



# The Foot Tappers News

November to January 2016



## Mike Denham

With

**Spikes' 5 & Dime Band**

17<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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### November 2015

The Gwent Jazz Weekend, in my opinion, was an outstanding success. An enthusiastic large audience were treated to some "Top Drawer" jazz by some of the UK's top players. Congratulations John.

#### Our Program

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. All that Jazz :- this 7 piece "Big Band" make a return visit with their original line up which includes Vic Partridge and Steve Davies so it should be a bit quieter than the last time,

10<sup>th</sup> Nov. The Riverside Band make a return visit with guest Gwyn Lewis on trumpet. Norman Partridge will be on Tenor Sax with Pete Locke on trombone, Vic Partridge, banjo/guitar, Mike Gale, bass and Mike Pearce on drums. Yours truly may have a blow if I can get rid of a lip sore.

17<sup>th</sup> Nov A treat for piano lovers, Mike Denham will be performing with Spikes' 5 & Dime Band. Mike is an accomplished Ragtime pianist who has played notably with Steve Graham, and is also a very proficient player of the Swanee Whistle. Mike will be accompanied by Ceri Williams, Paul Munnery, Sarah Thatcher and Mike Kennedy.

24<sup>th</sup> Nov The Sopranos are back Andy Leggett and Chris Pearce. Andy has recovered from his shoulder operation and is 'rarin' to go. They will be accompanied by Rachel Hayward banjo/guitar and Tony Sharp on Bass

1<sup>st</sup> Dec The Memphis Six. Their last gig before they hibernate for the winter. Eric, Pete, Jeff, John, Peter and Don will be here to entertain you with their music

8<sup>th</sup> Dec The Usk Valley Blue Blowers. Roy Davies (trumpet) leads this fine band with John Davies, reeds, Paul Munnery, trombone, Sarah Thatcher, Mike Kennedy and Clarence Nugent.

15<sup>th</sup> Dec. The Preservation Rhythm Kings; the original Roy Davies leads on banjo with Phil Wall, John Minnion, Pete Locke, Mike Gale and Clarence Nugent

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec The Wessex New Orleans Band with John Minnion, John Scantlebury, Pete Locke, Vic Partridge, Mike Kennedy and Clarence Nugent

29<sup>th</sup> Dec Mince Pie time

5<sup>th</sup> Jan Moonshine Boulevard A New Year welcome to a band, new to us but with some familiar faces, Tudor Thomas, trombone leads with Ron King, Jeff Matthews, Pete Berry and Keith Hall banjo/guitar



Review by Paul Dunleavy

For those of us who were lucky to be at this Jazz festival, put on by John Minion at the Holiday Inn, Newport, we were treated to some great music making by bands and musicians of a consistently high standard.

Friday evening started in the New Orleans style with the slick 'Black Cat Jazz Band' led by Sarah Thatcher with Steve Graham on Trumpet and the wonderful Huw Roberts on Clarinet and Saxophone, Tom Whitingham on Trombone backed by a solid Rhythm section.

The New Orleans vein was continued with reed player Gavin Lee's 7 piece Festival Band with fellow Geordie Ian Wynne on piano.-A delightful pianist. An enjoyable session and evening was had by all !.

Saturday afternoon, and still in the New Orleans style, sessions began with Wynne - Scantlebury Magic Five. John and Gavin Lee joined forces with Ian Wynne, Sarah Thatcher and John Robinson. We enjoyed some delightful ragtime piano by the young Ian Wynne.

This was followed by New Orleans Heat who put on a spirited session for their fans.

In the evening we were entertained by some really fabulous Guitar playing by The Remi Harris Trio, who were aided by the equally fabulous John Hallam on Clarinet and Saxophone playing some sumptuous renditions of jazz standards and songs from the American song book. Remi is a truly gifted young guitar player.

Enrico Tomasso / George Huxley Select Seven closed the evening with some stunning Louis Armstrong's Hot Five and Seven numbers. Both George and Enrico led from the front and it made for some wonderful numbers.

Sunday morning kicked off with spiritual and gospel numbers with the Camellia Jazz Band led by John Minnion on trumpet, vocals were by the delightful Emily Bacon, with her mother Liz on Clarinet and father Paul on Drums aided by Pete Locke on Trombone, John Davies, Saxophone, Sarah Thatcher, Banjo and Peter Berry on Bass.

