

## **Briantspuddle Music Group report to Parish Meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

The group has six regular players, of whom four play alto saxophones, one plays the piano, and one plays percussion; the alto sax players between them also offer soprano sax, baritone sax and flute as alternative instruments. These six members come from a variety of local communities – Briantspuddle, Throop, Turnerspuddle, Rogers Hill, Crossways and Piddle Hinton.

We all practise individually at home of course, but we meet monthly in one or other of our members' homes (any one with a piano) to practise together, and are gradually extending our repertoire. From time to time we put ourselves in front of an audience and have a gig, such as the last two years at the village "Christmas Lights" festival when we provided introductory Christmas carol music. We will show the world that we don't just play carols, when we perform a programme of jazz, swing and Latin music as background to the village hall teas on the forthcoming Open Gardens day, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

We first formed the group at the end of 2013, and were fortunate to qualify for a grant of start-up money from Dorset POPP. That has been used up now, mainly on buying sheet music but also in getting some professional support from Dorset Rural Music School. Now when we need more sheet music we have to pay for it ourselves.

New members are always welcome, either for a trial session or as a permanent player. Whatever the instrument, we will find a way of incorporating it into our repertoire! Contact me, Jonathan Haigh (01929 471768), to find out when and where our next session is or for more information.