

News of the death of the "Father of British Traditional Jazz", George Webb, has recently been reported. He was 93 years old.

I met him on our tour of that area in 2003- see report below. We captured a really wonderful photo of him when he met our pianist/vocalist on that tour, Dee Spencer.

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“The London visit involved much enjoyable sightseeing but the highlight was the jazz concert in the suburb of Sidcup for the local jazz club. The event, which was organized by Dick Waterhouse, was a fund-raiser for Guide Dogs for the Blind and held in a large room with good piano, PA system, and fine acoustics. There was standing room only. **Introduced to the band and audience was George Webb, known throughout Britain as one of the early founders of traditional jazz in England.** The roomful was with the band from the very first beat- the most enthusiastic and wildly demonstrative audience of the entire two week tour! The Gassers reacted to the noisy, energetic encouragement of the crowd and played superbly. All in all, it was a perfect way to end the tour - it could not possibly have been programmed to be any better.”



**George Webb and Dee Spencer,  
August, 2003. Sidcup, England**