



The **Surrey Shadows Club**



HELD AT THE HERSHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, HERSHAM ROAD, WALTON ON THAMES
EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

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IT'S ALL HAPPENING!

IT'S ALL BEEN happening since our last meeting in September which was, as usual, a very successful evening. Plenty of players and guests which gave us another fantastic evening of Shadows music and good company. It would be nice if there were singers who could sing some of the Shadows songs as well because as you know they did quite a lot of them. I know singing is not easy but remember, here you are among friends and it would be nice if some were sung as well as the guitar numbers. What do you think?

Our September meeting was brought forward a week as it was "Shadowmania" time at the Lake-side Club in Frimley. Friday September 16 was the Pre-Shadowmania Party which, as usual, was attended by players and guests from all over Europe as well as Ireland and Canada so there was a wide selection of players as well as our own home-grown players. Surrey Shadows Club was well represented again with a good number of our players being chosen to play a couple of numbers. To mention a few: Derek Misslebrook, John Cade, John Boulden, Roy Haines, Bob Withrington, Bruce Heyden and Mike Norris. All-in-all a very good evening organised by Roy and Kathy Cresswell which also included a great buffet and a cabaret who was Brett Brookes (Derek's son) and he sang a selection of really good songs. The highlight was an appearance by **Bruce Welch** who kindly posed for photos, signed autographs and gave a talk. He looked very well indeed after his earlier medical treatment. Also there was **Brian (Licorice) Locking** a former bass player with The Shadows who also signed autographs and gave a short talk and circulated among the attendees.

Saturday was the big one. "**Shadowmania**". Wow, what a fantastic show that was. The show started with **The Runaways**, a fantastic band, followed by **The Foottappers** who are all young players and they were brilliant. It's great to see some of the young bands playing Shadows numbers. Then they accompanied **Licorice Locking** on a selection of numbers. They were followed by **Warren Bennett** whose dad is **Brian Bennett** a former drummer with The Shadows. Then we had **The Rapiers**. If you haven't seen them yet you should make the effort. They are brilliant!

The show finally concluded with **Bruce Welch's Shadows**. This was probably the best Shadowmania ever. Bruce's band were unbelievable. You had to be there to see it! Fantastic tunes played and a lot of humour as well. Bruce reverted back to his acoustic guitar on some numbers as he informed us a lot of the early backings he did on the records were done with acoustic guitar.

The show was dedicated to **Jet Harris** who sadly succumbed to cancer earlier in the year. A raffle was held to aid the Jet Harris Memorial Fund and there were a couple of guitars as prizes.....and guess what one of our members won the second prize, a Fender Stratocaster signed by Bruce and his Shadows. Lucky you Charlotte. All you have to do now is learn to play it!



Charlotte Withrington with the signed Fender guitar she won at Shadowmania on September 17



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STEPHEN SWANN

May 30th, 1947 - September 12th, 2011

It is with deep regret that the club has to announce the death of our good friend Stephen Swann. He suffered a massive stroke and died on September 12th at the age of 64.



Stephen was an extremely accomplished guitarist and was very well respected inside and outside the Shadow Music Community.

In the early days of the Surrey Shadows Club, Stephen played with the club's backing band, *The Silver Shadows* and helped to set the high standards of performances that the club has achieved.

Stephen's funeral was held at St Martin's Church in his home town of Knebworth and was very well attended by many of his Shadow Music friends who had worked with him and admired Stephen as both a gentleman and a fine exponent of the guitar.

Condolences from The Surrey Shadows Club have been expressed to Stephen's dear wife, Mary and their son Alan

JET HARRIS MEMORIAL FUND

If you feel you would like to donate to the Jet Harris Memorial Fund then you can do so by sending a cheque to the address below or go to the website.

Jet Harris Memorial Fund
PO Box 6260, Thatcham RG19 9JL
or visit the website:
www.jetharrismemorialfund.org

Everything you donate in memory of Jet will go towards supporting Cancer ResearchUK's work and specifically the research into Cancer of Unknown Primary.

OTHER SHADOWS CLUBS

There are plenty of Shadows clubs in the country and if you would like to know what is going on in them you can log on to the official Shadows web site which is:

www.shadowmusic.co.uk

REMAINING CLUB DATES FOR 2011

NOVEMBER 18 DECEMBER 16

FORTHCOMING EVENT

Don't forget our 4th Birthday on December 16. This should be a great event as we have our French counterparts paying us a visit and it will start very early in the afternoon. Also there is a Fish & Chip supper with apple pie and ice cream or custard. See the separate page for details.

GUITAR JUMBLE

We are continuing the "GUITAR JUMBLE" table for those who have some guitars, pedals, amps, effects, and parts etc, that they no longer use but are in good working order and wish to sell. Obviously big amps would be better if you brought in a photo. But please remember all items must be in good working order and hopefully cheap enough to sell for the benefit of other players who might like to buy them.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

NOV. 18

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Bruce Heyden, Bob Withrington, and Mike Norris



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Special ANGLO/FRENCH meeting Friday 16th December 2011

As announced in our July/August Newsletter **Surrey Shadows Club** and our French counterparts, **Shadowmaniacs France** will be holding a special **ANGLO/FRENCH** meeting on Friday 16th December 2011. This date also coincides with the 4th Birthday of the Club. So, a double celebration folks!

The plan for the day is that the club will be open at 12 noon to allow our club band *The Silver Shadows* to get everything set up for the expected 2:30pm arrival of our friends from France, featuring their core band *Shotgun Ltd* and other players and supporters. This should allow the event programme to start at 3pm.

The afternoon session will finish at 6pm when a very traditionally British Fish & Chip Supper including Homemade Apple Pie & Custard/Ice Cream will be served. You will need to book & pre-pay for the meal, for which we have negotiated a special deal for just £6 per head. A booking Form will be circulated during our October & November meetings.

Following supper the evening session will begin at about 7pm.

Fully in keeping with the philosophy of *The Surrey Shadows Club* to provide individual players of all abilities the opportunity of performing in front of an audience, playing tunes to Backing Tracks or with a Live Band. We shall, as usual, be operating a white board playing list for solo players. At selected times during the event *Shotgun Ltd* and *The Silver Shadows* will be entertaining us all with their longer sets.

During the evening we shall also be raffling a wonderful *Burns Guitar*, which will be on display at the Burns Guitar trade stand arranged by our good friend *Barry Gibson*.

Finally, we are hopeful of announcing the attendance of a special visitor to our event a little closer to the time.