



February

- 10 Simon Banks & Kevin Grenfell**
- 17 The Icon Jazzmen**
- 24 New Orleans Hula**

March

- 3 The Memphis Seven**
- 10 The Camelia Jazz Band**
- 17 Ian Phillips & Friends**
- 24 Phil Wall's Jazz Cardinals**
- 31 Ceri Williams & Friends**


April

- 7 The Workhouse Band ---tbc**
- 14 The Liberty Street Quartet --- tbc**
- 21 New Orleans Hula - tbc.**
- 28 The Dick Williams Six**

Café Jazz - The Sandringham Hotel, St. Mary Street, Cardiff
 Admission - unless otherwise stated Specials £4 / £5 (Students £2)
 P.J.S Members & Concessions £3.50, Non Members £4.00, Students £2.00



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**'09
New Orleans Heat
3rd April 2009**

Both events at The British Legion Club - Whitchurch

**Velindre Cancer Centre
Fund Raising Concert**

An Evening of Old Style New Orleans Jazz

**Brian Carrick's Heritage Hall Stompers
&
Norman Thatcher's New Orleans Hula**

22nd May 2009

EDITORIAL
February - March
'09

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I said in the Sept 2008 editorial "They just don't want to know. In my opinion if there is a repeat of this years fiasco Brecon Jazz will just be a thing of the past" Well it happened – they did exactly what we said they would do – they've destroyed it. What was supposed to have been a celebration of 25 years of jazz fizzled out like a damp squib. What ignominy - to go into administration, not because there was no support, but the total lack of financial acumen and total disregard for Brecon and the volunteers that for 20 years had got the festival to where it was. There's talk of reviving it, with the ACW viewing potential candidates – Their record of helping jazz leaves a lot to be desired. - watch this space. – You didn't have to wait long – This years festival has been cancelled and the ACW have asked two of the bidders for more details with the hope of reviving it next year

See :- <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/mid/7865891.stm> for full details

Attendances at Cafe Jazz have been very turbulent and for us to continue **we need you to attend**. Please make an effort to come next week, **10th Feb** when **Simon Banks and Kevin Grenfell** will entertain you. For those who do not know them, they are highly talented musicians (Kevin, trombone & Simon piano). They play all styles of music, a few vocal, a few jokes – all in all a very entertaining couple. So please make it a night to remember for them. I know there are parking problems with Café Jazz / St Mary Street but the bus service is excellent. Of course we would like you to come every week, so if you can, please do so.

We will be having our **Jazz Affair** at the British Legion, Whitchurch, on **3rd April** when we have **New Orleans Heat** to entertain you. A chance for friends old and new to catch up on all the gossip and have a good night.

Then on **Friday 21st May** we have the fund raising event for Velindre Hospital which is being organised by Norman Thatcher. Appearing on the bill will be Brian Carrick's Heritage Hall Stompers and Norman with his New Orleans Hula. Tickets in advance from Norman £8.50 or £10 on the door

See leaflet for details

If you would like to renew your membership of the PJS it's still only £5 please make cheques made payable to "Friends of the PJS" or in cash, any Tuesday at Café Jazz -. Remember you can get a discount if you renew your membership and reserve tickets for Jazz Affair. £6 each or £8.00 if purchased on the door.



What's On



Sunday

Jazz Paraders	The Wig & Pen - Newport	8 - 10:30 p.m.
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Mondays

Speakeasy Jazz Band	Uplands Tavern Swansea	1 st of the month
Camelia Hot Four	Oddfellows & Forresters – St Mary St Baneswell Newport	8.30 – 11:00

Tuesdays

The Preservation Jazz Society	Café Jazz The Sandringham Hotel, St. Mary St. Cardiff	8:30 - 11:00 p.m.
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Wednesday

Various Bands	St James's Club - Uplands Swansea	8:30 – 11:00 pm
Keith Little Hot Six	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	18 th Feb, 4 th / 18 th March
The Liberty Street Jazz Band	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	11, 24 Feb 11, 24 Mar

Thursdays

Ian Phillips Band	The Wheat- sheaf Magor	26 th Feb & 26 th March
Various Traditional Bands	Mumbles Conservative Club – Mumbles	8:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Fridays

Torfaen Jazz Society	Sebastopol Social Club Griffithstown Trad Night – 1 st Friday of Month	8:30 - 11:00 p.m.
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Saturday

Various Bands	Old Comrades Club Market Street – Pontypool	21 Feb, 21 Mar 18 th Apr Various styles
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Jazz on the Air

Sunday	Wales	09.05	Dewi Griffiths - String of Pearls
Sunday	Radio 2	22.00	Malcolm Laycock –Dance & Big Bands
Monday	Radio 2	22.00	Big Band Special – Clare Teal
Friday	Radio 3	16.00	Jazz Legends
Saturday	Radio 3	16.00	Jazz Line Up - various
	Radio 3	17.00	Jazz Record Requests - followed by Jazz File.

Visit the P.J.S. Website

<http://uk.geocities.com/pjscardiff@btinternet.com/>

Where you can view the Foot Tappers in Colour

The Preservation Jazz Society

Presents :-



with

New Orleans Heat

**The Earl Haig (British Legion) Club
Penline Road, Whitchurch. Cardiff**

Friday 3rd April 8:30 – 11:30

Admission :- £8.00

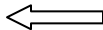
If reserved by 20th March, and paid for either by cash or cheque, the ticket price will be £6.00. Otherwise it will be £8.00 on the door.

An Evening of Old Style New Orleans Jazz

On Friday 22nd May, Norman Thatcher is organising a fund raising concert to show his, and others, appreciation of the fabulous work undertaken by the staff at Velindre Cancer Centre in Whitchurch. The most important thing is to raise money so even if you can't come you could make a donation. You could do this by either ordering a ticket or making a cheque payable to Norman Thatcher, who will then pass it on. Thank you in anticipation.



