



Saturday, January 25th. 2020
The Frog and Henry String and Brass Band playing
Really Old Dance Music from New Orleans

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

Our Christmas Extravaganza on the 28th December, saw Manchester Jazz making their first appearance at Dove, with a Concert that was greatly enjoyed by all those present. A few more in the audience would have been appreciated in the lovingly bedecked Hall that was graced by two thoughtfully decorated and illuminated Christmas Trees. The exceedingly well supported raffle distributed fourteen desirable prizes amongst an appreciative audience who also made grateful noises of support for the various free seasonally flavoured tasty hot sausage rolls and mince pies that were efficiently distributed amongst them. The seven piece line up of Manchester Jazz gave a most competent performance from a well thought out and varied play list and we are pleased that they will be gracing our stage again for the 2020 Christmas Concert.

Following on from the sad death of our much loved supporter Tony O'Neil in October, December saw the loss of a further three people closely associated with your Club. The Buxworth based husband and wife team of Bill and Beryl Gooch were always proud of their association with Dove Jazz Club and derived great pleasure from attending our Concerts. Part of their vast collection of Jazz CD's and memorabilia has been entrusted to the Club to sell off to raise funds for Blythe House Hospice. You will have the chance to lend your support to this worthy cause tonight. The much respected musician and 'good all round egg' trombonist, Paul Munnery departed the stage on Boxing Day. Paul had played at the Centre of the Universe, with few exceptions, every year since 1992 I believe, always agreeing to share his magic with us before any mention of a Fee. The tune 'Over in the Glory Land' was played by Manchester Jazz as a tribute to these most worthy of people.

Tonight's show sees a return visit for the Frog and Henry Band following a hugely popular performance at Dove last February as part of a virtual sell out tour of Great Britain. The phrase 'string and brass band' is borrowed from descriptions of the earliest

dance and jazz groupings. In that tradition they feature a melody section comprising a violin and a mandolin banjo along with a clarinet and baritone saxophone. They have also designed and constructed a foot-operated tuba that allows one person to play tuba and six string banjo simultaneously. They have every confidence that their dedicated research has enabled them to produce a sound that is as close to that of the earliest New Orleans jazz and dance bands as is humanly possible, included in their repertoire being songs from the dawn of recorded music in the form of early dance tunes, and those too from even earlier 19th century sheet music.

Their distinguished line up tonight will include the gifted **Ewan Bleach** from London on **Reeds and vocals** who is joined on the front line by the Berlin resident **Laurin Habert**, yet another fine young **reeds** player. The multi-talented **David Neigh** with **his eighth wonder of the world, a foot operated Tuba** played at the same time as his **banjo** is one of two of tonight's musicians who reside in part in Toronto as does **F H Henry** who also resides for part of the year in the Crescent City. He will entertain us with his **vocals and guitar**. Not least they are joined too on **violin** by Tennessee blue grass country native **Mr. Coleman Akin**.

Tonight you will of course be able to purchase a new recipe for the decade sumptuous Butcher Burnham's Pork Pie for consumption on or off the premises. Your much appreciated support of our randamonious raffle is respectfully requested. Of course to tease your taste buds there will also be in perfect condition a barrel of Bank's Sunbeam real ale with its pleasantly refreshing A B V of 4.2.

Saturday the 22nd February is the date of our next Jazz Concert which sees the first visit to Dove for the much lauded Tenement Jazz Band from Edinburgh. We trust that we shall have a sizeable body of people to support a new New Orleans style band from over the border. RTM

Our next attraction - February 22nd.2020
The Tenement Jazz

