



**JAZZ GIGS IN LOCAL PUBS,
PLUS FESTIVALS NEAR & FAR**

JAZZ

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When Chris asked me if I might assume the 'Jazz Mantle' as a Culture Group Advocate

"The Devil's Music" didn't feature highly in my consciousness; I might relax in the evening listening to the sultry sound of Miles Davis's trumpet or John Coltrane's saxophone, but my knowledge of any Live Jazz presence in and around Preston (or further afield for that matter) was minimal...

So, as the Culture Live Jazz Advocate I had to start from scratch!

We've come a long way! Two years of Clitheroe's May Jazz Festival featuring local artists as well as internationally renowned Clare Teal and Courtney Pine; Sunday Jazz Lunches in Sawley have become a favourite for many...

Close to home, Jazz evenings (with a tasty supper) at the Continental on Friday / Saturday evenings have featured the excellent Gypsy Jazz of Nottingham-based 'Meniere de Bohemiens'. And who of those present will forget the Klezmer Quintet? 5 musicians from the Royal Liverpool Phil, taking time off from the day job to perform music ranging from Klezmer music from 19th Century Tsarist Russia through South American Tango to Irish Blues.

We've become regular attenders at the Wigan Jazz Festival in July, where we much appreciated Branford Marsalis' fantastic Quartet with Kurt Elling.

Jacqui Dankworth and Craig Ogden at Bridgewater Hall and the Klezmer Band at Liverpool's Music Room testify to the range of talent on offer.

New events and venues are always being researched, so check the Activity Calendar and come to our bi-monthly meetings to see what else is on offer.

And of course the "Devil's Music" doesn't break the bank!

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