

@splashpointjazz April 2024 News Splash

You all know the song 'April in Paris' – right? First featured in the 1932 Broadway musical 'Walk a Little Faster' and written by Yip Harburg (music) and Vernon Duke (lyrics). He'd never been to Paris so he had to get a brochure from a travel agent to get him in the mood to write the words...

In the song, a woman sits in a Paris café drinking wine. It's April, of course. But instead of remembering some past romantic encounter, she has never been in love. She wishes she had been so that she'd have something to remember.

Doris Day sang it in the film 'April in Paris' – but the version we all know is from the 1957 Count Basie album "April in Paris". The recording has a memorable “fake-out” ending where the song appears to end, then Basie yells, “One more time!” and later “One more once!” This showstopper was a staple of Basie’s live set for decades and was even featured (along with a cameo from Basie) in the 1974 comedy 'Blazing Saddles' - and if you haven't seen that you really should!

LISTEN OUT for Neal's version of the song – not telling you where and when he'll be performing it so you'll have to follow him around this month if you want to hear it (and who wouldn't?)

==>> Oh, and the big news is that Neal’s residency at Raffles London has been renewed for a further six months, and by popular demand he’s turned it into a piano/vocal gig :-)

Check our listings below for when he’s there, and come and be wowed by this amazing place <<==

PREVIOUSLY SEEN & HEARD @SPLASHPOINTJAZZ...



Our March gig in our **Seaford** club followed the original BBC remit: Educate, Inform, & Entertain... thanks to the amazing playing of Roger Beaujolais in his 100 Years of Vibraphone concert.

(L-R) Neal, Simon Thorpe, Roger Beaujolais, Paul Cavaciuti



Amazing cellist/singer Ayanna Witter-Johnson wowing the crowd at The Dome with **Brighton** Philharmonic (She appeared on Splash Point Records' album Call Me Lucky)

Meanwhile in Eastbourne...



(L-R) Pete Whittaker, Art Themen, George Double



... and Art Themen with special guest Andy Panayi on flute

Art Themen's "Thane and The Villeins". National Jazz Treasure Art Themen showed us his fun, quirky and funky side in great company at our **Eastbourne** club :-)

And now: April in Paris Splashpoint!... COMING UP AT @SPLASHPOINTJAZZ THIS MONTH

MARCH 2024

Sunday 31st March 12:30pm

@splashpointjazz presents:

Fiona Hosford (harp) solo

Cooden - Relais Cooden Beach Hotel TN39 4TT

Come for Easter Sunday lunch and cocktails adjacent to the beach!

Table Bookings: 01424 842281

Sunday 31st March 12:30pm

"The Buxted Jazz Lunch" - **Terry Seabrook (pno) with Jane Tuff (sax)**

Buxted - Buxted Park Hotel, Uckfield, TN22 4AY

Come for Easter Sunday lunch in this delightful place

Table Bookings: 0845 072 7412

APRIL 2024

Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th April 3pm-7.15pm Raffles London

@splashpointjazz presents:

Dave Newton (solo piano)

Afternoon Tea Jazz in The Drawing Room

London - Raffles Hotel at the OWO, 57 Whitehall, London

Bookings essential: <https://www.raffles.com/london/>

Sunday 7th April 12:30pm

@splashpointjazz presents:

Neal Richardson (piano/organ/vocals) and Tony Williams (gtr)

Cooden - Relais Cooden Beach Hotel TN39 4TT

Come for lunch and cocktails adjacent to the beach!

Table Bookings: 01424 842281

Monday 8th April 7.00pm Splash Point Jazz Club

Nils Solberg (gtr/vox)

with Neal Richardson (pno/vox), George Trebar (bass), Alex Eberhard (drums)

Seaford - Splash Point Jazz Club, The View, Southdown Rd BN25 4JS. 01323 890139

www.wegotickets.com/splashpointjazz

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th April 3pm-7pm Raffles London

@splashpointjazz presents:

Neal Richardson (solo piano/vocals)

Afternoon Tea Jazz in The Drawing Room

London - Raffles Hotel at the OWO, 57 Whitehall, London

Bookings essential: <https://www.raffles.com/london/>

Thursday 11th April 3pm-7.15pm Raffles London

@splashpointjazz presents:

Dave Newton (solo piano)

Afternoon Tea Jazz in The Drawing Room

London - Raffles Hotel at the OWO, 57 Whitehall, London

Bookings essential: <https://www.raffles.com/london/>

Sunday 14th April 12:30pm

@splashpointjazz presents:

Neal Richardson (piano/vocals) and Miles Danso (double bass)

Cooden - Relais Cooden Beach Hotel TN39 4TT

Come for lunch and cocktails adjacent to the beach!

