



This Saturday, February 14th. 2009  
**The Savannah Jazz Band**

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

You will be more than pleased to know, if not extremely excited, that our Festival Flyers are now available for your annual extravaganza at the beginning of July - a time when jazzers, like returning swallows from all over the globe, gather in our little hamlet to enjoy and pay homage to those enchanting, nostalgic sounds that had their beginnings in the Crescent City. Most of you should have received your details in the post but it is possible that you may know of someone who may be interested in attending? If this is the case, please take them a Flyer, along with a copy of our 2009 programme and tell them what an outstanding Ram-Sam it is! You could even be forgiven for gilding the lily a little when executing this spot of salesmanship!

We suppose that due to Crunching Credit, or whatever you want to call it, it may be that we could just lose one or two of our previous loyal Sponsors in 2009. As a result of this factor it would be a tremendous bonus if you knew of any potential Sponsors who might be prepared to throw in £50 or whatever towards the cost of a barrel of real ale. It costs around £9,000 to stage the Festival and a not inconsiderable part of these monies have to be laid out before the event. It follows, therefore, that the early ordering of, and payment for, your tickets is of considerable help to your Club as well removing some of the bother factor for the organisers!

And so to our small efforts to keep the New Orleans music flag flying, in spite of the doom and gloom all around us. Our band tonight can rightly claim to richly deserve the headline "Back by Popular Demand." For the Savannah Jazz Band, without a shadow of doubt, would be in the top five of any poll, straw or otherwise, for the most popular ensemble amongst traditional style jazz enthusiasts. It becomes increasingly difficult to find something new to say about this collection of "World Renowned" gentlemen as the years go by. In fact those of you who faithfully collect and

treasure these editions of the Bugle, a not inconsiderable number I may add, will have realised this long ago!

It is always a pleasure to welcome back old friends to the Dove podium and The Savannah certainly fit that category. They were formed way back in 1978 by the late Terry Mellor, just after Omo had stopped giving gifts away with their soap powder, Murray Mints were too good to hurry mints and you were never alone with a Strand! You will of course all know by now that Savannah play a solid, driving New Orleans style of jazz that is much appreciated by audiences the length and breadth of Europe.

The gentlemen of the orchestra tonight will include, in the rhythm section, **Louis Lince**, on **banjo**, **Tony Pollitt** on **string bass** and that "Golden Oldie" beloved of the "Blue Rinse Brigade" **Mr John Meehan** in the **drum chair**. A melodious front line will consist of **Rod Chambers** on **clarinet and alto sax**, **Brian (Sam) Ellis** on **trombone** and the adaptable and amazing **Mr Bill Smith** on **trumpet, vocals and his beloved harmonica**. Can it get any better than this?

Please don't forget our next Spectacular on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March when Brian Carrick will be bringing along his much in demand Algiers Stompers for a visit that has been a long time in happening. One thing we can be certain of is that the music on that night will be in the truly classic New Orleans vogue. I would recommend that you visit our five star Web at [www.dovejazzclub.co.uk](http://www.dovejazzclub.co.uk) for all the latest news and a recent addition of over fifty photographs of the 2008 Festival.

Regrettably I will not be with you this evening (unavoidably called away to enjoy the odd pint of Brains in Cardiff!), but needless to say I leave you in safe and capable hands. Have a great night and normal service will be resumed in March when I trust that you will all be able to muster once more for Brian Carrick. RTM

**Our next gig - Saturday March 21st. 2009**

**Brian Carrick's Algiers Stompers**

**Please note - our new Web address is [www.dovejazzclub.co.uk](http://www.dovejazzclub.co.uk)**