

THE MARLOW JAZZ CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS JAN/FEB/MAR/APR 2018

AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HALL

MARLOW SL71NT (GO TO HOME PAGE FOR DIRECTIONS)



ALL GIGS AT 8.30 pm

TUESDAY JANUARY 2nd ALAN BARNES & KAREN SHARP TOGETHER !!



What an incredible way to kick off 2018, it's a "Poll Winner's Special" and an all too rare meeting between two of the biggest names in jazz today. Both have just been honoured in the 2017 British Jazz Awards – Alan as Number One on clarinet, and Karen as Number One on tenor sax. Alan will be featuring alto tenor and baritone saxes, plus clarinet, and Karen tenor and baritone. Probable that there will be at least one "baritone battle"! A bonus will be Alan's nice line in dry humour. The Frank Toms Trio will provide solid backing. Hopefully a full house if we are not knee deep in snow. Put this in your new 2018 diary. £10 at the door, but as is usual now, the best seats/tables can be reserved if you phone or email.



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6th THE REBELLION BIG BAND

A welcome return for this excellent and immaculately rehearsed 17 piece outfit with many star names in the line-up. Although the band have local origins (Marlow's own Brewery provided inspiration for their name) the musicians come from a wide area. They play a mixture of classics from the Swing Era plus some interesting later charts, and are working on a new programme to bring you in February. A star vocalist is to be confirmed. Previous visits have been well attended, so seat/table reservations welcomed. Admission £8. (A previous web-site advertised Willie Garnett's Band: they will come later in the year)



TUESDAY MARCH 6th GARY POTTER & HIS HOT CLUB

Often billed as Marlow Jazz Club's most popular attraction: the truly amazing Gary Potter, top guitarist in the Django tradition returns after a ten month absence along with the extrovert violin talents of Noreen Cullen from Riverdance; Nils Solberg providing brilliant second guitar and an occasional vocal, and the top bass player for this style of jazz – Andy Crowdy. Their last appearance is May 2017 was recorded and there are plans to issue a CD. Gary comes well over 200 miles to play for us, so we'll have to make this a £10 one!

TUES APRIL 3rd PORTRAIT OF THE MODERN JAZZ QUARTET

A change of personnel and a new name for the band that pays tribute to the unique and melodic sound of Milt Jackson and John Lewis' original MJQ. The equally superb vibes player Nat Steele has taken the reins from Jim Hart who has moved to France and he is joined by Gabriel Latchen, piano; Steve Brown, drums, (Britain's finest) and Dario Di Lecce bass. They will be on tour through April to celebrate their new CD (it is sensational) and Marlow Jazz Club are honoured to be an early date on their schedule. Should be good. £10.



Two of the Club's special favourites experienced health problems in 2017, namely Jim Mullen and Peter King, but they are both now firmly back in business, and we hope to see them down here sometime in 2018. But, on the subject of health, my own has been less than perfect in the last year, the main reason we have reduced to one gig per month, but the format for 2018 will be to have a regular monthly Tuesday date (is the first Tuesday in the month OK with you?) and a Sunday lunchtime event every few months or so. Probably two gigs in May as once again we have been asked to stage the jazz event in the annual Wycombe Arts Festival. Comments (or offers of help!) always very welcome. M

The Perch, the independent coffee shop at the bottom of Marlow High Street now hosts jazz evenings on the first Friday of each month, featuring Stuart Barker, Lucinda Fosker and extra guests. Doors open 7.30pm, admission £5. Licensed bar. Booking advised 01628 290505 The other good gig we always mention is Hedsor Social Club, near Bourne End, 8.30pm every Thursday, but you probably know by now the sad news that the mainstay for many years of jazz at Hedsor, trombonist Clive Burton, passed away recently. He will be much missed, but Geoff Cronin has lined up some top talent to continue for him. The BBO Berks Bucks & Oxon Big Band have their charity concerts 8.15pm at the Royal British Legion Hall. 17 top musicians + two vocalists, Last Thursday of the month through 2018 except August



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THIS IS OUR FIRST WEB-SITE OF 2018 SO MAY WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE PAST YEAR. TRY AND SUPPORT ALL OF THE ABOVE GIGS AND BRING SOME FRIENDS ALONG !

ENQUIRIES / SUGGESTIONS / RESERVATIONS WELCOMED: michael@jazzfans.co or 01628 486571