



This Saturday, December 27th. 2008

The Harlem Hot Stompers

- **Q. What's the connection between Pork and Poultry ?**

- **A. A delicious and acclaimed special recipe Mac Burnham Buxton Pie - washed down with a uniquely refreshing pint of 'Hen' !!**

Both now available by general request from Linda at the bar

Once again ladies and gentlemen, plus those who may be as yet undecided, we would like to offer our most Sincere Seasonal Greetings to one and all on this Yuletide evening that promises so much. We like to think of the Christmas Concert as being a bit Special with its overflowing raffle, no expense spared mince pies and a jug full of the Cream of the North West's New Orleans Jazz. What more could any true Jazz Lover desire to put the topping on his Christmas wish list? Our 2009 prospectus is also on general release tonight - you will see for yourselves that once more it blossoms with the usual mix of tried and trusted favourites alongside some new stars who have started to make a name for themselves both on the Jazz Club and also the Festival Circuits.

Don't miss the opportunity to garner a copy of your Club's distinctive, in more ways than one, prospectus of all things New Orleans that is designed to tempt your taste buds in the forthcoming twelve months. Keep it safe in a secure location and take one for a friend or relation if you think that the bait will prise them out of their cosy armchair for a deliverance of live music and entertainment of the "New Orleans Genre." Assure them that they will receive a warm welcome at any of our gatherings. You see you too have a vital role to play in keeping our beloved music alive and in the public's eye! Generally the attendances, particularly at the Jazz Clubs, appear to be diminishing for a variety of reasons so we know the obligation we have to one and all to do all we can to reverse this trend if we are to keep the music safe for future generations!

Enough of the doom and gloom, however, it is Christmas after all is it not? Following their runaway success at last year's Christmas Party Night we are happily forced to bring back that

star studded seven piece Manchester based band, namely The Harlem Hot Stompers. They have spent the intervening twelve months doing none other than what they do best, namely producing joyous entertainment for multitudinous discerning Jazz Audiences the length and breadth of the country. Their spirited and imaginative interpretation of the music of Jelly Roll Morton, Clarence Williams, Duke Ellington and not forgetting of course those two all time great legends - Louis Armstrong and King Oliver - never fails to delight.

They are lead by a New Mills resident, not that we hold that against them, who has given distinguished and loyal service to the North West Traditional Jazz Scene for more years than he would care to admit to. I refer of course to that talented **reeds** player and founder member of the band, **Tony Foulks**. Tony is joined by another founder member of the band, **John Reade** who, as well as being an outstanding **keyboard** player has in addition been responsible over the years for many of the bands' arrangements. The versatile and audience pleasing **Bill Smith** is a more recent recruit to the band, joining in 2003, along with his **cornet and harmonica**. The regular trombonist, and third founder member, John Ronan, is having a well deserved, or so I am told, night off. He is replaced by a man who needs no introduction, that reliable and vastly experienced **trombonist Eric Brierley**. The usual strong rhythm section keeps the band on a straight and narrow course featuring, as it does, a bevy of North West musicians of considerable ilk. I refer of course to **Mr Dave Berry** on **drums**, **Mr Ian McCann** on **banjo and guitar**, and **Mr Dave Parr** on **string bass**, who is now, I am pleased to say, fully recovered from his hip operation of just over twelve months ago.

Happy New Year from us all at Dovejazz !! RTM

Our next gig - Saturday January 24th. 2009

The Millennium Eagle Jazz Band

Please note - our new Web address is www.dovejazzclub.co.uk