



HARBOROUGH JAZZ

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New Venue - Harborough Jazz at 'The Angel'

The success of the Membership Scheme, together with the support given by our audiences last season and sponsorship from various sources, has put Harborough Jazz on a secure financial footing for the coming season. This has given us the confidence to be more adventurous by booking artistes of national and international stature for 2006/07. However, artistes of this stature cost significantly more, and we need to be able to accommodate a larger audience to recover the higher costs. Unfortunately, as most of you already know, after the gig in January 2006 the maximum audience in the Harborough Theatre bar lounge was restricted to 60, rather than the 70 that we had anticipated originally. After some heart searching we felt that we had no alternative but to look for another venue where we can regularly accommodate a larger audience for the artistes that we have now booked.

We have therefore decided to relocate to The Angel Hotel on the High Street for Season 2006/07. The first concert at our new venue will be on September 10th.

Concerts will be held in a downstairs room that has its own entrance from the High Street, its own bar area and will accommodate approximately 80.

There will be the opportunity to have refreshments at the mid-gig break, but these must be ordered before 1.00pm. Lunch reservations may be made until 3.00pm.

Provisional Programme for Next Season - 2006/07

Date	Artiste	Provisional Ticket Prices £	
		M&G	NM
10 th September 06	Dr Len's New Season Jazz Jam	5	6
8 th October 06	Mike Carr Quartet	10	12
12 th November 06	Nick Hislam Quartet With Jo Arthur	5	6
10 th December 06	Dave Cliff & Geoff Simkins	8	10
14 th January 07	Dr Len's New Year Jazz Jam	5	6
11 th February 07	Katya Goré And Her Trio	6	8
11 th March 07	Ray Butcher Quartet	6	8
8 th April 07	Gina Harkell With Tim Lamphorn	5	6
13 th May 07	Roger Beaujolais And His Trio	8	10
10 th June 07	Bobby Wellins Quartet	10	12

Membership

By the end of the season 2005/06, 72 people had signed up for Membership of Harborough Jazz. We are very pleased that from a standing start in September last year we have been able to attract so many to become Members.

Now please help us to increase the Membership during next season 2006/07. Tell others about Harborough Jazz and bring them along as your Guest.

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals will begin to fall due from the end of September 2006 onwards. We hope that all of you will choose to renew.

We cannot say this too often; without the Membership Subscriptions, Harborough Jazz cannot exist. Please help us to keep modern jazz live in Market Harborough.

Audience Numbers Season 2005/06

We have now put on a full season of 10 gigs since Harborough Jazz reopened in September 2005. The attendance figures have been as shown in the table below.

Date	Band	Audience Numbers		
		M&G	N	Total
25 th September 05	Dr Len's Jazz Jam	21	20	41
9 th October 05	Mike Branney Trio and Mellow Harmony	34	05	39
13 th November 05	Andra Sparks Quartet with Nick Weldon	35	36	71
11 th December 05	Mulligan Stew	23	20	43
8 th January 06	Dr Len's New Year Jazz Jam	33	32	65
12 th February 06	Julie Edwards & Kevin Dearden	21	29	50
12 th March 06	The Mike Sole & Pete Harratt Quartet	32	12	44
9 th April 06	Alan Barnes	39	43	82
14 th May 06	Ian Hill Quartet with Denise Gordon	31	07	38
11 th June 06	Mike Branney Trio and Mellow Harmony	23	07	30
TOTALS		292	211	503

Note: M&G = Members and Members Guests; N = Non-members

The average size of the audience has been 50. The attendances for both the Andra Sparks and Alan Barnes gigs were much higher than average. This is because Andra brought many of her fans with her, and Alan always attracts a large following. We were able to book the Theatre auditorium for Alan's gig, and the size of the audience justified this decision. On average Members and Guests make up 60% and Non-Members 40% of the audience. You can see that we are still dependent on the presence of Non-Members to get a good attendance.

Membership Benefits Change

At the Alan Barnes gig we needed to be sure of a large audience to make it financially viable to cover both Alan's fees and the increased cost of hire for the Theatre auditorium. We thus found it impossible to tell Non-Members that they could not buy a ticket until 12.15pm. As we have now booked similar more expensive artistes for next season, we need to ensure that we will have as large an audience as possible at those concerts also. We have therefore decided to rescind the Membership Benefit whereby only Members could buy a ticket on the door from midday until 12.15pm. Non-Members will now be able to buy tickets on the door as soon as they open at midday.

Note that the Advance Ticket Purchase Scheme by Post for Members will stay in place. Members are strongly advised to use this Scheme for Season 2006/07.

Sponsors

For Season 2006/07 Harborough Jazz will be sponsored by:



Duncan Murray Wines



The Angel Hotel



Quinns Bookshop

Our sponsors will provide our raffle prizes: Duncan Murray (also a personal Member of Harborough Jazz) will supply the bottles of wine; The Angel Hotel will give us a voucher for Sunday Lunch for two people; Quinns Bookshop will donate a gift token. We are grateful to our sponsors for their support, and we ask you to support them.

We are always looking for additional local sponsors, particularly for individual concerts.