

# Memorial evening for John Evans 1934 – 2015

## Dick Williams Six + Lynn Saunders, Tim Wacher and Chris Hodgkins

Tue 5 Apr at 8pm

Café Jazz, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff.

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John was born July 21st 1934 in Cardiff. He started playing clarinet at 15. His friends would come round to practice and when their neighbour Mr Rogers couldn't take any more he would tap on the living room window and that was the sign to stop.



*John Evans*



*John Evans and Lynn Saunders.*



*John Evans*

In 1952 he did his National Service in the RAF, playing in the Fighter Command Band. After completing his National Service John went to the Guild Hall School of Music and after that he stayed in London and worked as a professional musician. John worked with many bands including Freddy Randell, Mick Mulligan and George Melly, Lynn Saunders as well as backing top-line cabaret entertainers such as Clinton Ford. John also played drums and sax.

### Humphrey Lyttelton, Louis Armstrong and John Evans May 1956



In 1957 he met Jean and they lived in a flat in Earls Court which they shared with Ray Warleigh. Jean and John were married in 1961. Sian was born in 1964 and Jemma in 1967 To support his new family he became an English Lecturer at Southgate College, forming a band there called The Complete Works. He taught there for the next 18 years continuing as a semi- professional musician.

After he took early retirement in the mid 80's he worked full time as a musician working with Trevor Anthony, on drums, the Bob Guthrie Band, the JCM Band, Gentle Jazz and Harlem Airshaft with Mike Nash, Chris Hodgkins and Max Brittan. John was also a member of the Anglo Welsh Allstars and Dick Williams Six.

### **Gentle Jazz**



*Left to right: Graham Read, Brian Masters, John Evans.*

### **John Evans with Harlem Airshaft at Ealing Jazz Festival 2000 playing Full Count**

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Mike Nash (Trombone), John Evans (Clarinet), Max Brittain (Guitar), John Ferguson (Double Bass) and Clive Pracy (Drums). Ealing Jazz Festival August, 2000. Don Cook replaces Clive Pracy in 2008.

### **John Evans with Harlem Airshaft London 18th January 2008 playing Rosetta**

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### **Harlem Airshaft - Ealing Jazz Festival**



*Left to right: Mike Nash, Max Brittain, Chris Hodgkins, Clive Pracy, John Ferguson, John Evans.*

**Lynn Saunders and John Evans**



*Left to right: Lynn Saunders, John Evan, Dave Weir and Colin Graham.*

**Covent Garden Trust Marching Band – June 2006**



*Left to right: John Beecham, Eric Gilchrist, John Evans, John Barnes, Tim Wachter, Chris Barber, Don Cook, Phil Brown, Alan Bradley, John Keen, Chris Hodgkins, Digby Fairweather, John Wachter, Emile Martin, June 2006.*

**Dick Williams Six – Café Jazz Cardiff**



*Left to Right: Bob Tunnicliffe, Mike Pincombe, Dick Williams, Brian Jobson, John Evans.*