

Newsletter Number 79 - December 2015

Two New CDs

Two New Bands!

For the Christmas 2015 offering I have two new CDs both by bands new to P.E.K. Sound. Unfortunately because of technical problems they won't be available until January.

PKCD-397 The Great Western Jazz Company

"Beware - Live Tracks!"

The first CD for P.E.K Sound by this excellent West Country band. This is another band whose music is not easily pigeon-holed - a very eclectic selection of tunes and musical styles. Recorded live at Bude 2015.

PKCD-398 Roger Marks' Cornish Armada

"Waiting For The Sunshine"

Also recorded at the 2015 Bude Jazz Festival, this long-established Plymouth based band was described to me as "simply the best good-time jazz band on the scene today". Full details of these new releases are overleaf.

SPECIAL OFFER

Buy both the above new releases plus any other two CDs from the catalogue and deduct £7 from the total price.

This offer is available until 29th February 2016.

If you or a friend would like a copy of the Autumn/Winter 2015 Catalogue just let me know - I'll be happy to send a copy.

POSTAL PROBLEMS

As you may know my nearest Post Office was 5 miles away in Market Bosworth. It has now closed. To avoid delays in sending CDs I will in future send orders for four CDs in two packets of two. That way I can get them in my local post box. Bigger orders will I'm afraid be delayed as my nearest Post Office is now about 8 miles away.

THE KING OF NEW ORLEANS . . .

is the title of an excellent biography of King Oliver written by Ron Cassidy; he wrote the sleevenotes for Savannah Jazz Band's latest CD (PKCD-392). I bought the book from Ron when I met him at Bude. I whole-heartedly recommend it to fans of the music of King Oliver - it's a good read and very illuminating. I must quote a tiny passage describing some characteristics of New Orleans music:- "Joy; Warmth of expression; Old world pre-war charm; Polyphonic complexity; Easy relaxed swing; Lovely instrumental textures; Discipline and logic." How very true!

LATE AGAIN!

Not my fault this time. On November 10th my printer went wrong, was fixed and went wrong again. It's now early December and at last it's working again. Without it I've been at a standstill - couldn't do anything. Sorry for the late delivery of your Record News! As a result the New Release CDs won't be available until early January.

LOOKING AHEAD

Following the tragic death of Russell Bennett, Martin Bennett's younger son, the CD of Martin's band (recorded last February) will be delayed until 2016. We offer Martin and his family our warmest and sincere condolences. The recording of Richard Leach's 7 Stars Of Jazz at Bude was a great success and there will be two CDs from the session - to be released early next year. Early in 2016 I plan to make a recording of piano rags played by Joe Nutman and in March, at the Wessex Hotel Easter Jazz Weekend, I will be recording Black Cat Jazz which I had hoped to record at Keswick last May.

Enjoy your jazz, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

P.S. My house is now dried out and back to normal. I cannot describe how wonderful that feels!