

## March Newsletter 2017



# *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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The news of the death of Mike Norris has brought much sadness as we face the loss of another Shadows Club member. As many of you will know, Mike suffered ill health bravely for a long time, with it sometimes curtailing his attending the Surrey Shadows Club of which he was so fond of. Mike was a lovely, caring, generous man and full of fun. Someone who quietly thought things through and with his abounding knowledge of life would give sound advice.

He was one of the original "Management Team" members of the SSC, alongside Bob (Withrington), Ken (Emerson) and Bruce (Heyden) and produced the newsletter for the club at the start. He was also one of the team on the first visit to France, where our friendship with our French friends was forged. They all enjoyed the day of music and Mike, who as you are all aware had a great voice, spent time in the car park helping the one and only French singer Christian with his repertoire, which included only one Cliff song, and accompanied by Bob and Bruce doing harmonies. Before long they were joined by a crowd. Later in the day when asked to sing, he had them all up and dancing, a tremendous day and jolly for Team Four.

Mike is going to be sorely missed and is now gone from us but he left us with many happy memories. Let's hope perhaps he, Bob and Steve (Juden) are "up there" playing and starting another Shadows Club.

We send our heartfelt sympathy and love to his wife Ann and all his family.

God bless and Rest in Peace Mike.

### R I P Mike Norris

## **Our February Club Meeting**

Last month saw the return of BreakThru' who opened up the evening with a very good range of songs from the sixties.

A big thank you once again to John Bell for doing the sound.

### **The Players**

Mike Gladwell played Santa Ana and Chattanooga Choo Choo

Geoff Parkin played Evening Comes and Windjammer

John Cade played Summer Love 59 and The Flyder and The Spy

Stewart Wood on Bass played Sleepwalk and Atlantis

Stuart Best played The Savage and Riders in The Sky

John Clarke played Wonderful Land and The Breeze and I

Dave K played Blue Star and Frightened City

Stuart Osbourne played FBI and The Savage

Robin SurrIDGE played Foot Tapper and Shadoogie

Ken Bowler played Geronimo and Find Me a Golden Street

John Bell played Polaski and Man of Mystery

Dave K Lead/ Barry Waller Rhythm played Theme for Young Lovers and sung What Have They Done to the Rain

Terry Scott Vocals /Rhythm, Henry Scott Lead, Connor Baxter played FBI and sung Massachusetts

### **Some of last month's players**



**Ken Bowler**



**Connor Baxter - Bass, Terry Scott - Vocals/Rhythm, Henry Scott - Lead**

Henry, playing his grandfather's Burns guitar he won in a raffle at The Con Club. The proceeds of this raffle went to Princess Alice Hospice.

This was Henry's and Connor's first appearance at the club and we hope to see them again soon. It was also nice to see Ken Bowler at the club again.

**Newsletter Articles**

In last month's newsletter it was mentioned that if anyone had any interesting articles they would like to share with the club members to please let me know. Thank you to Kevin Hamilton and Jacqueline Cropley for these two.

**To go Wi-Fi or not to go Wi-Fi, that is the question**

I finally got round to thinking about my Wi-Fi preferences and what options are available; being a close relation of Scrooge the price would also be a big factor.

Sitting indoors being enthralled by Jeremy Kyle, (I don't think) I listed what would best suit my needs. My requirements were fairly simple given that I wanted it for home use, jamming with friends or even an "open mic evening." I didn't want a receiver that needed a power supply, as trying to climb over gear to find a socket can be a bit problematic with the rest of the band.

After a lot of searching the internet and reading up on it, I decided that the JOYO JW-01 was the answer which costs around £60. The transmitter plugs comfortably into the guitar with the receiver going to the input on the amp. Both have Lithium Batteries and recharge from the mains like a mobile phone, with the unit lasting around 10 hours on one charge. It has several other features which I won't bore you with although they can be quite useful.

I purchased the product "online" and when it arrived, I was very pleased with the build quality of the units and charger. After some weeks I contacted **JOYO UK** for advice and found them to be very helpful and they were pleased to assist.

Judging the product even with my Scrooge connections, I think it is great value for money, reliable and supported by a UK team that will always help.

The down side is that is not gig quality and does not kick out as much power as you get using a lead.

Hope you find this of interest.

**Kevin Hamilton**

## Lakeside 2017

Dear Shadows Fans,

### **CELEBRATION OF SHADOWS MUSIC 2017**

We are happy to announce that we are presenting this year's meeting of Shadows fans on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Even though we haven't completed booking the bands for the event yet we have been urged by many of you to put the tickets on sale so that you can plan your year in advance.

Tickets can be booked on line at [www.lakesidesurrey.co.uk](http://www.lakesidesurrey.co.uk) or you can call the box office on 01252 836464 to book with your debit or credit card.

**Jacqueline, thank you for this information.**

### **Colin (Shakey) Howell**

There is an article about Shakey and his pedal board in this month's Guitar & Bass magazine. I've been told it is available in all W.H. Smiths, Sainsbury's, good bookshops and newsagents.

### **Classified Ads**

Every so often club members will bring guitars, pedals etc to the club which they wish to sell. If you would like your item to be placed in the newsletter to let people know before the club date, please e-mail Mark a picture and description at [mtw3005@hotmail.com](mailto:mtw3005@hotmail.com)

### **Gig Guide**

This is a new item that has been added to the newsletter. If anyone would like to add to this please let me know.

Con Club Molesey

South Coast Shadows Club

West End Social Club Woking, R & R Night

Eastbourne Shadows

Live music every Wednesday from 20.00

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March Starts at 13.30

### **Burns Guitar Night**

At our next meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Burns guitar night. This was one of Mike's ideas, so as a mark of respect, we would like to see as many as possible please.

### **Steve Juden**

At our next meeting, it will be a year to the day that Steve passed away, 18-03-2016 He did a fantastic job of producing the newsletter and was always interested and enthusiastic about SSC, he is sadly missed. His wife Jean is our photographer and reporter for the players and their numbers, carrying on for Steve and we thank her for the grand job she is doing.

At our next meeting, we welcome Le Faux Shadows, hope you can join us then.