Table Bookings: 01424 842281

Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th April 3pm-7.15pm Raffles London

@splashpointjazz presents:

Neal Richardson (solo piano/vocals)

Afternoon Tea Jazz in The Drawing Room

London - Raffles Hotel at the OWO, 57 Whitehall, London

Bookings essential: <https://www.raffles.com/london/>

Sunday 14th April 12:30pm

@splashpointjazz presents:

Neal Richardson (piano/vocals) with Jane Tuff (sax)

Cooden - Relais Cooden Beach Hotel TN39 4TT

Come for lunch and cocktails adjacent to the beach!

Table Bookings: 01424 842281

Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th April 3pm-7.15pm Raffles London

@splashpointjazz presents:

Neal Richardson (solo piano/vocals)

Afternoon Tea Jazz in The Drawing Room

London - Raffles Hotel at the OWO, 57 Whitehall, London

Bookings essential: <https://www.raffles.com/london/>

Wednesday 24th April 8:00pm

Julian Marc Stringle (clarinet/sax) / Dominic Ashworth (gtr) Quartet

Paul Morgan (bass), Bobby Worth (drums)

Eastbourne - Splash Point Jazz Club, at the Fishermen's Club BN22 7AA

www.wegotickets.com/splashpointjazz

Friday 26th April 7.00pm (NEW VENUE! :-)

@splashpointjazz presents:

Neal Richardson (piano/vocals)

Henfield - Tottington Manor, Edburton Rd BN5 9LJ

Table Bookings: 01903 815757

Sunday 28th April 12:30pm

@splashpointjazz presents:

Neal Richardson (piano/vocals) with Sue Richardson (trumpet/vocals)

Cooden - Relais Cooden Beach Hotel TN39 4TT

Come for lunch and cocktails adjacent to the beach!

Table Bookings: 01424 842281

Tuesday 30th April 3pm-7.15pm Raffles London

@splashpointjazz presents:

Neal Richardson (solo piano/vocals)

Afternoon Tea Jazz in The Drawing Room

London - Raffles Hotel at the OWO, 57 Whitehall, London

Bookings essential: <https://www.raffles.com/london/>

 **CLUB GIGS THE NEXT MONTH:**

Monday 13th May 7.00pm Splash Point Jazz Club

Byron Wallen (tpt/flgl) "The Twilight Jaguar"

with Neal Richardson (pno/vox), Nigel Thomas (bass), Paul Cavaciuti (drums)

Seaford - Splash Point Jazz Club, The View, Southdown Rd BN25 4JS. 01323 890139

www.wegottickets.com/splashpointjazz

Wednesday 29th May 8:00pm

Terry Quinney's Sound of Blue Note

Terry Quinney (tenor sax), Andy Panayi (alto sax), Andy Urquart (tpt), Phil Doyle (keys), Ben Taylor (bass), Andy Chapman (drums)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

1. Easter Bonnets?

We're always collecting hats, gloves and scarves for refugees - so get those fingers a-knitting! Here are a few of our latest ones - courtesy of our inexhaustible volunteers :-)



We need baby, child and adult ones please. There are plenty of patterns available on the world wide interweebby thingy. Thanks!

2. **Thanks** to YOU for your interest in the Roger Daltrey guitar last month.

We have a buyer, and it has raised a substantial sum for a very good cause. :-)



3. Talking of fundraising... the venue we use for our SPJ Club in Eastbourne needs a new roof! It's run as a not-for-profit, and is a real community focal point... so please if you can, drop a few quid (or a few hundred!) in here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/FishermensClubRoof>

Thanks for reading this far, and we hope to see you at a gig somewhere soon! :-)

Neal and The Splash Point Mob

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