

# NEWPORT JAZZ CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Ladies and Gentlemen.

If you liked Sidney Bechet, Mezz Mezzrow or Jimmy Noone, this Jazz Band is keeping them alive! We give a warm welcome this month to the new

## ***Chris Pearce's Sopranos Jazz Band.***

Chris was a long serving member of the Blue Note Jazz band in Bristol where he had the opportunity of playing with many fine musicians including Acker Bilk, Humphrey Lyttelton, Bud Freeman, Wild Bill Davison, and many more. The Blue Note Years produced a string of fine recordings with a repertoire drawn from sources as varied as King Oliver and Bix Beiderbeck to Alto Guthrie, Dave Brubeck



and The MJQ. On the death of his close friend Roger Bennett, leader of the Bluenotes, Chris left the band to join the Antique Six Jazz Band and Richard Leach's 7 Stars of Jazz. When, the Antique Six made a joint decision to cease playing at the end of 2011. Chris decided to bring his own band back together, first as the Frenchmen Street Jazz Band, using some of the members of the Antique Six. In 2015 Chris decided to form the Soprano's Jazz Band omitting the trumpet and adding a saxophone, using the majority of the musicians from the Frenchman

Street Jazz Band. The band has Chris and Andy Leggett on soprano sax, and Dave Deakin on trombone. The rhythm section is composed of Phil Probert. banjo/guitar, Len Thwaites bass and Ian Parry drums. Chris aims to continue the fine standard set by the Antique Six whilst extending the repertoire to include those influences that were such an important part of his earlier career and looks forward to playing to the good friends he has made over the years. They will play many favourites to regally entertain you today!



## ***Future Concert***

**21st May 2017**

**Aydenne Simone with  
the Cass Caswell Quartet**

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