

Ryedale Trad Jazz Fest, July 2018

Sun 22nd Spirituals Concert, 2.30 St Peter and St Pauls

Ryedale Jazz, is the resident band of the Ryedale Jazz Society, the organisers of this Festival. Regularly a six piece line-up they have now been together for 18 years. Their straightforward 'trad jazz' interpretation of a programme of spirituals, including some less well known ones, will once again start the festival week.

Mon 23rd Harlem Hot Stompers

Formed 1969 in Manchester, and inspired by the classic compositions of such as Morton, and Armstrong, the band performs regularly at jazz clubs in Lancashire and Yorkshire. Festivals include Keswick and Barmouth with jazz weekends in North Wales, the Isle of Man and Suffolk.

In addition to radio and TV appearances, the band has worked with many renowned jazz artists including Humphrey Lyttelton, Sammy Rimington and Keith Nichols.

Tues 24th New Orleans Heat

A powerful, exciting seven-piece band playing the old-style traditional New Orleans jazz. Their style follows the late, great Bunk Johnson, George Lewis and Kid Thomas bands. With a motto of "helping to keep the real jazz alive" they are very popular, playing Jazz Clubs, Concerts, Church Concerts, Festivals and Theatres throughout the UK and in Europe, including tours of Sweden at least twice a year since 1992. Check www.neworleansheat.co.uk

Wed 25th Jubilee Jazz Band

Formed by Dave Brennan in 1963 the band has had several personnel changes but has always stayed true to its New Orleans roots. It has played with many of its musical heroes, both American and British, and has toured most European countries including Russia. A measure of their popularity is that they are regularly invited back, eg to every one of the 28 Swanage festivals.

Thurs 26th Tame Valley Stompers

This band has appeared at numerous British jazz clubs since its formation in 1999. They have gained several jazz awards, featured in radio and tv spots, played at jazz festivals, and the musicians have appeared throughout Europe and beyond. According to a press review they are 'six talented musicians, producing a tight sound, 1st class jazz, they have a sense of fun, but never dilute the quality of their music'.

Fri 27th Tees Valley Jazzmen

Since 1970 the Jazzmen have been thrilling audiences with their own brand of swinging Dixieland jazz. They are regulars at leading British jazz clubs and festivals. Overseas tours include France, Germany, Sweden and the USA with two appearances at Sacramento, the largest traditional jazz festival in the world. Many world class jazz artists have worked with the band, including Roy Williams, Digby Fairweather, Peter Allen and Monty Sunshine.

Sat 28th Six-in-a-Bar

Mike Lovell formed his band from the North West's finest jazz musicians. They play tunes from the great composers of the 1920s and 30s, entertaining listeners with tunes they might not hear too often, along with age-old favourites. He says "as long as we see our audiences with smiling faces and tapping their feet, we are very happy". Much more band information on Fred Burnett's www.jazznorthwest.co.uk web site.