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The Jewel in the Town

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GET READY TO SWING TO THE MUSIC OF FORCE TEN

It's not often that the people of Tunbridge Wells are inspired to dance in the streets but when one of the best big bands in Kent, Force Ten, plays at the Pantiles on Thursday 17th July, we might see just that!

Force Ten is the fourth act to play at the bandstand in the Pantiles' Summer Jazz Season 2008 and will kick off at 7:30pm.

The band comes complete with the usual big band ensemble of bright brass, smooth saxophone and a toe-tapping rhythm section. Vocalist and trumpeter Nigel Garrard will also add his great voice to the musical mix.

Expect upbeat, lively songs to get you up on your feet. "We play for the love of the music – and for sheer enjoyment," says founder and musical director David Barnes. It's a passion that certainly comes through on stage.

On Thursday 17th visitors to the Pantiles will also be treated to a couple of numbers with the lovely Sue Rivers, whose jazz quartet will grace the stage the following week. "We've played a lot with Sue; she's a stunning singer and there's always chemistry when we play together," says David.

The band has a long history and an even bigger feel good factor. David started the band 23 years ago when Coopers School in Chislehurst asked him to take over its evening music group called Class 54. "My sons were in the group and they play in the band too. In fact, we've had quite a number of other young people play with us over the years," says David. Since then the band has built up quite a following, playing regularly around Kent.

If you've seen them before their big band classics from jazz icons such as Glenn Miller, Woody Herman and Duke Ellington will come as no surprise. If you're a Force Ten novice come prepared for a real "wow" factor and maybe even a dance or two!

Come and enjoy the music in the beautiful Pantiles' atmosphere. Pull up a chair at one of the local restaurants, or in front of the bandstand – there'll be plenty provided for the public to enjoy the free performance.

The Pantiles' Summer Jazz Season 2008 is co-sponsored by Woods Restaurant and Bar and the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council in association with the owners of the Pantiles, Targetfollow.

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