



Saturday, 17th. April 2010
Des Hopkins Original Guinness Jazz Band
with Enrico Tomasso

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

A rather disappointing turnout at our March Concert, on the punter front, was more than compensated for by the quality of the music produced by The Wabash Jazzmen, once they got a full head of steam up. In addition we did manage to sell all of the grunters plus there wasn't a great deal of Black Sheep Beer left at the end of the night. What did you think of The Black Sheep Beer, should we try it again for a Club Night, or should we stick to The Old Speckled Hen? It's up to your good selves, please avail us of your thoughts on this most important issue.

Today, the 17th April, is the last day for the purchase of "Festival Flyers" at the reduced rate. So for those of you who are still dithering, it is very much make your mind up time right now. A word in my ear tonight can still reserve you a ticket at the favourable tariff. The line up for this years "Ram-Sam" is mind blowing and has produced many favourable comments from potential visitors. You really don't want to miss out on this extravaganza - it could well turn out to be a once in a lifetime opportunity!

And so for tonight's "All Star Concert", an event that has been in the planning stage for over three years now. We are more than pleased to be able to welcome from Ireland The Des Hopkins Original Guinness Jazzband who are making their very first visit to the Dove podium and probably to Dove itself. Their star-studded line up includes some of the finest musicians from either side of the Irish Sea. They were first sponsored by Guinness Ireland way back in 1986 and have enjoyed a close relationship, with the Dublin Guinness Brewery, in one way or another, to the present day. They are in constant demand for corporate events, concerts, society weddings and Jazz Festivals throughout Europe.

Led by the Irish drummer Des Hopkins the band present a varied programme of traditional, swing dixieland, and mainstream standards all delivered with considerable flair, excitement, showmanship and superb musicianship. The band frequently tours with the Big Chris Barber Band and their line up has been known to contain Mike Henry, trumpet and Bob Hunt, trombone from the

Barber Band as well as Enrico Tomasso, trumpet and Colin Wood, piano from Acker Bilk's Paramount Jazz Band. The band has played every Cork Guinness Jazz Festival, Ireland, since 1979 and visits the Scandinavian countries on a very regular basis, including the famous Storyville Jazz Club in Helsinki.

Unlike other bands the personnel is selected from a pool of top musicians of outstanding ability from both Ireland and the UK. Whilst the personnel can change the performance does not with the band's individual exciting sound, swinging arrangements, and performances almost identical on each occasion. Their strong line up for Dove Holes is: - formerly from Leeds but now London based, Europe's top **trumpet** man, **Enrico Tomasso**, Yorkshire's exuberant yet exceedingly proficient **trombonist**, **Andy Hillier**, and completing this outstanding front line, **Arthur O'Neill clarinet/saxes**. A powerhouse of a rhythm section will consist of the internationally acclaimed and much in demand **Brian Mellor**, on **banjo and guitar**, the rock steady and former Spinner's **string bassist**, **Count John McCormick**, and of course in the **drum** chair we have the inimitable **Des Hopkins** leading and driving his band along its chosen path.

Unless I am sadly mistaken our busy and much acclaimed "Cheap as Chips" Catering Section will be almost giving away the much publicised Butcher Burnham's "Mouth Watering" fresh from the oven Buxton Pork Pies. These are available in house on a delicate plate with complimentary mustard, or alternatively as a highly prized wrapped take away for consumption later with condiments at room temperature. It will also have the odd scoop full or two of a genuine Real Ale from a barrel with a bung available for the more discerning pallets amongst you - at pre 2010 budget prices - as well as a vast further array of seductive alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages. All this with the added excitement of a "Unique Dove Raffle" should be enough to prise even the most stubborn bum out of the armchair and on to a Community Association chair.

Don't forget our next "All Star" Concert on Saturday the 8th May when young Jack Cotterill will be leading his Cheshire Cats into the fray, once again. **RTM**

Our next attraction - Saturday May 8th, 2010
Jack Cotterill's Cheshire Cats
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