



## **Norvol Jazz (Northern Voluntary Jazz Promotion Network) AGM 2014**

### **Minutes**

**Scarborough Jazz Festival Sat 27 Sept 2014 10.30am**

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#### **Norvol members present**

- Chris de Saram – Norvol chair and Wakefield Jazz
- Geoff Matthews –Norvol Treasurer and Southport Melodic Jazz
- Steve Crocker – Norvol Secretary and Seven Jazz Leeds
- Paul Bream Norvol – Jazz North East (NE rep on Norvol admin group)
- Gill Wilde – Grimsby Jazz/Cleethorpes Jazz Festival
- Jean Watson – Seven Jazz Leeds
- Mike Gordon and Bob Walker – Scarborough Jazz/Scarborough Jazz Festival
- Paul Thomas, Sheffield Jazz
- Joan and Dave Parker Pink Lane Jazz Co operative
- Kim Macari – HEART
- Russell Corbett, Neil Campbell & Charlie McGovern – NE Jazz
- Ivor Surtees, Drexal Parker and Peter Nixon from Saltburn Jazz

#### **Apologies**

- Jez Matthews – Sheffield Jazz/Jazz at the Lescar
- Steve Bootland, Bradford JATP
- Felicity Barton + Wendy Potter + Laurie Stead – Huddersfield Jazz

- Emma Lloyd – The Atkinson
- Neil Campbell – Capstone Theatre, Hope University Liverpool
- Sam Ashton – Jazz in Hornby;
- Les Brown – Jazz in the Spa;
- Mary Haynes – Wigan Jazz

**Minutes of 2nd AGM** Marsden Socialist Club 5 Oct 2013 10.30am

Approved – no matters arising

**1. The Annual Report:** the chair presented the NORVOL annual report

The highlights for the year were

- NORVOL had 25 jazz promotion members
- Norvol Website ([www.norvoljazz.org](http://www.norvoljazz.org)) and Northern Jazz Live have become a “Comprehensive and indispensable records and comment on all things Jazz in the north of England”. Thanks to Richard Gentle (webmaster) and Steve Crocker (blogger)
- 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 A meeting in Manchester with Geoff Wright and Stuart Isaac of E M Jazz. They invited NorVol to become part of their bid for National Portfolio funding. Norvol declined this offer. Reassurances of mutual support were given and received.
- 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 A meeting with Jazz Services in London was attended at which a National Strategy for Jazz was explored. Inconclusive results.
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 NorVol members’ meeting at the Capstone Theatre Liverpool Hope University. Minutes circulated.
- 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014 The Follow-up “Promoters Development Days” in Leeds at 42 the Calls. One- to-one sessions for Promoters who had attended the previous group sessions were held by four specialists. This meeting had been partly GfA funded with Promoters’ own match funding.
- Various dates – Queens Hotel Leeds. The Norvol sub-group met to discuss a GfA bid to support National / International touring of Bands among NorVol Promoters. Results on the ordinary meeting agenda
- 21<sup>th</sup> July Norvol present at Jazz North Northern Line showcase at the Manchester Jazz Festival.
- 23<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July Norvol present at 2 day conference of the National Jazz Promotion Network. Steve Crocker is now a Board Member. Various Speakers and group sessions including covering National / International touring proposals. An excellent networking opportunity covering the whole of the UK’s Jazz-Interested bodies.

**2. The Accounts for the year Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013**

The Treasurer introduced the report.

NORVOL was in a healthy position financially. Our income during the year was £10,288 including ACE/GFE project funding. ½ of this was spent on the Club Development Days. ¼ was invested in the Website. £4,575 of uncommitted funds at the year end. The partnership agreement with Jazz North

was continuing and would yield a further net benefit of £800 to the accounts to support four network meetings per annum.

The current 25 Members are

1. Capstone Jazz
2. Grimsby Jazz
3. Hornby Jazz
4. Huddersfield Jazz
5. JATP Jazz @Bradford
6. Jazz@Davenham
7. Jazz-at-Heart
8. Jazz At The Lescar
9. Jazz.Coop Newcastle Upon Tyne
10. Jazz in the Spa
11. Jazz in York
12. Liverpool Jazz
13. Parr Jazz Liverpool
14. Ribble Valley Jazz n Blues
15. Saltburn Jazz
16. Scarborough Jazz
17. Schmazz with Jazz North East
18. Seven Jazz
19. Sheffield Jazz
20. Southport Melodic Jazz
21. The Atkinson (Southport)
22. The Darlington Jazz Club & Festival
23. Wakefield Jazz
24. Wigan Jazz Club
25. Yorkshire Live Music Project  
(nb – no Marsden or Lancaster festival members)

**Agreed** to produce a **leaflet and pop-up banner** highlighting the work of Norvol and to introduce Norvol to a wider audience. **Paul Bream and Geoff Matthews** to take this on.

**Membership fee:** still very good value for money. It was proposed to raise the membership fee from £20 to £25 in the coming financial year (October 2014 to September 2015). This was proposed by Geoff Matthews, Seconded by Gill Wilde and **carried**.

The Chair thanked Geoff for all his work as Treasurer over the year

### **3. Election of members of Admin. Group**

The existing members on the Admin group (Chris de Saram chair, Steve Crocker secretary, Geoff Matthews treasurer and Paul Bream as NE rep) were all willing to stand for a further year in this role. This was agreed – proposed by Gill Wilde and seconded by Ivor Surtees and **carried unanimously**

The AGM concluded at **11.00am**