

The Foot Tappers News

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**Editorial
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Welcome to the July edition of the FTN. As you are most probably aware we have been making a loss on virtually every presentation at Café Jazz for the last year. A situation we regret but cannot continue for ever. We have taken steps to try and reverse this, but we cannot do so without YOUR SUPPORT.

We had toyed with the idea of having a few months break, but on reflection this may not have worked as we may loose the audience for ever, which is the last thing we want to happen.

August and September are always difficult months to put on presentations due to holidays and musicians schedules. We are indebted to Norman Thatcher (with the Newport lads & lasses) and Keith Little for managing to fit us into their busy schedules.

We will be having a night off on Tuesday 1st September, as we are on holiday and no band was available to play for us.

We have a great line up to re-start in September with the Icon Jazzmen (have managed to capture Gwyn from the wilds of Sweden) The Memphis Seven (with their new pianist Don Thomas), Liberty Street Quartet and the Wessex New Orleans Jazz Band, and in October the Dick Williams Six. So there's something for everyone. It's now up to you to turn up.

To change the subject, Brecon is on this year. There will be a fireworks display on Friday (7th Aug) with a "Carnival Parade" around the town (led of course by the Adamant Marching Band) on the Saturday – I am told that Keith Little's Band will be there on the Saturday. Then, on the Sunday, the famous Jazz Service at the Cathedral. There is a website :- <http://www.breconjazz.org/> which should have full details by the time you read this. – We wish them all success and lets hope for a return to normal (as was in the good old days) in the future.

Getting back to Café Jazz it's the case of USE IT or LOOSE IT. Let's hope it's the former. Hope to see you there one night.

If you have the internet visit our website and you can see the FTN in glorious colour (address on page 7). Thanks to Paul Dunleavy for his photographs.

Breda Jazz Festival



Breda, which is a small town, on the Dutch / Belgium border, hosts an annual Jazz Festival which started back in 1970. Over the years it has attracted virtually all the top international musicians from all over the world. The town come alive with the sound of jazz. There are about 20 venues, most of which have FREE entrance and in the central market square, three open air stages which, have hosted all the top names of jazz.

This is the festival that Brecon was modeled on, whilst Breda retains the original charm Brecon has sadly strayed from those original ideas. What amazes me that in Holland you can have several hundred people milling around,

plenty of drink with no trouble and no police, just enjoying themselves – why can't it be like that in our country. 2010 is their 40th year – roll on !

I hadn't heard Johnny Boston 'live' before – if you ever get the chance to hear and see him – grab it.

Rod Mason sets such a high standard when we have seen him in the UK, but his session at Breda seemed a bit lack lustered and was going through the motions – mind you those motions were good – it was a bit late and in the open air.



Andy Leggett



Rod Mason

Jeff Barnhart – Jim Fryer – Ceri Williams

Ceri Williams was invited to join the Fryer- Barnhart International band at their concert in Hanley College, Upton upon Severn – he is seen here with reedman John Maddox and Jim Fryer

