

FISH ARE JUMPIN' AND THE COTTON IS HIGH

I hope you're all enjoying the Summer. Perhaps you've managed to get away or maybe just a few lazy afternoons at home. Over 400 of you joined us at Warner's Bodelwyddan Castle for a sell-out week. I'm pleased to confirm that we'll be back at this spectacular venue for four nights in 2018 starting on 9th July. We've also been busy recording the new CD. It's coming on very nicely indeed! I'll keep you updated as to its release date.

TRIBUTE TO NAT "KING" COLE NEXT MONTH IN SIDCUP

It's been a while since Colin Roy has been to the Club. He is returning on 24th September with his celebration of Nat. This show is always a big hit with audiences; a great chance to hear all those beautiful songs (Mona Lisa, Route 66, Unforgettable, Straighten Up And Fly Right, It's Only A Paper Moon and When I Fall In Love) delivered by the UK's number one tribute. Doors open 7pm (please don't arrive earlier as the room will still be being set), concert starts 8pm and tickets are available on the door (£11 each). There is free evening parking behind the club. United Services Club, 108 Main Road, Sidcup, DA14 6NE - call 01322 521515 for more details.

LATE AVAILABILITY FOR CLARE TEAL AT SEACROFT

Next month sees our first Len Phillips break at Richardson's Seacroft Holiday Village in Norfolk and there are still rooms available. The newly refurbished Harlequin cabaret room has a beautiful dance-floor and first-class sound system. Our cabaret guest for this break is BBC Radio 2's Clare Teal who always puts on a great show. Eleanor Keenan and Matthew Ford will also be with us for every night of the break. Half-board accommodation starts at just £175pp with "Premier" rooms (recommended) available for £195pp. To book, call Richardson's on 01493 809 910 or visit richardsonsholidayvillages.co.uk.

TWO NEW BAND MEMBERS

It's always a shame when good musicians decide it's time for them to move onto pastures new. Over the past couple of months Stuart Brooks and Matt Hope have both made that decision. No doubt we'll see them back as deputies but in the meantime, we wish them both well in their pursuits. After a reshuffle of the sax section, Colin Hickman will move to 2nd tenor and we welcome Gemma Moore on baritone. Gemma is one of the country's most in demand bari players, having worked with the BBC Big Band, Syd Lawrence and on many West End Shows. New in the trumpets is Andy Gathercole. Andy is a member of the John Wilson Orchestra and is currently playing in the pit of the West End show Aladdin.

NEW SEATING POLICY AT WARNER'S VENUES

The Warner's hotel chain have introduced a new feature for their breaks called "My Warner Table". This enables guests to select in which "zone" of the entertainment room they wish to sit. The selection can be made as soon as your reservation is made. As the selections are met on a first-come, first-serve basis, this system will favour those who book their breaks earliest. There should no longer be a rush through dinner in order to get a good seat for the entertainment - Germans and their beach-towels beware! The selected table will be yours for the entire break.

Although the system was brought in across the country earlier this year, from our experience at Bodelwyddan, it would appear that a number of people were unaware of it. Warner's policy is to now inform everyone of the system at the time of booking their holiday. If your booking was made prior to the system coming in, they should have written to you to let you know. Of course, no doubt you receive a great deal of communication from them over the course of the year so it could easily be overlooked. Basically, if you have a Warner break booked, make sure you make your seating preference **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** This can be done through their website, over the phone or in person at any Warner's hotel.

LEN PHILLIPS MUSICIANS IN STARRING ROLES

Did you manage to see the John Wilson Oklahoma Prom? Always a treat, this year saw three Len Phillips musicians in the orchestra - Jon Stokes, Russell Bennett and our newest member, Andy Gathercole. The very same day, Matthew Ford was featured soloist for Friday Night Is Music Night and their "Fascinating Rhythm" concert. Also playing at the Proms was Jon Shenoy who could be spotted with the Heritage Orchestra backing Jamie Cullum. All of these are still available on the BBC iPlayer.

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 6th September		Potters Leisure Resort Hopton-On-Sea, Norfolk		Reservations: 0333 3207 465	Big Band Festival
Fri 15th - Mon 18th September		Richardson's Seacroft Holiday Village Hemsby, Norfolk		Reservations: 01493 809 910	Big Band Break with Clare Teal
Saturday 23rd September		Mill Rythe Holiday Village Hayling Island		Reservations: 01442 508 850	Big Band Festival
Sunday 24th September	8pm	United Services Club Main Road, Sidcup, Kent	£11	Tickets: 01322 521 515	Concert with Colin Roy
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October		Warner's Sinah Warren Hotel Hayling Island, Hampshire		Reservations: 0330 100 9774	Big Band Break with Alison Jear
Sunday 26th November	8pm	United Services Club Main Road, Sidcup, Kent	£11	Tickets: 01322 521 515	Concert
Sunday 17th December	8pm	United Services Club Main Road, Sidcup, Kent	£11	Tickets: 01322 521 515	Concert
Monday 5th - Friday 9th March 2018		Warner's Gunton Hall Coastal Resort Lowestoft, Suffolk		Reservations: 0330 100 9774	Big Band Break with Clare Teal
Wednesday 4th April 2018		Warner's Sinah Warren Hotel Hayling Island, Hampshire		Reservations: 0330 100 9774	1 NIGHT SPECIAL with Clare Teal
Monday 7th - Friday 11th May 2018		Warner's Sinah Warren Hotel Hayling Island, Hampshire		Reservations: 0330 100 9774	Big Band Break
Monday 9th - Friday 13th July 2018		Warner's Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel Rhyl, North Wales		Reservations: 0330 100 9774	Big Band Break