

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL & MAY 2012

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WHERE ARE YOU ALL?

WELCOME one and all to the Surrey Shadows Club. We are very pleased to see you all here and hope you have a very enjoyable evening here with us. The April meeting went very well and all the players got the chance to play five numbers each as we did not have as many players turn up as we normally do. There seems to be a trend at the moment whereby people are staying home so that they can save money in this economic climate we have. We have a few members who travel to other clubs and they report back that this seems to be pretty general everywhere with most clubs saying they are down on the usual attendances they get. Let's hope this does not go on for too long. Anyway, that said, let's have a great evening here.

OTHER CLUBS

WE are very lucky here at this club as we regularly have visits from members of other clubs and tonight is no exception. We have players from the *South Coast Shadows Club* as well as players from the *South Bucks Shadows Club* and the *Sussex Shadows Club* and players who travel from other areas to be with us and who bring their friends who don't play to be in the audience and enjoy the evening. We heartily welcome them all.

BERT WEEDON

AS many of you will know from our last meeting we had to announce the passing of one of England's stalwart guitarists. Bert Weedon was well-known in the 1950s and 1960s as a guitarist who played on many records for singers who were in the pop charts during that time. He also bought out his book: "Play In A Day" which I think most

budding guitarists of the day bought so that they could be a pop star as well. I know I most certainly had a copy but I did not end up playing in a day. It took me a lot longer! Bert's funeral has taken place and present were many famous stars of the time including Marty Wilde and Bruce Welch.

SHADOWMANIA 2012

SHADOWMANIA is on again this year and tickets are available but are rapidly going. It is in September and is at the Lakeside Hotel, Frimley and if you want to go to the Pre-Shadowmania Party which is held on the Friday you had better get in touch with Kathy and Roy Cresswell as they are again handling the tickets for that. Included in the Pre-Shadowmania Party is a buffet before the main event of the evening. For the Shadowmania event go online to:

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The Jet Harris Memorial & Blue Plaque Lunch

At 12 noon on Sunday 1st April family, friends and fans of the late, great Jet Harris M.B.E gathered at The Kingswood Centre, Honeypot Lane in North West London for the unveiling of Jet's Blue Plaque. Following some glowing words from Marty Wilde and Bruce Welch the Blue Plaque, which reads -



**JANET AND CHRIS UNVEILING THE
PLAQUE**

- was unveiled by Jet's Partner - Janet Hemingway and Jet's Auntie - Chris Tremlett.

The party then left for The London Marriott Hotel - Regents Park to join all of the other guests attending the Memorial Lunch dedicated to Jet Harris. The whole event was organised by The Heritage Foundation working on behalf of the Arts & Entertainment Charitable Trust, with all profits currently going to The Bomber Command Association in order to fund the building of the memorial in Green Park, which is due to be unveiled by a member of the Royal Family on the 28th June 2012. It was a truly fabulous event with great music from The Shadows, which Surrey Shadows Club member's, John & Billie Cade, Roy & Rosemary Haines and Bob & Charlotte Withrington attended.

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THE WORDING ON THE BLUE PLAQUE



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Barry's Sutton's Memorial Evening

On the 22nd March family and friends attended a wonderful Memorial Evening for Barry Sutton held at Leigh Park Working Man's Club in Havant. With the venue's limit of 300 people tickets for the event were quickly bought for this popular man in the local music scene. Starting sharply at 7pm the evening commenced with **"5 By 5"**, one of the very first bands that Barry played in.

Then came **"The Shadders"** and John Gray, providing the audience with their usual very polished performance of great Shadows Music. Geoff "Geffers" Bearpark, who has kindly assisted with the preparation of this article, said that *"Barry never admitted to being a fan of The Shadows but he loved playing their music"*.

Following yet another slick change over brought on **"Daz & Chave"** who are an extremely entertaining Chas and Dave Tribute Duo, giving out a typical punchy performance

The show's very able & humorous compare **Mick King** then introduced the absolute highlight of the evening with Barry's triplet Sons Ed, Craig & Scott taking the stage with their trio **"The Noise Next Door"**. In a word, they were Fantastic!

"Retromatic" followed on which featured Barry's son Craig Sutton playing bass guitar (using his Dad's gear!) and "Geffers" on lead guitar with another great set of familiar songs for everyone to enjoy.

With a couple of songs each from Herbie Armstrong and "Rockin' Colin" the evening concluded with the arrival on stage of **"The Superheroes"** who were brilliant. For a time Barry was their Soundman.

In every way the evening was a huge success and raised over £3,000 for the **Rowan Hospice** in Purbrook.

Like the Big Man he was, for Barry Sutton this was a Big & Memorable evening.

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BOB WITHRINGTON WRITES:

My Six String Short Scale Bass Guitar

Inspired by "that Sound" created by Jet Harris playing on his Fender VI Bass Guitar on his hits of *Diamonds*, *Scarlett O'Hara*, *The Man With The Golden Arm* etc, I decided to convert a normal Burns Marquee Guitar into a Six String Short Scale Bass Guitar. The key to the success of this project was to purchase special strings from Newtowne Strings Ltd, that were especially wound to suit the standard 25.5" scale length of the Guards Red Burns Marquee that I bought from Barry Gibson. When tuned E to E and one complete octave lower these heavy strings of 18 to 85 do not pose too much tension upon the guitar neck and even the tremolo works very effectively.

At the Jet Harris Memorial Lunch and Unveiling of the Blue Plaque in London on the 1st April, Marty Wilde kindly wrote on the tremolo cover plate - "*Remembering Jet Harris Marty Wilde 1/4/12*".

I hope you enjoy hearing how it sounds.



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SOUTH WEST SHADOWS CLUB (EXETER)



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MANAGEMENT TEAM

Bruce Heyden, Bob Withrington, and Mike Norris. If you have any queries or questions about the club you can talk to any of the above about it.

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

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.

THE NEW CLUB JACKETS ETC.

For those who ordered the new club jackets, they are here for you tonight, so go and see Charlotte Withrington at her table and you can collect it. Also available now are baseball caps and polo shirts with the club logo on them and if you are interested see Charlotte for those.

FOR SALE

PEAVEY DELTAFLEX TWIN effects unit with manual. Perfect working condition. £30. Tel: 07837 475670

FOR SALE



SCHECTER C1 in excellent condition. This guitar is a joy to play. Beautiful action. In white. Comes complete with hard case.

£575 ono

For any further information please telephone Andy

07814 745933

CLUB MEETING DATES FOR

JUNE 15

JULY 20

AUGUST 17

SEPTEMBER 21

OCTOBER 19

NOVEMBER 16

DECEMBER 14

**ALL DATES ARE ON FRIDAYS AND THE
PLAYING STARTS AROUND 7.30 PM**