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And All That Jazz

By Diana Cormack

It should come as no surprise to clientele at Madden's Ale House to learn that one of A-level student Zac Klein's subjects at Fortismere School was music. Though they might not recognise his name, they may well recognise his piano playing.

Zac, of Hertford Road, started having conventional classical piano lessons at the age of six. At thirteen he switched teachers and styles, a move which no doubt found favour with his jazz-loving father. They go to many jazz concerts together where Zac has noticed that the only other young people in the audience are usually from Fortismere. He pays tribute to the way the school's music department has influenced him and to the great inspiration that they give their students.

Piano player

Jazz legends Bill Evans, John Coltrane and Wynton Kelly, amongst others, have also had an influence on Zac's musical development. He now

plans to play more standards and to develop his improvisational skills, which Friday night customers enjoying a drink at Madden's might already have heard; that is when the popular Jeremy Currie Trio entertains in the pub at 130 High Road. Obviously recognising talent when he hears it, Jeremy invited Zac to play, a daunting task for someone who had only previously performed at family gatherings.

However, the event proved a success and has led to Zac providing regular piano playing stints there. Now Zac is looking to form his own jazz group. If you are interested you can contact him through *THE ARCHER* (contact details on page 2) or pop into Madden's sometime.



Zac Klein playing the piano in Madden's. Photo by Diana Cormack



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