



HARBOROUGH JAZZ - 5th YEAR!

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Harborough Jazz Presents
“JAZZ ON A SUMMER’S DAY” ... YET AGAIN!
Live @ Lamport Hall Gardens
An Open Air Concert - Sunday 27th June 2010

The Programme

Set	Time (approx)	Band
1 st	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Robert Smyth School Big Band
2 nd	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Harborough Jazz Combo
3 rd	4.30pm - 5.15pm	Vic Ash / Simon Spillett Quintet
4 th	5.30pm - 6.15pm	Vic Ash / Simon Spillett Quintet

The **Robert Smyth School Big Band** is from Market Harborough. Its members are led by the musical director, Helle Petersen, who is a big band and swing music enthusiast. The RSSBB has been Winners and Finalists at many competitions in the UK during the period 2006-09. It has toured widely abroad, and is appearing at JOASD immediately prior to departure to represent the UK at the International Society for Music Education 29th World Conference in Beijing.

The **Harborough Jazz Combo** is a group of local musicians who often appear at the regular Harborough Jazz Sunday gigs. They will be led by our very own Dr Len Holden.

The **Vic Ash / Simon Spillett Quintet** comprises **Vic Ash** (clarinet, tenor sax) **Simon Spillett** (tenor sax) **John Critchinson** (keyboards) **Alec Dankworth** (bass) and **Martin Drew** (drums).

Vic is a long standing member of the British jazz scene. He has led his own quintet, played with John Dankworth, been a veteran of the BBC Big Band, and toured both in Europe and the USA. **Simon** won a BBC Jazz Award as ‘Rising Star’ in 2007, and Jazz Journal’s ‘Record Of The Year’ in 2008. As a teenager, he took lessons from Vic. He is a regular member of Ronnie Scott’s Jazz Orchestra, and has played with John Dankworth, Alan Barnes, Tony Coe and Peter King. **John** joined Simon in 2005. He had been a regular member of the Ronnie Scott Quintet from the late 70’s until the demise of the band in 1995, when he formed a band with Art Themen and Dave Green. He has also played with Chet Baker, James Moody, Joe Henderson and Johnny Griffin. **Alec**, son of the late John Dankworth, is one of Britain’s leading bass players. From 1998-2001 he was a member of the Dave Brubeck Quartet. He has played with the US stars Mose Allison, Johnny Griffin, Marian McPartland and Clark Terry, and with British musicians Stan Tracey, Courtney Pine and Tommy Smith. He has appeared before at HJ gigs. **Martin** has been playing for more than 50 years. He played with Ronnie Scott for 20 years, was a member of the Oscar Peterson Trio, and has played with the A to Z of jazz stars. Without doubt Britain’s leading jazz drummer he now co-leads the New Couriers, paying tribute to the music of the likes of Tubby Hayes, Ronnie Scott and Clark Terry. He has appeared before at HJ gigs.

Ticket Prices

In advance:	Adults (M, G, NM) - £18	Children age 5-16 - £9
On the day:	Adults (M, G, NM) - £20	Children age 5-16 - £10

Conditions will apply.

Tickets are on sale now and may be bought from either Harborough Jazz, see page 2 for details, or alternatively Lamport Hall - telephone 01604-686272.

Other Information

If it rains, there is a marquee available for those who have bought the first two hundred tickets.

Gates to the car park will **open** at **12.00 noon**.

The music **starts** at **1.30pm** and **ends** at approximately **6.15pm**

You will need to bring your own picnic.

We intend to have a van selling tea, coffee and possibly light refreshments.

Please support us in this venture; bring your friends and **BUY LOTS AND LOTS OF TICKETS!**
(Your editor is shouting!)

Programme for Remainder of the 5th Season - 2009/10

<u>Date</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Provisional Ticket Prices £</u>	
		<u>M&G</u>	<u>N</u>
14 th February 10	Jim Hart Quartet Vibraphonist who can play both cool and hot!	9	11
14 th March 10	The Dave Graham Quartet A tenor saxophonist leads this group	8	10
11 th April 10	Colin Oxley Trio/Quartet A marvellous guitarist leads	10	12
9 th May 10	Esther Miller And Her Band Fabulous vocalist with accompanying band	11	13
13 th June 10	Adrian Litvinoff With Interplay Coventry band with tenor saxophone and trombone	6	8
27 th June 10	"JAZZ ON A SUMMER'S DAY" ... YET AGAIN!	18/20	18/20

Increased Publicity

If anyone has any really good ideas, please tell us. See **Size Matters** below. In particular we need to attract more people to JOASD than last year!

Size Matters – We Need More Bums On Seats!

You will see from the figures below that there has been a 25% decline in our audience numbers. We do not know why, as it is very rare for anyone to contact us to tell us what we are doing right, or wrong. What we do know is that many people have enjoyed some excellent gigs so far this Season. However, the fact remains that we need to get an average audience of about 60 throughout the season to make the effort worth while, and to be viable.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE GIGS, AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS WITH YOU.

WE NEED MORE BUMS ON SEATS! (Yes, shouting again!)

Audience Numbers - 2009/10 Season First Half

The attendance figures have been as shown in the table below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Audience Numbers</u>			
		<u>M</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Total</u>
13 th September 09	Tony Harper Quintet	20	12	3	35
11 th October 09	Laura Zakian	20	12	11	43
8 th November 09	Adam Glasser Quartet	24	15	15	54
13 th December 09	Ted Della Quartet	25	14	17	56
10 th January 10	Dr Len's New Year Jazz Jam	18	13	6	37
TOTALS		107	66	52	225

Note: M = Members

G = Members Guests

N = Non-Members

The figures given throughout are as compared with the first half of last season.

The total audience is **down** to 225 from 294. The average audience is **down** to 45 from 59.

This is a **decrease** of 25%.

The number of Non-Members attending has been 52 as against 56.

Encourage your friends and other jazz enthusiasts to come along. See **Size Matters** above.

PS: We are sorry that this Newsletter is about a month later than usual, but booking the bands for JOASD has only just been completed.

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