

PRESS RELEASE

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THE DON LUSHER MEMORIAL FUND JAZZ NIGHT

Many of the finest musicians from Hampshire are joining forces to raise money for The Don Lusher Memorial Trust. Three popular local big bands, together with three attractive 'Divas' will take to the stage of The Concorde Club on Monday 12th November, for the 'Big Bands and Divas' Jazz night.

The bands taking part will be :

The New Forest Big Band with Angela Jackson,

The Clive New Big Band with Jill Langford,

The New Antonians Swing Orchestra with Louisa Revolta.

Based in Lymington, Hampshire **The New Forest Big Band**, lead by Doreen Pullen, has been together for several years. The band has been entertaining audiences in the area with their wide musical repertoire – ranging from Basie/Miller to Louis Bellson/Alyn Ainsworth.

The Diva with the band is **Angela Jackson** who is an experienced singer in both the jazz and pop world. She has sung with several big bands in the area as well as the 60's Tribute band called Hard Drive.

The Clive New Big Band was formed 60 years ago by bandleader Clive New. When Clive died in 2005 the boys in the band decided to keep the band going in his memory. They continue to play regularly and are as popular as ever. band.

Their Diva, **Jill Langford**, has a regal presence and delivers her songs with a pure elegance and charm. Her credits include singing with The Southampton All Stars, The Jim Hames Big Band, Arthur Ward's Jazz Orchestra as well as being in demand by many of the local small bands.

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Finally, **The New Antonian's Swing Orchestra** which was formed in 1993 and is acclaimed for maintaining the very best of Big Band tradition. The band's repertoire ranges from classic wartime Glenn Miller to the magic of Count Basie and Duke Ellington, from Frank Sinatra in the 50s, 60s and 70s to the modern swing music of Brian Setzer and Phil Collins. Even the music of the Blues Brothers finds a spot in the band's musical programme.

The 17-piece band, which plays extensively throughout southern England, is fronted by singer conductor Simon Probyn. The standard big band line-up packs a punch which is guaranteed to get toes tapping.

Diva **Louisa Revolta**, at 21, has quickly established herself as jazz singer and is renowned for her fine voice, style and poise on stage. She is very much in demand by many of the local small jazz bands and has played at many venues in the south east and in London .

The compere for the evening is Chris Walker of Radio Solent fame.

Paul McKenna would like to thank Cole Matheson for the use of the Concorde Club for this fantastic evening of live music.

The event takes place on Monday 12 November 2007 at the Concorde Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire at 7:30pm . Tickets (£12) are available from the club. Non members are welcome. Box office 023 8061 3989

Paul McKenna will be delighted to give further information on 01962 774474

Note to Editor:

Digital images of the bands appearing can be produced on request and your reporter and/or photographer would be most welcome to attend the event at the Concorde Club on 12th November, 2007.

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