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ALLAN DENT: We are so happy to tell you that our very fine trumpet-player, Allan Dent, has now returned to playing with the band again after his heart surgery at the end of January. Allan came back to the band a month ago and it is great to hear him playing again! The audiences have been delighted to see Allan back with the band. Once again, we are grateful to Peter Brown and Jon Critchley for playing trumpet in Allan's place for these months. Well done, on your recovery Allan, and "thank you" to Catherine, his wife, for looking after him and making sure that he obeyed the doctors' orders! Allan was able to resume walking their retired greyhound, Poppy, after a while.

PERFORMANCE IN LYME PARK: The band was asked to play at Lyme Park last year, which was a very successful event at the Autumn Craft and Food Fair. We have been asked to return this month for the same Fair which will be on Saturday and Sunday, 19th and 20th September. We shall be playing outside starting at 1.00 pm. As it states on the Lyme Park website, "Celebrate Autumn and buy food and gifts, pick up some terrific bargains while listening to jazz in the stunning gardens at Lyme. Parking applies - National Trust members free - no additional charge to Fair". Earlier this year, the band played at a private party for the Lyme Park staff and volunteers.

POYNTON LEGION TO POYNTON SPORTS CLUB: As we experienced really poor weather on the third Thursdays of the month during the winter, Mart decided to play on the third Thursday afternoons instead of the evenings. At first this worked very well and quite a few new friends turned up, but then we had a few months where Thursday afternoons were hot and sunny, which reduced the numbers of people attending again. Deciding to revert to evening sessions, we found out that third Thursday evenings had already gone to someone else and there wasn't another evening free. However, Poynton Sports Club has offered us the third Monday evening at their clubhouse which is on the left as you enter Poynton village from Hazel Grove. We start playing there on Monday, 21st September, and this will be at 7.30 p.m. The address is Poynton Sports Club, London Road North, Poynton. SK12 1AG. We will be there on the 3rd Monday of each month.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES: Following a few changes of venue or times in the last couple of years, it is a help to us to have e-mail addresses so we are able to inform our friends of any alterations to our gigs. If you can let us know this information it will be very helpful. If you do not have e-mail, please let us have your phone number so we can contact you. Our information will always be on our website, as well as Fred Burnett's website, www.jazznorthwest.co.uk Your information will not be disclosed to anyone else.

CAVERN CLUB, LIVERPOOL: The sad death of Cilla Black reminded Mart of the many times the Zenith Six played at the Cavern Club before the Beatles etc. replaced the traditional jazz bands. Cilla, of course, was the cloakroom girl before she became a famous singer and TV presenter. One night when it was very foggy Mart made his way to play at the Cavern via Warrington but the other members of the Zenith Six travelled along the East Lancs. Road. When Mart arrived Ray McFall told him that the rest of the band were fog-bound and had phoned to say they couldn't get there. A local band had been booked quickly to step in for them and so Mart made his way straight back home. He decided he deserved a quick pint before going in so called at the pub in the village. He joined his neighbour at the bar — who had been there since his train journey home from work hours before. The neighbour's wife suddenly rushed into the pub, gave her husband a thorough dressing down for not going home for his tea, then turned to Mart and told him he should be ashamed of himself drinking there when his "poor wife was stuck at home with that little baby". She didn't know that he had been home, had his tea, then driven to Liverpool and back in very thick fog!

DOUG JACKSON, AUTHOR: We have known Doug for many years, in fact, since he was a Jazz Reporter on the Stockport Advertiser when Mart returned from National Service in 1956! We still have some of the articles Doug wrote each week in his regular jazz columns. Doug wrote the sleeve notes for the band's early recordings and we were interested to hear that he was writing a book. Doug explained that his book was about Joseph Briggs who was born in Accrington but made his name with the artist in glass Louis Comfort Tiffany in New York. Mart and Janet had seen the Tiffany glass collections at the Morse Museum in Florida and in New York's Metropolitan Museum. They also knew that Briggs had sent a selection of Tiffany items to his home town, and they had actually seen these pieces in the town's Haworth Art Gallery. Doug's book about Joseph Briggs is really most interesting with many photos and pictures of Tiffany items. It is called "Mosaic" and Doug invited them recently to his book launch at the Haworth Gallery. The book is available from Doug direct at (douglasjackson256@btinternet.com) or through his publisher's website (www.2QT.co.uk) We understand that the book is receiving interest from the U.S.A. now!

MORE PLACES TO SEE THE BAND:

1st Monday of every month:

High Lane Conservative Club, SK6 8DR 8.00 p.m. 7th Sept.
5th Oct. 2nd Nov., 7th Dec., etc.

3rd Monday of every month:

Poynton Sports Club, London Road North, Poynton. SK12 1AG
7.30 p.m. 21st Sept., 19th Oct., 16th Nov., 21st Dec. etc.

4th Thursday of every month: Timperley Sports Club,
Stockport Road, Timperley. WA15 7LU 2.00 p.m. 24th
Sept., 22nd Oct., 26th Nov.

1st August	Barnsley Jazz Club	8.30
2nd Sept.	Risley Park Jazz Club	8.30
19th Sept.	Lyme Park	2.00 p.m.
20th Sept.	Lyme Park	2.00 p.m.
6th October	Skipton Rendezvous Hotel	12.00 p.m.
10th October	Calver Village Hall	7.30
24th Oct,	Goostrey Village Hall	Tkts: 01477-537970
7th Nov.	Grimsby Central Hall	
12th Nov.	Glossop Jazz Club	
18th Dec.	Frodsham Music Society	
10th Jan.	Buxton Arts Theatre	1.00 p.m.
27th Jan.	Walton Hall Music Society, Warrington.	

JAZZ RECORD REQUESTS: In the last Newsletter we wrote that it was disappointing to find that the BBC webpage for Jazz Record Requests had stopped giving the details of the programme until each tune was played on Radio 4 on the Saturday evening show. A copy of the Newsletter was sent to the presenter, Alyn Shipton, and we received a card from him asking if we would tell our readers that he always posts the old style playlist on his own website: www.alynshipton.co.uk/blog for those who want to see in advance what will be played that day. We are happy to do this, Alyn, thank you for letting us know! The playlist is on his website a day or two in advance of the programme.

18TH KIRKCUDBRIGHT JAZZ FESTIVAL: We enjoyed our time playing at this Festival in June. The band supported the Jazz/Brolly Parade well on the Saturday, and we featured at both the Town Hall and Church Hall concert programmes.

SKIPTON RENDEVOUS HOTEL: John and Barbara Hallam organize several Swing and Jazz Breaks each year and we have been invited to play for their Skipton Jazz Break on Tuesday, 6th October. This is a lunchtime session starting at 12.00. For all their information, please go to their website: johnhallamjazz.co.uk and "short breaks" will give the details of this event, together with phone numbers.

EATON HALL, ECCLESTON: We were invited to play again at this event by the NeuroMuscular Centre. It was a lovely evening and was well supported. A good sum of money was raised for this very worthwhile charity.