



NEWSLETTER FOR

The Surrey Shadows Club

JUNE 2014

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

www.shadowmusic.co.uk

**Patron: BARRY GIBSON
(Burns Guitars London)**

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OUR LAST MEETING

At our last meeting Breakthru' opened the evening with a selection of tunes and songs to test and make sure all the equipment was in top working order. As our Bass player John Ross was away, Steve Deeds stood in for him (this was Steve's first time playing Bass for us but he did play it very well).

THE PLAYERS

Terry from Eastbourne with Spring is Nearly Here and Theme for Young Lovers. It was Terry's first time playing with a band backing him and he played great.

Don played Atlantis and sang We Say Yeah

Ian played The Stranger and Geronimo

Tony played the Bass for FBI and South of the Border

Alan - Wonderful Land, Ghost Riders in the Sky

Bob with Tony Dobson on Rhythm – Peace Pipe, Apache

Gordon sang Move it and I could easily fall in Love

Derek – Two of our Shadows are Missing, Angels

John Cade – Pretend, Goldfinger

Paul – Flingel Bunt, Theme for Young Lovers

Phil & Susan – Theme for a Dream, Let me be the One

Gareth – 36-24-36, Dance to the Guitar Man

Dancin' Nick McNulty – Shindig, Shazam

Eugene – Peace Pipe, Theme for Young Lovers

Ken – Valencia, It Doesn't Matter Anymore

Tony Knight & Tony Copeland (Classic Tracks) – Man of Mystery, Travelling Light

Mike Norris sang The Young Ones



*Above Steve Deeds (Bass) with The Two Tony's
Right Terry from Eastbourne*



THE BURNS COBRA PRIZE DRAW

The draw took place last month with our clubs' patron, Mr. Barry Gibson of Burns Guitars UK pulling out the winning ticket. The winner of the Red Burns Cobra Guitar was Colin Howell who is an excellent guitar player so no doubt he will be demonstrating it for us to hear at the club sometime in the near future.



Above – Colin collects the guitar
Right – Colin at The Rugby Club



CH'TISHADS 2014 – UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that there will now be fifteen of us from the **Surrey Shadows Club** attending the **Ch'tishads 2014** event in Fleurbaix on Saturday 15th November 2014.

This includes **The Shades**
with members

Mark Winter on drums,
Roger Cook on lead guitar,
Tony Dobson on rhythm guitar
and
Jim Tidmarsh on bass guitar.



For the show the band will be wearing specially designed SSC Polo Shirts.

Hopefully **The Shades** will be performing for us at our **18th July** meeting.

HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY STRATOCASTER

This year sees the 60th Anniversary of the Fender Stratocaster Guitar. This iconic guitar was made famous for us when Cliff Richard bought the first Strat into the UK for Hank to play. Several Fender events have been going on at the larger music shops and I was invited to a couple of them to see how the guitars have evolved from the original through to the present model.

Damien Chivers gave a brief history of the guitars development, the most notable players (Hank included) and demonstrated the various models through the years including the latest 2014 range.

After the show we had an informal talk about music, guitars and we all were given a Fender book and a super cool black anniversary shirt.



Damien Chivers, Demonstrating a '59 Strat at Guitar guitar, in Epsom

As a newby to the world of guitar playing I decided to update my Strat copy guitar (£79 including basic amp, gig bag, leads, spare strings and picks).

I opted for a present day US standard model in tobacco sunburst with a rosewood fretboard similar to my old copy strat, sadly when it arrived it had not been set up so out came the book and several hours of tuning began, unfortunately the low E and A strings had a terrible rattling buzz that I could not eliminate despite adjusting the truss rod and raising the action (the gap between the fretboard and the strings), A return to the shop and the guitar was set up by the Luthier to suit my playing and I am very pleased with it although it was initially disappointing compared with my cheap strat copy that only needed tuning and is so reliable for a guitar at less than a tenth the price of the new one.

With hindsight if buying a new guitar get it set up by the shop as it can be disappointing having to take it back to have it set up properly.

Both **Gibson** and **Taylor** guitars have also had roadshows and demonstrations of their new range of products, well worth going along to even if it is just to see the skill of the demonstrators or hearing about the quality of woods and their manufacturing process.

Steve J

AN EVENING WITH BRIAN "LICORICE" LOCKING

Just a reminder that we are selling tickets for this special event at **£5** each.
As space is limited this will be a ticket only event

In celebration of the 7th Birthday of our club, an evening with ex-Shadows

Brian "Licorice" Locking

Backed by **The Licorice Allsorts** featuring

Cliff Hall on Keyboards,

Alan Jones on Bass Guitar,

Clem Cattini on Drums,

Barry Gibson on Lead Guitar

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2014
FROM 7:30pm UNTIL LATE

The first part of the evening will run just like a normal club evening with players performing either with *Breakthru'* or to backing tracks.
The second half we will just sit back to enjoy the show.

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