



Monday, December 28th. 2009
The Harlem Hot Stompers

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

Ho! Ho! Ho! and a most sincere and warming Yuletide Greeting to one and all from the Dove Jazz Club Organisation and the Dove Holes Community Association. We trust that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and that tonight's concert by The Harlem Hot Stompers will add to your seasonal joy. Our last concert in November, with Ged Hone's really outstanding Chosen New Orleans Men blowing their socks off, was a revelation to say the least. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many people filling the Community Hall. What a pleasure it was to have to use chairs that hadn't seen a bum for many a year! Let us dare to hope that this was a forerunner of things to come. Anyway moving on, here's a useful tip 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?

Throughout 2009 we have tried to present a quality succession of varied bands that we hope have not been too far distant from our basic New Orleans roots. This policy will continue throughout 2010 and to this end, to guide you to some of the best jazz available in 2010, as in previous years Barry has beavered away to produce a "What's on Booklet." This publication consists of a full "Jazz Fixture List" that gives the provisional programme at "The" Jazz Club for the forthcoming year. Don't leave our venue tonight without your copy of this highly prized document that will become a highly prized collectors item in years to come. And by all means take one along for any interested friends or relatives that you might have lurking in the background. Free copies of this meritorious publication will be available at tonight's gathering alongside the World Famous Free Mince Pies. In addition Brave Butcher Burnham's much in demand Christmas Pork pies, with the hint of reindeer meat, will also be on sale for your delectation. Don't forget that consumption of these fortifying pies will enable you to broaden out a little to fit our rather large polo shirts. Not to forget also that details will soon be available of our July Festival, one which sees some changes to our usual, and some people would say predictable, line up. One thing that we can be certain of though is that the July Annual Gathering will more than live up to the extremely high standards expected at any of our events.

And so to tonight's music. 2009 marks the third consecutive appearance in our all important Christmas

Party of the highly popular, Manchester based, seven piece band who have been entertaining jazz audiences since 1969 - the one and only Harlem Hot Stompers - a successful span of some forty years in the business, surely an achievement that not many bands playing any style of music can boast! I'm sure that you would all want to join me in congratulating them on reaching this milestone. In its formative years the band restricted itself to appearances at the North West Jazz Clubs. In recent times however the band has travelled up and down the land to feature at many of the major Festivals and Weekend Breaks. A feat that can be more easily achieved now that more of the band members have managed to obtain their ticket to escape from regular employment.

They follow a musical policy that is inspired by the classic compositions of Jelly Roll Morton, Sidney Bechet, Clarence Williams, Duke Ellington, and of course King Oliver and the one and only Louis Armstrong. They have a most impressive line up that will include the ever enthusiastic Romiley based **Bill Smith** on **cornet, harmonica and vocals**. Bill enjoyed a long and distinguished career on the Manchester Jazz scene before he joined the men of Harlem in 2003. **John Ronan**, an Urmston resident of no little renown, fills the **trombone** chair, a position that he has held since 1982 after an 8 year career break from his hot stomping friends. New Mills based **Tony Foulkes**, the Leader, was a founder member of the band and will be demonstrating his able skills on the **Clarinet, and Soprano and Alto Saxophones**. A strong rhythm section is driven along by the ever youthful **Dave Berry** on **percussion** who plays alongside the rock steady **Dave Parr** with his **string and brass basses**. It figures that **Jon Reade** will be tinkling the **ivorines** and that **Ian McCann** will be strumming his **banjo and guitar** to complete the line up. We are sure that you are in for yet another great night of those inspiring and haunting sounds from New Orleans.

You are cordially invited to muster on the 23rd January 2010 when Matt Palmer will lead his highly rated Millennium Eagle Band for a return visit to what Paul Adams, of Lake Records fame, refers to as the Colonies! Don't forget to visit our Web site. We thank you for your support in 2009 and wish you all a really happy and prosperous New Year RTM

Our next attraction - Saturday January 23rd. 2010
The Millennium Eagle Band
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