



As I write this on 9th-May, the 36<sup>th</sup> Season of Ongar Jazz Club will soon be ending on the 13<sup>th</sup> May when the **Ian Bateman All Star Jazz Band** will be playing us out in style. Indeed they will need to be on top form to match the tremendous evening we had with **Richard Exall All Stars** on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. What an evening that was!

Indeed with our first full Season since the lockdowns of the pandemic our jazz concerts in this 36<sup>th</sup> season have been truly wonderful. The standard of musicianship has been top class throughout. Such is the growing popularity of our style of music that we have already booked the whole of the 37<sup>th</sup> Season concerts from September 2022 to May 2023. There's a lot of enjoyment ahead!

Sadly our Treasurer, John Root, after many years of service to the Club, is standing down (although still contributing as a member of the OJC Committee), and this important position will be in the very capable hands of Debbie Keska.

Any reader of Ongar News who wishes for more information about Ongar Jazz Club and its future program can visit our website, [www.ongarjazzclub.co.uk](http://www.ongarjazzclub.co.uk) where there is lots of information about OJC, and – most importantly – what musical delights the **37<sup>th</sup> Season** will be offering. Just to whet jazz lovers appetite, the opening concert on **23<sup>rd</sup> September** will be very special – the **President's Evening**, featuring our President, Digby Fairweather, and friends. It should be a tremendous start with great music and a lot of laughs! Don't miss out! Watch this space and check out the website!

I am retiring as Chairman after 13th May, but will still be around! Alistair Allan will be in the driving seat from now on, and I know he will bring great music for us all to enjoy!

With my very good wishes to all readers of the Ongar News and to all OJC members and friends, it's over and out from me.

Sincerely, Howard Nicholson