



# HARBOROUGH JAZZ - 10<sup>th</sup> YEAR!

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### THE 2013 - 2014 PAST SEASON REVIEW

The 2013-14 season was a great success musically. Financially, the club is currently in a healthy state, with an unprecedented four full houses helping to restore funds after an almost disastrous start to the season. If you missed local man Chris Conway, as well as Steve Waterman and US star Greg Abate, then you missed three great gigs in September, October and November. Vocalist Andra Sparks, along with partner Nick Weldon on bass, gave us a great session with saxophonist Art Themen, pianist Nicki Iles and new trumpet star Laura Jurd in support. The *Great Wee Band* made the New Year a happy event, with guitarist Jim Mullen playing really well and trumpeter Henry Lowther making his first appearance in Harborough. Another full house in February welcomed tenor saxophonist Josh Kemp playing for us as part of his first UK tour. March gave us another standout gig with Art Themen and Don Weller out front – great to see the latter in such fine form. Adrian Litvinov's *Interplay* played some interesting music in April, whilst May's visit by Clark Tracey's new quintet gave us the chance to hear some excellent young musicians - and brought another nearly full house. The season ended with some good sounds from Dr Len's happy band of local jazzmen. Attendance was up on average compared with previous years, whilst membership remained steady. Our membership has been remarkably faithful over the years, and members continue to be highly appreciative of our efforts to provide a high quality programme. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at each gig, together with friends and relatives, as well as extra non-members who are always welcome. In particular we would like to see some younger people coming into the club; new blood is always welcome!

### THE 2014 - 2015 COMING 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON

For the 2014-2015 season, our financial health has allowed the club to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the club in style, whilst keeping entry prices and membership fees at the same levels as the last THREE years. We start the season with a return from Boston based tenor saxophonist Benny Sharoni, who wowed members with his session alongside Nick Hislam's trio two seasons ago. After trying to secure her services for two years, at long last trombonist Annie Whitehead makes it to Harborough Jazz in October. November brings the "Standard Miles" gig, which sees Simon Spillett, Henry Lowther, John Critchinson, Dave Green and Trevor Tomkins making a welcome return to Harborough in a tribute to the 50s Miles Davis Quintet. December brings one of Britain's best modern jazz groups, *Neon*, featuring tenor man Stan Sulzman alongside vibes man Jim Hart. We can't quite believe that we have managed to bring vocalist Tina May to Harborough Jazz, but she will be with us in January. February sees the return by popular request (at least five of the small audience who heard him at Harborough two years ago demanded another visit) of the Wes Montgomery influenced guitarist, Nigel Price, who along with his usual group brings with him rising tenor star Vasilis Xenopoulos. March sees a return visit after seven years by the vibes player Roger Beaujolais, and April brings in two local bands – *Sus4* and *Free Rangers*. May gives us a return visit of the ever popular Alan Barnes, with his usual quartet .... and we hope with a special guest! The season closes with Dr Len Holden's annual jazz jam featuring some of the best of our local musicians.

## 2014-2015 PROGRAMME

Date	Band	Provisional Admission Prices	
		Members & Guests	Non-Members
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	BENNY SHARONI with the NICK HISLAM TRIO	£13	£15
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	ANNIE WHITEHEAD QUARTET	£12	£14
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	SIMON SPILLETT QUINTET plays "Standard Miles"	£13	£15
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	"NEON" STAN SULZMAN & JIM HART	£13	£15
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	TINA MAY And Her Trio	£13	£15
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	NIGEL PRICE TRIO with VISILIS XENOPOULOS	£12	£14
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	ROGER BEAUJOLAIS QUARTET	£12	£14
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	"SUS 4" "FREE RANGERS"	£8	£10
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	ALAN BARNES QUARTET (& Guest ?????)	£13	£15
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	DR LEN'S End of Season JAZZ JAM	£6	£8

### ADVANCE WARNING – SEPTEMBER GIG – Journey Early Start / Extra Time

The gig on September 14<sup>th</sup> coincides with the Market Harborough Arts Fresco event, when the roads in the centre of the town will be closed from about 11.30/noon onwards. If coming by car, you should start your journey earlier and be ready to make deviations (unsignposted) in and around the centre of the town in order to get to the car parks.

It is really unfortunate that this is the only date that we could book for Benny Sharoni, but it will be well worth making the extra effort to get to this gig.

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