



Saturday, April 18th. 2009

Dave Donohoe's Jazz Band

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

Following on from the phenomenal success of Brian Carrick's Algiers Stompers last month, where did all those most welcome people come from (!), we are pleased to be hosts this month to The Dave Donohoe Band when we will be more than delighted to seat a similar, or even a greater number of bums. Additional chairs have already been dusted off in readiness. Of course this band is not averse to taking the Dove air and could it be that there are even those who might say that this factor has contributed to them long being regarded as one of the best New Orleans style bands in the country - but modesty prevents me being drawn into the complexity of this debate !

After many years living on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire where he set up his very successful and popular Friday night gigs at the Delph Band Club, gigs that continue to thrive to this day, Dave now resides in Auchencairne, Castle Douglas, a wee hamlet South West of Dumfries in Scotland. This is an area whose climate is strongly influenced by the Mexican Gulf Stream which produces ideal conditions in which Dave can exercise his very active green fingers and his love of all matters relating to husbandry (and additionally offers a perfect atmosphere in which to store a **trombone** so they tell me !). Dave has been playing New Orleans style jazz since 1962 and is listed in "The International Who's Who in Popular Music," and also in John Chiltern's "Who's Who in British Jazz," one of but a handful of British musicians to be included in both publications. Hand picked by Woody Allen for the New Orleans Jazz Festival, Dave has toured the States and Europe in various guises and is often to be seen appearing with the cream of New Orleans musicians from all over the world. The band have had the honour of appearing on the same bill as the likes of Dr John, Joe Cocker and Van Morrison, and have jammed with the Fats Domino Band at London's Festival Hall.

Since his early days Dave has felt the need to visit The Crescent City several times, and strongly believes that New Orleans music is a style rather than a repertoire. This results in the band's numbers being drawn from a far wider source than just the popular jazz standards. Dave is not afraid to take on board any tune that has a good melody along with the right swing and that lends itself to being tackled with a rhythmic approach.

Joining Dave on the Dove stage will be **Trumpeter Dave Podgson** and **Reeds player Frank Brooker**. An outstanding rhythm section will comprise of **Noel Broadgate** on **Piano**, **Bill Evans** on **Drums**, **Mal Horne** on **banjo** and the slick and ever-youthful looking **Jim Swinnerton** on his **String Bass**. Believe you me, it doesn't get much better than this so just take the opportunity to relax, quaff a scoop full or two of Hen, and be transported back to those magical days of the old Crescent City once again.

Don't forget our next offering on Saturday the 2nd of May when the very popular West Country based band, John Shillito's Select Six, will take to our stage. They will be calling in at Dove on their way up to an appearance at the prestigious Keswick Jazz Festival. This vibrant and exciting band is fully committed to providing all of its audiences with a brand of quality entertainment that will win it new friends whenever it appears.

Don't forget also to keep a check on our Web site at www.dovejazzclub.co.uk for all of the up to date news about your Jazz Club, now including back issues of the 'Bugle'. We are rapidly approaching our July Jazz and Beer Festival Weekend and we do still have one or two of the highly collectable visitor badges left for sale. If you are by chance dithering as to your attendance, dither ye not and get one bought, you know that it makes sense - and you will also be helping to swell the funds of your favourite Jazz Club to boot! RTM

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John Shillito's Select Six

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