



The Foot Tappers News

October - November - December 2009



Brecon Cathedral 2009

The Adamant Marching Band

**Editorial
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Welcome to the October edition of the FTN. Well we survived August and September with attendances slightly up on previous months, but we still need you to continue to come to sessions at Café Jazz.

Brecon Jazz Festival

I thoroughly enjoyed this year's Festival. I think the overall impression was a "step in the right direction". The parade through the town, with participating bands taking part was a good idea, although the routing could have been better (a bit pointless going round the one way system with no one watching). The ticketing arrangements appeared to be good with reasonable admission costs. The highlight for me was the Cathedral Service on the Sunday with the Adamant Marching Band and being privileged in seeing and hearing the London Gospel Choir and the wonderful Art Themen solo. I've played at virtually every service since 1984 and I think this rated as one of the best.

Obviously improvements must be made and the first area to consider the style of music presented. This was a "mini festival" and I realise there were money and venue constraints but I must remind the organisers that jazz originated before 1960 and anything pre that date was sadly neglected. No New Orleans, Traditional or Chicago jazz (with the exception of Keith Little) and this must be addressed before the next festival – If we (the PJS) can help we would be most willing to assist. There are numerous British Bands that could have filled this void that have proven track records rather than some of the "expensive and unknown imports" that have been "parachuted" into Brecon in the recent past.

As I said earlier, a step in the right direction – roll on next year !.

Please note for those coming by bus to Café Jazz, that Cardiff City Council, in their wisdom !, have altered many of the city centre bus stops for the return journey home – so please check. Services 21, 23 and Pontypridd still use St Mary St.

I would appreciate all members that are on the Internet to send me an e.mail note so that I can keep them up to date with any late alterations to our programme

Please send the note to :- pjscardiff@btinternet.com

If you look on our new website :- www.pjscardiff.co.uk I have started a photo Gallery of some old photographs that I have - these will be added to periodically.

Again thanks to Paul Dunleavy for his photographs in this issue.

News

Keith Little Band



I just wanted to write a few lines for the Foot Tappers to help clarify things regarding the future of the Band. There have been a lot of rumours recently that I am going back to Germany, that the Keith Little Band is stopping altogether, that I'm moving to Suffolk etc. I can now say that the last one is true and I am in fact moving to Suffolk but the Band will continue with a vengeance. We are carrying on at the Windsor in Penarth every two weeks as usual. I might not be able to make them all but will be coming back whenever I can. We will be playing at the Old Duke usually every four weeks on a Friday. We are also planning to do more concerts and Festivals further afield as well as our usual performances in this area and the Band will be very much more of a UK Band rather than a locally based Band. So, that's the plan! Do keep supporting us. We really appreciate you being there at our gigs as one thing's absolutely sure, we can't make it happen without you! One last thing - I have the greatest pleasure in announcing that Ceri Rees has re-joined the Band full-time on clarinet and sax.

Best wishes Keith

The Camelia

Sadly the Odd Fellows in Newport is the latest victim of the recession when they were forced to close last month. John Minion and the Camelia had been playing there since February this year. All is not lost as they still have the Friday sessions at the Ivy Bush. This is going well and there is talk of Keith Box coming back out of retirement. John's other band the Wessex New Orleans Band had the premier at Café Jazz , which went well, and are booked for 22nd Dec for our Christmas party

Marcus Bridgeman

Marcus was involved in a car accident recently and has undergone an operation at Morriston Hospital in Swansea for a fractured sternum. We wish Marcus a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing and hearing him in the not too distant future – get well soon Marcus

Ron Williams

Ron Williams, of Rhoose, who had been ill for some time, passed away earlier this month. We send our condolences to his wife Rosemary, his family and close friends.

Icon Jazzmen

15th December is a rare chance to see & hear John Scantlebury and Gwyn Lewis, both of who are very busy with New Orleans Heat, with the Icon Jazzmen. John has kindly stepped in for me whilst Jean & I go off and celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary.

Christmas

We will be having the 29th December off and return on 5th January with Norman Thatcher's New Orleans Hula. So from all at the PJS have a great Christmas and let's look forward to a swinging new year.

Upton 2009
A selection of Photographs taken by Paul Dunleavy



Gwyn Lewis with New Orleans Heat



John Scantlebury – Blowin' up a storm



Festival Favourites Bob Kerr's Whoopie Band





“Lamarotte” leading the festival parade



Festival organiser “Sir” Alan Buckley



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
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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	28th Oct etc
Liberty Street	The Windsor Hotel - Penarth	4th Nov 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
Enrico Tomasso	Sebastopol Social Club Griffithstown	8:30 – 11:00 6th Nov

Saturdays

Various Bands	Old Comrades – Pontypool	Details 01495 762504
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www.pjscardiff.co.uk
 Where you can view the Foot Tappers in Colour



PJS GIG LIST



November

- 3 The Workhouse Band
- 10 The Memphis Seven
- 17 New Orleans Hula
- 24 The Ol' Spit & Dribble Band

December

- 1 Martin Butterworth & Friends
- 8 The Liberty Street Quartet
- 15 The Icon Jazz Band
- 22 The Wessex New Orleans Jazz Band
- 29 No Jazz Tonight

January 2010

- 5 New Orleans Hula
- 12 Phil Wall's Jazz Cardinals
- 19 Norman Thatcher's Ragtime Band
- 26 The Liberty Street Quartet t.b.c.

The January dates are possibly subject to late alteration

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

Café JAZZ

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