Brian Carrick



Norman Thatcher



Band News

The recent BBC Wales TV programme "Week in Week Out" featured members of the Camelia Band & friends in a New Orleans style mini parade to mark the closing of the Engineers which had been the home of jazz, namely the Acme Jazz Band, for the last 25 years or so. The Camelia Band have moved a few streets away to the Oddfellows & Forrester's Club "The Oddy's" in St Mary Street. This hopefully will be their home for the foreseeable future.

A new venture for the Camelia Band is the Riverside Tavern in Newport. As advertised "The Weekend Starts Here" in fact 3pm – 6pm with the Camelia Jazz Band and friends. Bar with Real Ale and hot meals including authentic Creole and Cajun dishes from £2.50. Sounds delicious, give it a try. You can get the Newport Express bus 30X every half hour from Cardiff and the Tavern is just a short walk away. – I nearly forgot – it's every **FRIDAY** Afternoon

A few miles away, on the first Friday of the month is "Trad Night" at the Torfaen Jazz Club in Sebastapol. Ceri Williams is running it and I'll get listings etc and publish them on the web page. This Friday 6th Feb is Martin Butterworth Quartet. So if you live in that area, or fancy a trip, then you know where to go.

Sunday night at the Pen & Wig at the bottom of Stow Hill in Newport. You'll find Ian Phillips and his Band with Roy Davies (tbn), John Davies (clt). Danny McDonald (pno), Mike Gale (bass) and John Bennett (drums) and of course Ian on trumpet. Entertainment for everyone – the audience even join in! You can also see Ian's Band at the Wheatsheaf in Magor on Thursday 26th Feb and 26th March – they serve good food, so Ian tells me.

Going even further east you come to Magor and the Good Measure Pub which has jazz on the 1st Tuesday of the month featuring Roy Davies (tpt) and "Round the Horn". They have guest musicians each month. On 3rd March you can see Debbie Arthurs, who plays tenor sax and sings.

If you fancy a trip to Bristol and the "Old Duke" on a Friday you can see The Keith Little Band – they are there 13th / 27th Feb and 13th / 27th March. For those who have not been there, you ought to go, it's a fantastic pub which has been presenting jazz for the last 40 years or so – had numerous 'jazzers' through its door, including yours truly with the Riverside Band, and even earlier with the Icon Jazzmen back in the 70's. I wonder if the Riverside poster is still stuck on the ceiling?. Of course, Keith alternates with Liberty St at the Windsor in Penarth (Keith's dates :- 4th/18th Feb and March.

If your band wants a mention then please send me details

Did You Know !

The tune “When the Swallows come back to Capistrano” is often played at Café Jazz – someone asked where Capistrano was, the answer from Wikipedia is “Capistrano is probably best known for the annual migration of the Cliff Swallows, who reputedly migrate each year between Argentina and the Mission San Juan Capistrano” the actual location being 23 miles southwest of Santa Anna in California.

Tom Rosser

We now have another **octogenarian** amongst us. Tom was 80 on 7th Feb and still listens to his collection of vinyl CD’s and tapes – he hasn’t got round to CD’s yet!. You may recall that Tom had his “Happy Pals” Bands several years ago at the FBI. Happy Birthday Tom.

Norman Thatcher

It’s great to see Norman back playing after his recent treatment. We all wish him well for a return to better health. Last year he made a CD at Bude entitled “The Spirit of Colyer”. Numbers include :- Uptown Bumps, Isle of Capri, Tishomingo Blues, My Old Kentucky Home, Love songs of the Nile, Curse of an aching heart, Canal St., I’ll take you home Kathleen, Heliotrope Bouquet, Walking with the King, He Touched Me, 2:19 Blues, Minstrel Man, Black Cat on the Fence, Maryland, and Home Sweet Home. Personnel :- Norman Thatcher (tpt), Brian Carrick (clt) Tom Whitingham (tbn), Ray Smith (pno) Sarah Thatcher (bjo) Bill Cole (bass) Peter Winterhart (dms). John Minnion (tpt) on Canal St.



This CD is excellently recoded and is a treat for Norman and Ken fans; a delight to listen to, with all musicians in top form. Available from:- Norman Thatcher, 1 Bath Street, Newport. Gwent NP9 7BD Price £10 inc. UK p&p

I had this drawing from Jim Wood which aptly sums up the Brecon Jazz Management Structure. At the time they had not booked the Adamant Parade Band for the 25th Anniversary after appearing for the preceding 24 years



As stated earlier there will be no Brecon Jazz Festival this year as there is not enough time to organise it. The ACW (Arts Council for Wales) have asked the two favoured applicants to give more details in the hope of having one next year. Keith Little wrote an excellent response to the closure and has given his permission to include it here. All the points made I totally agree with.

“I think it’s a shame they are stopping it totally this year. A small token Festival with local bands would have at least kept the flow going and would actually have been very pleasant. I think it’s a great shame that the Festival organisers took scant notice of the large amount of feedback and discontent from fans about the Festivals musical direction and presentation. It doesn’t surprise me at all that the Festival took a tumble. They were paying vast amounts for guest musicians, many of whom were unknown to general punters. Welsh Bands and musicians were sidelined or rejected altogether and there was a move away from the traditional and swing feel of the Festival. They flew musicians from the States at huge cost when there are phenomenal Bands in European countries at a fraction of the price. I suggested one in particular to the management but it was rejected out of hand. It would be great if with the new management there was a return to the way the festival used to be in the earlier years. Ah well.....we’ll see. “