



HARBOROUGH JAZZ - 20th SEASON!

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THE PREVIOUS 19th 2024-2025 SEASON; SECOND HALF

The second half of the 2024-25 season again gave us some excellent visiting bands. In January, *Freight Train* was somewhat of a Marmite experience; some liked them, others were not so keen. February brought us drummer Matt Skelton with his tribute to Shelly Manne's Blackhawk Group. His band enjoyed playing at Harborough as much as we enjoyed their performance. March had the QOW trio, featuring veteran drummer, the Revd Spike Wells. They played some great music. In April, the quartet of young alto saxophonist Sam Braysher entertained us with some fine interpretations of Kurt Weil's music. May had the excellent Byron Wallen Quartet. In June, our 19th Season and 188th gig ended on a high note with the Rob Luft / Dave O'Higgins quartet who returned by popular demand.

THE COMING 20th 2025-2026 SEASON; FIRST HALF

Our 2025-26 season looks exciting. It starts on Sunday 14th September with *Five Way Split*, a hard bop quintet led by trumpeter Quentin Collins; so expect some hard swinging jazz. Sunday 12th October sees the return after several years of South African harmonica player Adam Glasser, together with guitarist Ant Law, another returnee, with their quartet. Then on Sunday November 9th we have the return of the ever popular *Soft Machine*, for which we can only advise people to 'Book Early.' Our December gig on Sunday the 14th brings a new 'golden voiced' singer to the club, Deelee Dube. She is a Ronnie Scott's regular who promises a mix of standards and original songs. Then our first half of the season ends on Sunday 11th January with the first appearance at Harborough of altoist Tony Kofi with the band The Organisation. This is a group which *Jazzwise* describes as "A killer band with real bite."

There is surely something for everybody here!

THE COMING 2025-26 SEASON; FIRST HALF

Date	Band	Admission Prices	
		Members & Guests	Non-Members
September 14 th	FIVE WAY SPLIT	£15	£17
October 12 th	The ADAM GLASSER / ANT LAW QUARTET	£15	£17
November 9 th	SOFT MACHINE	£15	£17
December 14 th	DEELEE DUBE	£15	£17
January 11 th	TONNY KOFI & THE ORGANISATION	£15	£17

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Whilst our 2024-25 season gave us some excellent jazz to hear, unfortunately the club has lost money on eight of its ten gigs. Though currently financially healthy, the club cannot consistently lose money on gigs. Whilst we appreciate that these are difficult times financially, over the past twelve months not only has the club had to deal with sharply rising band prices, but other costs have also increased. For several years now, the club has managed to keep entry prices at lower levels overall. However, as from the beginning of our 2025-26 season we will have to charge a common entrance fee of £15 for Members, with £17 for Non-Members, at all of our gigs.

HOW TO MAKE A MILLION POUNDS

The old Ronnie Scott joke still holds good:
"Start with two million pounds and run a jazz club!"

HARBOROUGH JAZZ MEMBERSHIP

You should note that we have retained the Membership Fee at £12. Members can still bring one Guest at the Member's price. If they do so, they recover the Membership Fee after just three gigs! Not only do Members have priority booking at the online seller, *TicketSource*, up to several weeks before each gig, but the club still absorbs the booking fee. So Membership is well worthwhile and continues to represent excellent value for money!

Please encourage as many as you can of your relatives, friends and acquaintances to come to our gigs and thus hopefully to become Members of Harbourough Jazz.

Contact the Membership Secretary, Rob de Borde Barker, on 01858-466737.

AN APOLOGY

Once again, the Newsletter editor, Rob, apologises for the late issue of this edition.

WANTED - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

We need a new Membership Secretary to replace Rob, who, after 20 Seasons, wants to retire at the end of this Season. He tried to get someone to take over before the end of last Season, but there were no volunteers forthcoming. If you only have the very least inclination in doing this work, please contact Rob on 01858-466737 for more information.

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