

# THE MARLOW JAZZ CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FROM APRIL 2019  
AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HALL

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February saw our first ever %steel pan+ gig with the superb Mark Cherrie Quartet

**TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL: 8.30pm ON TOUR: BENN CLATWORTHY'S QUARTET**

with John Donaldson on piano. Delighted to be a date on the tour of the extrovert tenor sax (and sometimes flute) star based in Los Angeles. Benn has been a special favourite at the Club for around 20 years, and we never know quite what to expect. Born in this country, grandson of the legendary Gertrude Lawrence, and taught by Ronnie Scott, he emigrated to the States at an early age, went to Berklee College Of Music, and is now a big star on the West Coast scene, rated as amongst the greatest in the world. The "bonus" is John Donaldson £10



**TUESDAY MAY 21<sup>st</sup>: "MA BESSIE" RETURNS FOR THE WYCOMBE ARTS FESTIVAL !**

We are very proud to be again staging the Jazz Event in this year's Wycombe Arts Festival and equally delighted to have booked a return visit from that quite incredible lady who knocked us out last December - **Julia Titus "Ma Bessie" & her 6 piece Blues Troupe**. A new selection of material, bringing the songs and blues of the legendary Bessie Smith into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The brilliant recording made last December will be available on CD. That gig created huge interest and sadly we had to disappoint some fans who we just could not accommodate. SO..you will need to reserve a seat and we are starting taking names now (but pay on the night). Phone or email. Sorry this one has to be £12 , and it's an 8pm start.



THE NEW CD: IT'S GREAT !!

**TUESDAY JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> DEREK NASH & ART THEMEN + THE FRANK TOMS TRIO 8.30pm**



Marlow Jazz Club is noted for setting up meetings with musicians who are rarely seen side by side and we have had, over the years, some spectacular sessions. Here comes a partnership that amazingly has never happened before – two quite sensational reed players, both well known to us. Derek is the multi instrumental leader of Sax Appeal and star soloist in the Jools Holland Rhythm & Blues Orchestra, usually arriving with (amongst many saxes) his priceless "Charlie Parker" Grafton acrylic alto, whilst "Doctor Jazz" Art, playing tenor and soprano has a truly original style. Expect dynamic music and good humour. £10



DOCTOR JAZZ

**TUESDAY JULY 16<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm THE LEGENDARY GUITARIST JIM MULLEN + A VOCAL SET FROM HIS WIFE – ZOË FRANCIS 8.30pm**

Always reckoned to be Europe's top jazz guitarist. Jim is touring to celebrate a new album featuring Ross Stanley, organ, and brilliant vocal star (his wife!) Zoë Francis. Jim has a favourite of ours over many decades with his unique "single thumb" technique but last year we met Zoë for the first time and were very impressed. (£10)



*Later in the year: The Rebellion Big Band; Vasilis Xenopolous & Quentin Collins playing tribute to Dexter Gordon; and from the USA, world famous Greg Abate (alto sax and flute).*

Ref our previous web page, we advised that The Royal British Legion has suggested we consider changing to Mondays, but (to the relief of many "regulars") this will not happen. Sticking to Tuesdays! However.....

*A personal note from Michael: My health is a bit "iffy" these days, one of the reasons we dropped down to monthly rather than fortnightly gigs. I am pleased to tell you that Simon Lenton is joining me to run the Club. Simon is experienced in promoting jazz and hopefully his involvement will enable us to revert to more regular events, maybe some even more ambitious bookings. You might meet him at the above gigs.*

The BBO Berks Bucks & Oxon Big Band play, supporting many local charities, at the Royal British Legion Hall on the last Thursday of most months 8.15pm - 17 fine musicians and 2 vocalists. We also mention jazz at the Hedsor Social Club next to the Bourne End Garden Centre every Thursday 8.30pm, talented resident quartet plus star guests. For listings of Home Counties gigs see: [www.londonjazznews.com](http://www.londonjazznews.com) or in the Reading area: [www.jazzinreading.com](http://www.jazzinreading.com)



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