



Saturday, 20th. February, 2010

**Fantabulous Sheepwash Playboys plus Adrian Cox**

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

We are more than confident that tonight's band is so hot that it will burn up and destroy any unsavoury weather that might contemplate attempting to cross its path thereby making amends to those of you who were unable to sample the wonderful delights of the December and January wares due to inclement climate and worse.

Our records show that it is almost five years since tonight's intrepid musicians mounted the Dove Podium to give of their all. We are absolutely over the moon to be able to welcome back this regigged, reinvigorated and renamed band of top flight musicians whose only ambition is to entertain you from the tips of your toes to the last hair on your head. There won't be a toe that ain't tapped and a hair that ain't twitched in the Community hall tonight come 11-30pm. So let's us all join together to give Those Bennett Brothers and The Fantabulous Sheepwash Playboys, not forgetting their special guest Adrian Cox, a really genuine and gianormous Dove welcome back to the one and only "Centre of the Universe."

The band is lead and guided by one of the West Country's great jazz aficionados, I refer of course to that well known **banjo player**, singer of little known songs, wit, raconteur and general all round good egg, **Mike Cox**. Mike is complemented in the rhythm section by that versatile and accomplished **pianist**, **Mike Lunn**, who has recently relocated to the "Toe of England," and whose musical talents extended to playing banjo and the piano with the unforgettable and faithful friend of the Dove Jazz Scene, Mr Tommy Burton. That talented musician, he of the understated decorative shirt, **Mr. Andy Craddock**, will no doubt be demonstrating his considerable vocal talents as well as his incredible **slap bass** playing techniques as he drives the band along. **Baby Jools**, an outstanding young master of New Orleans **drumming**, who in recent months has shared the stage with Chris Barber's Band, completes the fine rhythm section.

**Richard Bennett's** exceedingly melodic **trumpet** playing leads what is, even for Dove Holes, an incredibly strong front line. His considerable talents have been recognised and put to good use by those in the know, in bands such as Richard Bennett's New Orleans Jazz Band, The Black Snake Band and The Spiceboys which features Richard's mother on piano. The RBNO Jazz Band actually recorded a reasonably successful C.D. for Lake records at Dove.

Richard's brother **Russell** began his jazz career playing a very sympathetic banjo, under the close guidance of that sadly missed and larger than life character, Mike Lewis aka Father Mike - Rev Pratt etc. - with Richard's New Orleans Band before moving on to the front line on **trombone**, an instrument not unfamiliar to their famous father, Martin. Over the past five years Russell has completed his transition from the rhythm section to a respected tailgate trombonist who is much in demand as a guest musician.

Joining the front line tonight as a star guest we are fortunate to have the unbelievable talents of one of Europe's leading **reeds** players, **Adrian Cox**. Adrian began clarinet lessons under the late (great) Jack Gilbert at the age of 12 following advice from his banjo-playing father, Graham. After a five year stint with Richard's band, which ended in 2004, Adrian joined T.J. Johnson with whom he still plays when session work and guest appearances permit. Recently Adrian has been playing with the '80s SKA Band, Bad Manners, as well as recording with Paloma Faith for Radio 1.

With tonight's line up we can be certain of an enjoyable evening of thrilling New Orleans music and you never know, you might enjoy the odd pork pie. Don't forget our next Concert on Saturday the 20th of March when the Wabash Jazzmen will be appearing for your delectation. Thanks for your continued support of your Jazz Club - where only the best is good enough !!

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**Our next attraction - Saturday March 20th. 2010**

**The Wabash Jazzmen**

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