



HARBOROUGH JAZZ - 5th YEAR!

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Harborough Jazz Celebrates

This will be the Fifth Season for Harborough Jazz in its current format since the restart in 2005. At the time of the restart, little did your Committee think that HJ would survive to the end of the First Season, let alone get to the Fifth. We thank all of our Members who continue to support us, and particularly those who have been with HJ right from the very start. Without the support of the Members, Harborough Jazz would not have survived. Thank you all. Please continue to support HJ in the future; we need you.

Harborough Jazz at 'The Angel'

In view of the ongoing success of Harborough Jazz at 'The Angel', we intend to stay for Season 2009/10, and have again booked the SECOND SUNDAY in each month accordingly

Provisional Programme for 5th Season - 2009/10

<u>Date</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Provisional Ticket Prices £</u>	
		<u>M&G</u>	<u>N</u>
13 th September 09	The Tony Harper Quartet A Member of HJ leads on baritone saxophone	6	8
11 th October 09	Laura Zakian And Her Quartet Vocalist with a wonderful accompanying band	10	12
8 th November 09	Adam Glasser Quartet A top European harmonica player on UK tour	9	11
13 th December 09	Teddy Della Quartet Pianist at National Theatre & Pizza Express	7	9
10 th January 10	Dr Len's New Year Jazz Jam As always, featuring your favourite local players	5	7
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!	tba	tba

JUNE 2010 – JAZZ ON A SUMMER'S DAY YET AGAIN!

Although JOASD ... A 2009 was a great musical success, it was not a financial success, as you will discover from the report that follows. However, we do intend to repeat it at the end of this Season. The date will be Sunday 27th June. Please reserve this date in your diary now. We will let you know more in the next Newsletter by when we will have finalised the bookings and the ticket prices. There will be some changes to the format, band playing times and the finish time as a result of what we have learnt in 2009.

Jazz On A Summer's Day Again (aka The Big Gig ... Again)

This year the weather was initially set fair and we had a brand new framed marquee, erected by courtesy of Lamport Hall. This marquee was a big improvement over the one we had last year, and the weather was so pleasant that we were able to open two sides. When the sun eventually disappeared and the rain came, fortunately it coincided with a change of bands. Everyone then scuttled into the shelter of the marquee, where we cosily enjoyed the last concert of the day. All of the bands played very well, as a result of which we heard some really great music. However, although 25 Members of HJ bought 90 tickets for themselves, friends and acquaintances, the audience was down to 143 from 201 last year. As a result, HJ made a loss of about £400. The day was thus an outstanding musical success, but it was not a financial success. In spite of this, we have the encouragement of Lamport Hall Preservation Trust to continue. The event will be repeated, with changes, next year. We have had ongoing support and help from the staff at Lamport Hall, and we thank all of them for that.

Membership Subscription To Rise?

Amongst other things, the costs of administering HJ increased substantially last season. Additionally, in spite of our best efforts, the number of Members has remained static. It may thus be necessary to raise the Membership Subscription from £10 to £12. If we have to do this, it will still be excellent value for money, and we ask you to continue to support us.

Increased Publicity

If anyone has any really good ideas, particularly for JOASD ... YA, please tell us!

Audience Numbers - 2008/09 Season

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

Date	Band	Audience Numbers			
		M	G	N	Total
14 th September 08	Dr Len's New Season Jazz Jam	19	13	8	40
12 th October 08	Jim Mullen Trio	28	18	17	63
9 th November 08	Brian Dee Trio with Bill Coleman	29	16	17	62
14 th December 08	Peter King Quartet	37	30	5	72
11 th January 09	Osian Roberts/Steve Fishwick Quintet	30	18	9	57
8 th February 09	Trudy Kerr & Her Trio	27	19	24	70
8 th March 09	The Graham Dent/Ian Hill Band	34	21	5	60
12 th April 09	Hannah Northedge Quintet	17	12	16	45
10 th May 09	Martin Drew's Jazz Couriers	29	19	6	54
14 th June 09	The Graham / Bunny Quintet	23	15	8	46
TOTALS		273	181	115	569

Note: M = Members

G = Members Guests

N = Non-Members

The figures given throughout are as compared with last season.

The total audience is **up** to 569 at 10 gigs from 457 at 9 gigs. The average size of the audience is **up** to 59 from 51. This is an **increase** of 16%.

The average audience comprises Members 48% (46%), Guests 32% (31%), M&G thus 80% (77%), and Non-Members 20% (23%). (Figures for last season are in brackets.)

The number of Non-Members attending has been 115 at 10 gigs as against 104 at 9 gigs.

Please encourage your friends and other jazz enthusiasts to come along. Harborough Jazz is not exclusive and is open to all. **Non-Members are always welcome.**

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