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DAN FORSHAW AT THE VILLA

Saxophonist returns to venue where he made his name

Outline

Saxophonist Dan Forshaw and his quartet are back at the Villa Hotel, Wrea Green on Friday, 2nd July 2010, for their eagerly anticipated return. The group performed to much acclaim at the Southport International Jazz festival at the end of May, 'topped off' with a superb performance at the headline gig, alongside Kyle Eastwood (son of Clint) and his band.

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Dan, who used to perform and DJ across the Blackpool area, started the jazz events at the award winning Villa in 2003. Whilst he has travelled as far away as New York and London during this time, (and now lives just outside Belfast,)! He has always been keen to support live jazz on the Fylde coast. Dan said, "When we started the events at the Villa people were saying that jazz had died on the Fylde coast, and we were merely young people providing the last rites for a dying art form. With the fantastic success that we have achieved at the Villa, this has clearly not been the case. When I hear of new venues such as *The Sands* opening up next to the tower, I'm over the moon. The fact that leading UK jazz artistes such as Courtney Pine and Dennis Rollins are coming to town will only serve to help venues such as the Villa, allowing jazz to thrive in the area, especially for a younger generation." Dan is currently in negotiation with the Sands, and is hoping to be appearing at venue in 2010 or early 2011.

Back at the Villa, Dan will be joined at the Villa by pianist Mike Taylor, bassist Bruce and Drummer J Hoy. The event starts at 8pm and entry is Free. (Should England progress to the Quarter finals of the World cup, then the Villa will be showing the game, with jazz sets during half time and at the end of the game).

To keep in touch with jazz at the Villa twitter fans should go to @villajazznights or @danforshaw

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Further information for editors

1. The Villa runs a monthly jazz event on the first Friday of each month (except December). Dan had previously promoted a highly successful series of jazz nights at the venue since 2003.
2. Dan Forshaw is a professional musician and educator originally from the Blackpool area. He now performs and teaches across the world and has released seven albums under his own name. His music has been called "cool, clever and creative" (Music Web international) and he is regarded by critics as "one of the finest young tenor players in the country" (Southport jazz festival)