

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2012



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THE LAST ONE!

WELCOME one and all to our meeting this month. Last month was a great evening with 19 players attending to entertain us. It was a great evening with the addition of a few new members turning up as well who thoroughly enjoyed themselves and said they would definitely be back. Also this month saw the very last of **Bruce Welch's Shadowmania** at the Lakeside Club in Frimley. We had a number of our members who attended the show and they all said what a fantastic last show it was! We also had members playing at the **Pre-Shadowmania Party** on the Friday, namely John Cade, Bob Withrington Roy Haines and Ken Emerson. It will be a sad loss this eagerly awaited show each year to which players and fans come to from all over Europe.

But the music carries on! Tonight we hope to have a full house of players to entertain us as most of you will have had your summer holidays by now. Of course we will have the great playing of the fabulous *Silver Shadows* who will be the backing band for the players who get up and play for us as well as playing some of their set as well.

There are things also happening in the coming months which will be of interest to members namely a musical evening in November which will be an additional event to our calendar. This will be a free admission event and will feature four great bands, but more of that later.

Also this year is our Fifth Birthday and we aim to make this the best birthday we can. Last year's party was really well attended and was thoroughly enjoyed

by everyone who attended. It gets a bit harder each year to try and outdo the previous year and the management team work very hard to try and achieve this for the members. This year is going to be a great one also. More details of that will follow soon so that those who would like to attend can get their raffle tickets and guarantee a place to a wonderful and memorable evening.

I know I keep on about it but we really do have some excellent players who attend this club and play for us. It has been said a few times by new players that they feel a bit intimidated by the quality of the players and are worried that they are not up to standard. I say it again that this club welcomes any player of any standard to come and play for us. You will get better by playing with

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players better than yourself. (*Trust me on that because two years I could not play any Shadows tunes. Now I can as I was encouraged by John Boulden to learn a few, which I did. I'm not great but I get by. Ed.*) So don't get put off by a better player than you....we all had to start somewhere. And we are all behind you!



*This picture was taken in Brussels. A
Maneken Pis with a Fender Strat.
(Any comments? Ed.)*

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

As mentioned earlier there will be a special one-off Musical Extravaganza here at the club in November and there will be four great bands performing for your entertainment. The acts will be:

REWIND

They will open the evening with a selection of songs you all know

THE SILVER SHADOWS

A fantastic tribute band playing
Shadows music

THE SILVER SHADOWS

will play a selection of
Country music

APOLLO 11

They will be coming to us from France to play a selection of Spotniks music complete with stage show

This is all happening on
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Admission is free so it will be a case of first come first served.

There will also be a Burns guitar provided by our good friend Barry Gibson of Burns Guitars that will be raffled

This event is organised by
The Surrey Shadows Club
and anyone is welcome

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Bob Withrington writes on his recent visit to Canada:

Toronto Shadows Club

Whilst on holiday in Canada I met up with Colin McGuffin – President of the Toronto Shadows Club, along with club member - Keith Bailey. It being August there was no monthly TSC meeting planned at their venue - The Pickled Onions Sports Bar, it was nonetheless very enjoyable meeting up and chatting with Colin in his home town of Guelph, Ontario and presenting him with a SSC Cap.



The Pickled Onions Sports Bar



Bob presenting Colin McGuffin with a SSC cap

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Bruce Heyden, Bob Withrington, and Mike Norris

SURREY SHADOWS CLUB MEETING DATES 2012

OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER 14

ALL DATES ARE ON FRIDAYS AND THE PLAYING
STARTS

AROUND 7.30pm

We look forward to meeting you !

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Bob Withrington writes:

Sixties Music - Toronto

At last year's Shadowmania I had the pleasure of meeting Steve Valentine the lead guitarist with a Shadows Tribute Band called "Solid" who play regularly at the Sixties Music event held at The Krazy Cactus in Mississauga, a suburb of Toronto City. Knowing I was going to be on holiday in Canada, Steve kindly offered me the chance of playing with his band at the 18th August meeting. It turned out to be a really great night of sixties music with three other bands on the bill. The club also celebrated Steve's recent 65th Birthday when I took the opportunity of presenting Steve with a Surrey Shadows Club Cap. Steve will be visiting the UK to attend the final Shadowmania and has also promised to attend the next SSC meeting on the 21st September, where I am sure you will be impressed with his playing skill.



A MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**FOUR BANDS - A BURNS GUITAR RAFFLE
AND FREE ADMISSION**

AN EVENING NOT TO BE MISSED

OUR FIFTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

A GREAT EVENING AHEAD!

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THE SOUTH WEST SHADOWS CLUB

Below is an e-mail received from Martyn Welch (no relation to Bruce) of the South West Shadows Club, to Bob Withrington, on his visit to our club last month. I think you will all agree that it is very complimentary about our club. So let's keep up the good work!

Hi Bob

Just a quick letter that I would be grateful if you could perhaps forward to any of your club members you think may be interested. I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone for making me so welcome on Friday evening. I was impressed not only by the musical skill levels of your members but that you have so many of them at any given time. I'd be watching the band playing, turn my head to chat to another member and when I looked back there'd be a whole new set and, extremely rare and perhaps unique to your club, another highly skilled

drummer would be smacking the skins for the next couple of tunes! I think you are extremely lucky to have such a pool of talent at hand all the time and of course I'm not the least bit jealous.... I also noted the smooth, almost seamless changes from featured guitarist to guitarist because I generally operate our club mixing desk and I instantly recognised the highly professional management of sound levels. I made copious mental notes as to how we might incorporate some of your club's techniques into our own operations as ours tend to be slightly more hit and miss in terms of sound balancing and mixing. We do have far fewer members, as you know from previous visits to us, so in theory it should be simpler to have a smooth and slick operation but somehow it never quite works out that way hopefully we will get there eventually.

You must be very proud to be part of such a professional looking and sounding club, whose members made me feel instantly relaxed and at home. Terry (Helen's brother) and Chris enjoyed themselves too but for me and Helen, as first-time visitors, it was a splendid evening and we'd be delighted to return if we are staying with Terry and Chris again and it coincides with your monthly meets.

**THE DATES FOR
NEXT YEAR'S
CLUB MEETINGS
WE ARE HOPING
TO
PUBLISH NEXT
MONTH**