



**Despite freezing temperatures and snow in the air a full house turned out at Marlow Jazz Club (The Royal British Legion Hall) on Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> for the return of the Rebellion Big Band. This 16 piece outfit have gained a big reputation for polished performances of classics from the Swing Era, along with lesser known and more modern compositions, including several Tom Cubis arrangements, and there are some fine soloists in the line-up. They had rehearsed a new programme for their latest Marlow appearance and especially outstanding were “Parisian Thoroughfare”, “Seven Steps To Heaven” and “Just Friends”.**

**On this occasion they arrived with an extra and very glamorous guest, Miranda Wilford the star singer from the Syd Lawrence Orchestra, and she wowed the audience with a powerful performance, notably on the Nat King Cole hit “Orange Coloured Sky” and the Basie arrangement of “Tea For Two”. A very enjoyable evening ended with Duke Ellington’s theme tune “Take The A Train”. A closing suggestion that they return later in the year was greeted with enthusiasm by the audience.**

**The band’s leaders are local – saxophonists Sandra Dowler and Andy Gigg, although they draw their musicians from a wide area. In fact it was an initial rehearsal in the Royal British Legion Hall four years ago that inspired their name. Wondering what to call themselves, they looked at the beer pumps on the bar and the pint glasses in their hands and settled on “Rebellion”. Directors of the Marlow Bottom Brewery are following their rise to fame with interest.**

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