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Under New Editorship

Rob has edited the twice yearly Newsletter since its inception and has decided to pass the baton. Thanks to Rob for his efforts not only as Editor, but also as Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Doorman and Jazz Fan! Whilst there will be some changes in format, we will keep the most important bits – telling you about the health of the Club; the gigs we are promoting (and their prices), Membership and our very few rules!

Provisional Programme for 7th Season, 2011 - 2012

DATE	ARTIST	PROVISIONAL PRICES £	
		Members & Guests	Non-Members
11 th September 2011	Ray Butcher (trumpet) Quintet	7	9
9 th October 2011	Michael Garrick (keyboards) & Dominic Ashworth (guitar)	10	12
13 th November 2011	Greg Abate (alto / flute) with The Nick Hislam Trio	9	11
11 th December 2011	Carol Grimes (vocals) Quintet featuring Annie Whitehead (trombone)	13	15
8 th January 2012	Scott Hamilton (tenor) Quartet	15	17
12 th February 2012	Dr Len's St Valentine's Jazz Jam (no violin cases allowed!)	6	8
11 th March 2012	Art Themen (tenor) Quartet featuring John Critchinson (piano)	13	15
8 th April 2012	Neil Segrott (bass) Quintet	7	9
13 th May 2012	Nigel Price (guitar) Trio	12	14
10 th June 2012	Dorian Ford (keyboards) Trio	8	10

Season 2010 - 2011:

Fearing the worst at the start of the season, we are pleased to tell you things turned out better than expected. Membership remained about the same and attendances were generally good with two or three exceptions, resulting in the Club's financial situation improving slightly over the year. We seem to have got both our membership fee and gig prices about right and this is reflected in the provisional prices for the coming season.

Highlights included Scott Hamilton's sellout in January, (a gig to remember); Andra Sparks with Art Themen, the Alan Skidmore Quartet with Clarke Tracey and Steve Melling, the Dee / Coleman / Mullen gig (oh those quotes!), and the Mike Sole Trio.

Average gig attendance was 48, compared with 45 in 2009-2010, and overall attendance was up 8% on 2009-2010. Whilst local artists draw lower attendances than national names, the Club Committee believes it is important to continue supporting local and regional musicians, a policy reflected in the programme for the next Season.

Membership:

Membership has remained steady despite the increased subscription introduced last year. We are pleased to be able to keep subscription levels at the current £12 per annum. We would remind you that the 'sub' represents excellent value for money; a Member who brings a Guest to just three gigs will continue to recoup the cost of subscription through the Admission Price Discount Scheme. So please continue to support us and the music we all love.

And just as we want Members we also want Non-Members, for they are the potential future Members! So if you have friends who are jazz enthusiasts, please bring them along.

Non-Members are *always* welcome and needed at Harborough Jazz.

Advance Booking System:

We expect ticket demand to be high, especially on those occasions when national and international stars are playing. We would remind members to use the Advance Booking System, which gives Members priority up until **one week before each gig**, after which bookings will be accepted from Non-Members.

A Great Season Ahead:

With leading US stars Abate and Hamilton; British performers of the quality of Garrick and Ashworth; Grimes and Whitehead; Themen and Price, and the best of local talent, this Season promises to be one of our best.

But there may well be people you would like to hear. We would be pleased to hear suggestions and comments from you, PLEASE!

STOP PRESS:

We have just heard that there will not be any road closures in the centre of Market Harborough this September for Arts Fresco. This means that you will all be able to drive to The Angel and park in the centre of town as normal.

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