



Saturday January 28th. 2012

## The Wabash Jazzmen

*- it's the font of all knowledge - some would say !*

We trust that you have had an enjoyable festive season and that you are now suitably prepared for another Dove Jazz Club year of outstanding musical concerts and a top notch Festival.

Our Christmas Concert in December with our guests and a couple of The Harlem Hot Stompers giving of their all, blowing their socks off to produce a most enjoyable evening to say the least. It was absolutely wonderful to see that once again we were able to attract a large gathering to our well appointed Community Hall. Let us dare to hope that this was a forerunner of things to come in 2012. Anyway moving on, here's another reminder that might help you with the redistribution of any unwanted Christmas gifts. Why not put them to good use by donating them to the Dove Jazz Club Raffle Prize Fund? You will know that they are going to a very good cause.

Throughout 2012 we hope to be able to offer to you some of the best of the New Orleans Style Jazz that is available in the market place today - as well as a few of the finest Pork Pies. To this end Barry has beavered away to produce his much in demand annual "What's on Booklet." This publication consists of a full "Jazz Fixture List" that gives the confirmed programme at the Jazz Club for the forth-coming year as well as containing a minute crumb from a Butcher Burham Pie, probably undetectable to the naked eye. If you haven't already acquired your copy don't leave our venue tonight without this prestigious document - your guide towards all that is best in the world of New Orleans Jazz. In addition to this document we will also have numerous copies of the Flyer that give you all the details, as well as a booking form, for our renowned July Festival. One thing that we can be certain of is that the Annual July Gathering will more than live up to the extremely high standards expected at any of our events. Don't forget that early booking, as well as guaranteeing you a seat for what will once more be an event that sells out, also greatly helps the cash flow situation at your Club. Quite a large sum of money has to be laid out prior to the Festival taking place and it needs to come from somewhere as you will appreciate.

Tonight's guests The Wabash Jazzmen are always most welcome at Dove, playing as they do their very own special style of hot driving music. Based loosely on what

most people still refer to as the Potteries they have gained a formidable reputation over the seventeen years since they first came together. What sets them apart is something that is almost unique amongst bands playing New Orleans jazz - their line up does not contain a drum! As you will hear tonight the absence of a drum kit is more than compensated for by the strong driving **banjo** playing of their band leader **Mark Challinor** and the powerful **string bass** of **Richard Vernon** or "Mr Pastry" as he is lovingly referred to by Tom Langham. Many of you are still talking about Mark's dynamic display on banjo with Ged's Ragtime band at Dove last November and of course Richard will forever be remembered as Tommy Burton's versatile and long serving sideman.

Leading on the front line we have the magical musical maestro himself **Mr. Ged Hone** on **trumpet or cornet** (or even both such are his talents!). Joining Ged on **trombone** is the masterful **Mike Pembroke** who couldn't be described as a stranger to treading the boards at Dove. The line up is completed by that true "Old Cheshire Salt" of "Limeburner" fame' the much respected **Mike Hayler** on **clarinet and saxophone**. It is particularly pleasing to see Mike back between the shafts so to speak following an enforced absence due to illness.

There's more to come as I said earlier in 2012 and you are cordially invited to wend your way to Dove on the 18th. February when the more than able young drummer Jack Cotterill will lead his highly rated Cheshire Cats Band for a return visit to our stage. And what a superb line up he has gathered together for your evening's entertainment. Jack is joined in the rhythm section by Tom Kincaid on piano and Jim Swinnerton on string bass. As far as the front line is concerned that will be graced by Terry Brunt on trombone and that awesome Dove favourite John Hallam on reeds. You will then have to brace yourselves for the 24th. March when the "Bennett Brothers" return in the company of the "Fantabulous Sheepwash Playboys." Don't forget to visit your Web site at Dove Jazz Club for all the latest news. We have been exceedingly grateful for your support throughout 2011 and trust that it will continue in 2012.

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**Our next attraction - February 18th. 2012**

**Jack Cotterill's Cheshire Cats**

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