John Hallam and Emily Bacon were back with Tom Kincaid's 'Three Bears' with some slick playing and entertaining vocals . Tom Kincaid is an immaculate pianist who seems happy playing in any style.

The Sunday evening started with the Cox-Huxley Reeds Reunion. Both these players are accomplished reed men and they gave some virtuoso performances,

backed by a solid rhythm section of John Penn-piano Geoff Over Banjo/guitar, John Fellows Bass and Sousaphone and Graham Smith-drums .

On a lighter note, the next set was by John Hallam and 'Spats' Langham with Malcolm Sked on bass who played entertaining renditions of 20's and 30's poplar songs - excellent

The evening closed, in rip roaring style, with Tom Kincaids' Three Bears and the dynamic front line of Paul Munnery, Trombone, Richard Bennett, Trumpet, and Adrian Cox on Reeds. When Adrian took vocals he revealed himself to be sensitive singer with a talent for words and their meaning together with his accomplished reed playing which made him quite a talent.

All together the whole weekend was well attended, with such good music and musicians on your doorstep, it was one not to be missed

Check out the PJS website. There is a selection of videos from the weekend to be enjoyed.

Paul Dunleavy

### **Pictures form the Festival**



#### **The Black Cat Jazz Band**

Back Row . Derek Winterhart, Sarah Thatcher and Mike Kennedy  
Front Row :- Huw Roberts, Steve Graham and Tom Whittingham

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Ian Wynne (piano). Gavin Lee (sop.sax) and John Scantlebury



Video Clips of the Festival  
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Black Cat Jazz :- Cats got Kittens  
 Black Cat Jazz :- Love Songs of the Nile  
 Cox- Huxley Reeds Union :- Mood Indigo  
 Tomasso – Huxley :- Alligator Crawl

Cox – Munnery – Bennett:- When we  
 danced at the Mardi Gras

Remi Harris Trio :- Topsy  
 John Hallam Trio :- Exactly like You  
 John Hallam Trio :- Keeping out of Mischief  
 Cox-Huxley Reeds Union :- World is waiting  
 for the Sunrise

< John Hallam



Sarah Thatcher and Emily Bacon



You can see both Emily and Sarah at Café Jazz on 22<sup>nd</sup> March '16  
In "Emily's Good Time Gang" with Liz and Paul Bacon, Tom Whittington and Mike  
Kennedy

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Enrico Tomasso and Remi Harris  
George Huxley and Tom Kincaid

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### John Evans

John Evans (Clarinet) passed away in early September after a short illness.

John, as many of you will remember, was a frequent visitor to the PJS and was in fact a member of the "PJS Foot Tappers"; "The Dick Williams Six" .and "The Anglo-Welsh Stompers" John, in the past, was a regular at the Aberaeron Carnival. He had a London based band which went under the name "Gentle Jazz". I would associate John with the title "A Gentleman of Jazz" R.I.P"

It is hoped to have a session, in the spring, to remember John. :- details later.



# PJS Gig List



## November

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### All That Jazz

John Foley leads this 7 piece Band

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### Riverside Reunion

Gwyn Lewis leads with Norman Partridge (Sax) Pete Locke, Vic Partridge, Mike Gale and Mike Pearce

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### Mike Denham

Pianist Mike Denham is joined by Spikes' 5 & Dime Band

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### The Sopranos

Andy Leggett and Chris Pearce are joined by Rachel Hayward and Tony Sharp

## December

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### The Memphis Six

Eric Swift, Jeff Slater, Pete Locke, John Gill, Pete Berry and Don Thomas

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### The Usk Valley Blue Blowers

Roy Davies, Paul Munnery, John Davies Sarah Thatcher, Mike Kennedy and Clarence Nugent

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### The Preservation Rhythm Kings

John Minnion, Phil Wall, Pete Locke. Roy Davies Mike Gale and Clarence Nugent

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### The Wessex New Orleans Band

John Minnion, John Scantlebury, Pete Locke. Vic Partridge Peter Berry and Clarence Nugent

## January 2016

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### Moonshine Boulevard

Tudor Thomas, trombone. Ron King. Trumpet. Jeff Matthews. Reeds. Peter Berry. Bass. Keith Hall. Banjo/guitar.

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### The Dave Smith Quartet

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