and Non-Members 31%. This compares with figures for the whole of last season of Members and Guests 60% and Non-members 40%. We still remain dependent on the presence of Non-Members to get a good attendance, but the proportion of Non-members has dropped as more Members and Guests attend. The figures above do not include those who come in as Non-members and leave at the end of the gig as Members and Guests!

Website

Visit www.harboroughjazz.com and see our photos, programme and artiste details.

Feedback

It seems that no-one wants to talk to us! We really would like to hear more from you. Contact:

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PS

We are sorry about the small type font in this Newsletter, but there has been a lot to say. We hope to see you all again at the next gig at the start of Season 2007/08 in September.