



**Northern Jazz Promoter (NJP) ~
Tuesday 11th May 1.00pm
Zoom Meeting**

Present:

Steve Crocker: NJPNetwork Chair, JazzLeeds
Gill Wilde: Secretary, Grimsby Jazz Projects
Judith Waterhouse: Norvol Treasurer Wakefield Jazz
Lesley Jackson Jazz North
Kyran Matthews NQ Jazz Manchester
Sue Bradley RVJB
Pete Rosser Wakefield Jazz
Wesley Stevenson Newcastle Fest of Jazz & Imp Music
Jez Matthews : Jazz at the Lescar/ Sheffield Jazz
Paul Thomas: Sheffield Jazz
Richard Gentle NJP Website
Steve Bootland JATP Bradford
Rosemary Holmes JazzLeeds
Ian Darrington Wigan Jazz Music Continuum

Apologies

Tom Sykes Southport Jazz Club
Emily Burkheart NQ Jazz Manchester

Minutes of last quarterly zoom meeting Tues 2nd Feb 2021

Matters arising

Lesley Jackson said the Jazz North Open Bursary Scheme went really well with over 80 applications. 14 projects funded 80% of which had not received funding from JN before. It was hoped to repeat this if funds allow. Jazz North has a new website and asked people for feedback.

NJP website - Richard Gentle said more info had been received to be put on the website, therefore more activity.

Steve Crocker reminded everyone to send him their blogs for Northern jazz Live.

NJP Traineeship scheme

The finances can be tweaked to allow for increase costs of minimum wage, the dates will be pushed back to start in September to give clubs chance to reopen, the focus of the workshops to be revisited to allow for changes brought about by Covid,
Wigan Jazz may share trainee with Wakefield Jazz and Leeds Jazz may share with NQ Jazz Manchester. Sue Bradley noted that the experience should provide a bridge and benefit for the promoters as employers as well as the development of the employees. The Trainees will benefit from seeing how other clubs work to give insight that there are different ways of being a promoter and they can develop their own way of working. (Subsequent to the meeting, 12/5/21, Wigan Jazz informed us that they would not be involved in the scheme).

Roundup of events by clubs

Tom Sykes - (not able to attend) Southport Jazz Club doesn't have anything to report as we haven't put any events on for over a year (live or online) - the last one was our first gig at a new venue, Bijou Cinema Club, but subsequent concerts had to be cancelled when the first lockdown hit. Hopefully we'll be able to get things going again later this year.

Paul Thomas Sheffield Jazz restarts 4th June with 4 weekly gigs. Autumn programmed starting September with 10 gigs. They have encouraging pre-sales.

Jeze Matthews Jazz at Lescar 3 garden gigs June/July which need temporary event notices. The Jazz North funding helped fund a live album of gigs performed at the club. Focusing on Northern Bands, emerging artists and gender representation.

Sue Bradley RVJB they have just had the festival online livestreamed from the Grand. The ACE Culture Recovery fund will provide for community bands, live gigs in July and workshops in September. In Sept Oct previously cancelled artists will perform.

Steve Bootland JATP Bradford 1 gig starting in September, needed advice about organising advanced booking. Ticket Source, Event Bright and Skiddle were all suggested, which also helps with analytics.

Gill Wilde Grimsby Jazz Projects The Magic Garden workshops have now been filmed in 4 episodes and are ready to go into schools alongside the streamed music and the digital workbook.

Wesley Stevenson Newcastle Fest of Jazz & Imp Music: Very busy with 3 more releases coming out. Coming up 2 low key concerts with new bands are being live streamed, bands are booked til the end of the year. No international artists due to Brexit and Covid except a dutch trio who are self promoting. The Festival is going ahead in September starting with a pre fest event then the exhibition then main festival events.

Kyran Matthews NQ Jazz Manchester They are live streaming gig from the stunning Yard venue. Gigs start at Stoller Hall in June with master classes. Then lunch time and evening concerts booked and Manchester Jazz Festival. Bookings are pencilled in for next year. They are cautious but have plenty room for distancing at 500 seat Stoller Hall. They are hoping for a new audience with the lunchtime concerts at a roomy venue.

Pete Rosser Wakefield Jazz: 4 Friday gigs start 21st May, then more booked in October.

Ian Darrington Wigan Jazz Music Continuum There will be no Festival this year. A trial event indoors 25th July, and an outdoor event 4th July. The Wigan Jazz Club reopens October 2021 and Wigan Jazz Festival will be by 2022.

Steve Crocker JazzLeeds Full list of events are booked until the end of the year Starting with live streaming of student bands. Live gigs begin end of May on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons with 2 gigs a week til Christmas. A 2 day Festival at 7Arts on 17-18th July has a mix of local and national artists. A new venue is being used at Meanwood Valley Urban Farm Café instead of Inkwel which can no longer take outside bookings.

Budget Judith Waterhouse

NJP membership fees to begin in the autumn.

Meeting ended 2,30pm

Next meeting Sept 7th 2021

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