

New for 2018

Ace Drummin' man John Petters presents Traditional Jazz & Swing @ the ARC



St John's Arts Centre, St John's Walk, Market St, Old Harlow, CM17 0AJ

New times: Saturday 3pm - 5:30pm -Adm: £10

Saturday 27th January: Jackie Free's Chicagoans with John Petters. Six piece stomping Dixieland band. Trombonist, Jackie played with Louis Armstrong in the 1950s.

Saturday 24th February: Wild Bill & Bechet. A celebration of the famous 1940s Blue Note recordings which featured hot, Chicago cornetist, Wild Bill Davison, New Orleans soprano sax virtuoso, Sidney Bechet and blues piano star Art Hodes. This exciting show stars Duncan Batchelor (soprano) Allen Beechey (cornet), Martin Litton, (piano), Keith Donald, (bass) & John Petters (drums). Keith and John recorded and toured with Davison & Hodes in 1989, including a sell out concert at the Playhouse. Right photo shows John Petters & Wild Bill planning the set list in 1989.



Saturday 24th March: John Petters Swing Band with Pete Neighbour (USA), Julian Marc Stringle, Tim Huskisson, Jim Douglas, Keith Donald & John Petters. Hot music in the Benny Goodman / Gene Krupa style.



Saturday 28th April: Back to Back & Side by Side - A Tribute to Johnny Hodges & Duke Ellington starring John Wurr, Gary Wood, Tim Huskisson, Jim Douglas, Keith Donald and John Petters. In 1959 two classic albums were made with small groups from the Ellington Orchestra plus guests including the great Basie drummer, Jo Jones. The albums have become classics. Based mostly on the Blues, whether slow or up tempo, we premiered this show at Winchester recently to great acclaim.



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