

The Band - Anita Harris Quintet

The Sunday afternoon time-slot appears to be working well, as evidenced by the good crowd who enjoyed a memorable performance by 'Anita Harris Quintet'.

Anita was in fine form as she performed many popular standards, including "That Old Black Magic", "The Second Time Around", "Our Day Will Come", "Stars fell on Alabama" and a rousing rendition of "Come Rain or Come Shine", which earned the greatest ovation of the afternoon. Included in the repertoire were some beautiful songs not heard often - "Serenade in Blue" (including a key change), "It's Magic" and "I Have Dreamed" (from Kismet, including the verse). Of course, no performance from Anita Harris would be complete, without the songs she has made her own - "Sister" and "In the Wee Small Hours".

Anita was ably supported by an excellent quartet of musicians who performed as a high quality, tight unit. Kim Harris provided the piano accompaniment we have learnt to expect from him, including the additional sounds of vibes, organ and synth strings. Graeme Steele's backings on the muted trumpet never intruded on Anita's vocal interpretations, and his solos were tasteful and melodic.

The band was held together by the rock-solid bass playing from David Taylor, who can always be relied upon to play the right notes at the right tempo. No wonder he is sought after by so many bands. Throughout the vocal performances, Alan Smith's drums were felt, but not heard, always tasteful and fitting the mood of the music. His drumming skills were to the fore during a solo in "The Second Time Around" and a feature in "Cute" (he is obviously trying harder!)

To conclude, the 'Anita Harris Quintet' provided wonderful entertainment that was enjoyed by everyone present. President and M/C, Neville Drummond, hit the mark when he said "We will bring the best acts to this venue".

Neil "The Hat" Taylor.

RIP Neil Armstrong

I'm sure all of you remember Neil Armstrong landing on the moon back in 1969. Sadly he passed away recently. Here are a few of Sinatra's Moon Songs:

East of the Sun (and West of the Moon)	The Moon Got In My Eyes
Fly Me To The Moon	Moonlight Bay
Full Moon and Empty Arms	Moonlight Becomes You
If You Stub Your Toe On The Moon	Moonlight In Vermont
In The Shadow Of the Moon	Moonlight Mood
(I Offer You The Moon) Senorita	Moonlight On The Ganges
It's Only A Paper Moon	Moonlight Serenade
I Wished On The Moon	Moon Love
Moments in the Moonlight	Moon River
Moonglow	Moon Song