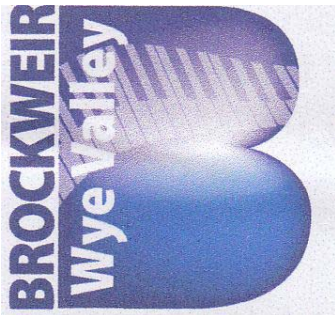


Jim Fryer tempting Jeff Barnhart to a pint
John & Ceri look on in amusement

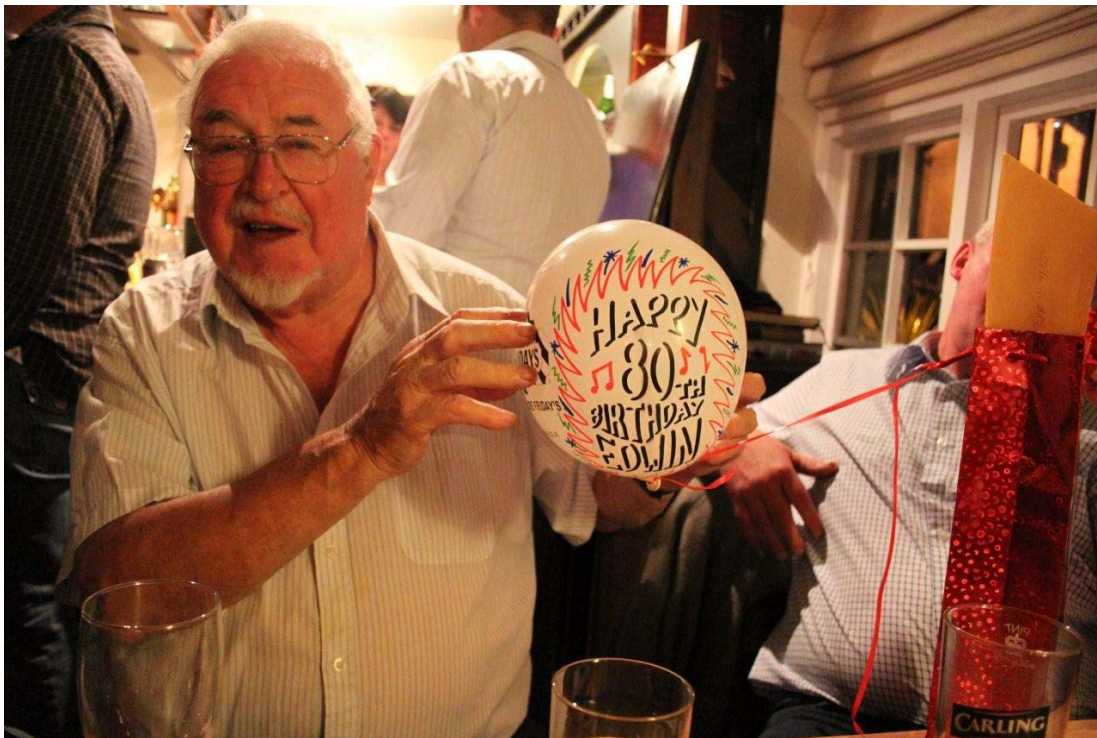
Local News

You are probably intrigued as to who are the Wessex New Orleans Band. Well John Minnion has ventured into the West Country for some of his line up. They are : John Minnion tpt, Norman Thatcher tbn. John Driscoll reeds, Sarah Thatcher bjo, Peter Berry bass and Pete Whinterhart drums. This will be their “Premier” prior to appearances in the West Country.

The Evening of New Orleans Jazz raised a magnificent £1360, which has been donated to the Velindre Cancer Centre in Whitchurch. Norman and Sarah would like to thank everyone who came along, to those who helped on the night, and to those who gave generously to the cause – well done everyone !



The Brockweir Festival afternoon of Traditional Jazz will be held on Sunday 19th July from 12 noon – 4pm and features Roger Marks’ Armada Jazz Band and Hot Banana. You will all be familiar with Rogers’ band and for those who don’t know about Hot Banana, you’ll find Kevin Grenfell and Simon Banks resplendent in their yellow suits, who are joined by Matt Palmer reeds and Tony Peers on drums. Tickets £9 on the gate. Further info telephone :- 01594 530648



A very good friend of the PJS, Edwin McGarr celebrating his 80th birthday – Congratulations Edwin – here’s to the next 80



The Keith Little Band, with Ceri Rees on reeds



Jim Fryer appearing at Café Jazz with New Orleans Hula



What's On



Sunday

Jazz Paraders	The Wig & Pen - Newport	8:30 – 10:30
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Monday

Speakeasy	Uplands Tavern, Swansea	1st of the Month
Camelia Hot Four	The Oddfellows – St. Mary St Baneswell, Newport	8:30 – 11:00

Tuesday

The Preservation Jazz Society	Café Jazz The Sandringham Hotel St Mary St. Cardiff	8:30 – 11:00
Round the Horn	The Good Measure – Magor	1st Tuesday
Ian Phillips Band	The Wheatsheaf Inn – Magor	3rd Tuesday

Wednesday

Various Bands	St. James's Club – Uplands Swansea	8:30 – 11:00
Keith Little Band	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	8, 22 July etc
Liberty Street	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	1,15,29 July etc

Thursday

Various Traditional Bands	Mumbles Conservative Club	8:30 – 11:00
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Fridays

The Camelia Band	The Ivy Bush Inn, Clarence Place Newport	3pm – 6pm
Dennis Wheeler Dixielanders	Sebastopol Social Club Griffithstown	8:30 – 11:00 7th Aug

Saturdays

Various Bands	Old Comrades – Pontypool	Details 01495 762504
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<http://uk.geocities.com/pjscardiff@btinternet.com/>

Where you can view the Foot Tappers in Colour



PJS GIG LIST



July

- 7 The Camelia Jazz Band
- 14 The Dick Williams Six
- 21 The Workhouse Four
- 28 Ian Phillips & Friends

August

- 15 Norman Thatcher's New Orleans Band
- 11 New Orleans Hula
- 18 The Keith Little Band
- 25 Phil Wall's Jazz Cardinals

September

- 1 No Jazz Tonight
- 8 The Icon Jazzmen
- 15 The Memphis Seven
- 22 Liberty Street Quartet
- 29 The Wessex New Orleans Jazz Band

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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