



Saturday, February 22nd. 2020
The Tenement Jazz Band

- it's the font of all knowledge - some would say !

Towards the end of last month our joyous and eagerly anticipated evening of Early New Orleans Dance Hall Music delivered by the Frog and Henry Band as part of their fairly extensive early New Year British Tour certainly did not disappoint the vast majority of our reasonably sized audience. Sadly, however, another twenty occupied chairs would have made all the difference to the ambience inside the Hall not to mention the financial viability. There have been many favourable observations from those who were able to catch a glimpse of this truly International band. These amazingly talented musicians certainly used all of their vast resources to ensure that no one left our Hall at the end of an evening in their company with nothing less than a bright glow in their inner soul. I think that we are able to safely predict that they will be gracing the Dove Podium in 2021 in one of their formations or another.

Tonight's entertainment is provided by the Tenement Jazz Band from Edinburgh, a band that was only formed early in 2018. They consider themselves a Traditional Jazz Band comprising musicians brought together from various corners of the City's vibrant jazz scene by their shared and obvious love of New Orleans music. They are on a journey of exploration back to the roots of this music that they feel a great need to play, aiming to capture its raw energy along with the excitement of the earliest jazz recordings. They all keep an endless look out for lesser heard songs that they are able to resuscitate by imposing their own individuality on the numbers, the vast majority of which were originally composed before 1930. The successful modern-day resurgence of early jazz on the streets of New Orleans fuelled by the strong busking culture existing there gives them tremendous inspiration and encourages them to try and get their message across to uninitiated ears and jazz aficionados alike.

They are marked as outstanding purveyors of

ensemble jazz playing coupled with a joyful group spirit that sets them aside from the vast majority on their modern day counterparts. It has been said that they bring a freshness, passion and youthful energy to New Orleans style traditional jazz whilst managing to stay true to its original style. In the line-up tonight will be **Trumpeter Chuck Dearness** who is an outstandingly strong soloist with a quickly growing band of supporters. **Patrick 'Paddy' Darley** on **trombone** is noted for being the adorably awkward elected historian of the band educating all of their audiences on who did what and when between every song that they play. Completing the front line we have the competent **reeds player Steve Feast**. In a two man power house of a rhythm section we will have **Doug Kemp** on his **string double bass** and **John Youngs** on **guitar/banjo**.

Once again this Saturday we will have CD's and memorabilia to sell off to raise funds for Blythe House, a most worthy of charitable causes. Your taste buds are invited to enjoy the tender succulence of a morsel or two of a select Butcher Burnham's Pork Pie to consume in the Hall or in the comfortable and cosy cloisters of your own home. Raffle tickets will as always be on sale for a magnificent array of wonderful prizes and needless to say there will also be a fulsome barrel of delicious real ale for you to enjoy at your leisure. In addition **our new furniture has now arrived** so tonight's audience will be early birds in the pecking order to savour music whilst relaxing in the comfort of the bright, cheerful and deeply luxurious upholstery which creates yet a further dimension in the ongoing evolution of the facilities of our much valued Village Hall.

Our next Concert will be on Saturday the 14th. March when the crowd pleasing Jazzaholics will be making a most welcome return under the baton of Joules. We trust that as many of you as possible will be able to join us to be royally entertained by this popular and most likeable of bands. RTM

Our next attraction - March 14th. 2020

The Jazzaholics

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