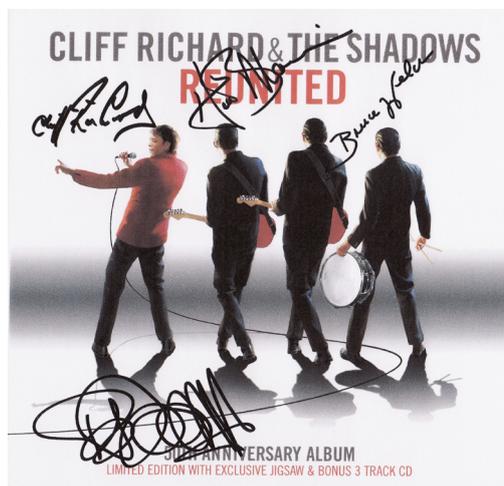


The Berkshire Shadows Club



Next Club Meeting on Tuesday 22nd December

Christmas is upon us! Santa would be proud! We have arrived at our Berkshire Shadows Club's second Christmas and we're still going strong. This upcoming club meeting is bound to be extra special, with the addition of a buffet for attendees (*save yourselves for the array of nibbles and delicacies which will be provided by "the catering team"*). There will be the usual scandalous behaviour, courtesy of the noisy drummer boy, folks dressing up in silly outfits ("*Oy, Ethel, did I hear that right? I thought this was a guitar club!?*") and, of course, Christmas



Gillies won the signed box set (see above), so we've managed between us to keep the guitars and the box set down South. Well done John, Bob and Pete! Those items are very possibly going to turn into really good investments in time. What a nice way to help the Children in Need cause!

Children In Need - What a success!

Did you know - Graham, Sue, Mike and Eric's efforts with the Children In Need concert raised SEVEN AND A HALF THOUSAND POUNDS for this wonderful charity? Sincere thanks are extended to Barry Gibson of Burns Guitars London for the Burns Marquee guitar he donated to the cause and to Chris Wright from Drumwright for organising the Fender Stratocaster. Both guitars pictured above. The concert was a spectacular success. The Driftin' Shadows played Shadows material from the early years. The Silver Shadows played material from the 'Burns era' (1963 - 1968), The Shadders played miscellaneous modern numbers and the evening was headlined by a young group, The Shadowers, headed up by Justin Daish, with ex-Shadows bass man Alan Jones guesting on the bass guitar. All in all a fab evening. If you weren't there you missed a good evening out.



wouldn't be complete without the array of Christmas instrumentals which are bound to pop up on the night. Don't miss this one - it's going to be a cracker!

Those guitars and the signed Box Set!

For those of you who didn't attend the Children in Need concert, a news flash - two of the Surrey Club regulars who attend our Langley club meetings too, won the bidding for them! John Cade managed to win the Fender and Bob Witherington succeeded in beating off all competition and is now the lucky owner of the Burns. Well done, chaps. Our Peter



Here's hoping it happens again in 2010.

Christmas numbers and the band

A plea, as normal, from your backing band... Unless you're determined to use a backing track on the night, please let the band know what number(s) you're intending to play so we have the time, before Tuesday, to share the list between us and learn them for you if we can. It's always much better, both for you and for the listening crowd, if you use the band. Live music always sounds much better than canned music. We do need a few days before the event to get 'em right for you, so please let us know as soon as you can.

While on the subject of backing tracks.... if you want to do something "Christmassy" but you're not sure what... let me know at apache@berks-sc.org and I'll try to let you have some ideas. The Ventures recorded a large number of Christmas instrumentals and I have a disk from a duo called Jack and The Rollers, which contains some good numbers - all possible tunes you could be playing on Tuesday.

Sunday meetings

We're still looking for an alternative venue for the Sunday meetings - somewhere we're able to start earlier and finish around 18:00. We feel this will improve the already successful Sunday meetings, as it will stop us from having to go through 'dinner time' on a Sunday. If you know of a venue which you think would be useful for the club, please won't you let me know? I'd be delighted to get hold of the venue and see whether they would like to have a musical day on a Sunday. So... any thoughts to me by Email to the usual address please!

Dates for 2010

As some of you don't visit the website, I thought I would include some of the dates for early next year in this, the final newsletter of 2009. They are:

26th January 2010
23rd February 2010
23rd March 2010
27th April 2010
25th May 2010

Our normal start time is 19:30.

The Procedure

The club is easy to find, off Junction 5 on the M4. There is a ton of parking available and the lift takes you to the first floor, where the hall awaits you. Don't forget to sign in with Sue, Cindy and Jackie when you arrive so we can keep you updated as to club news etc. Please check your Email address on the form when you arrive and change it if it's no longer valid. Don't forget the toll charge - £5 for players and £2 for 'listeners'. The money goes to pay for the hall and for the food, tea, coffee and cakes we consume at every meeting.

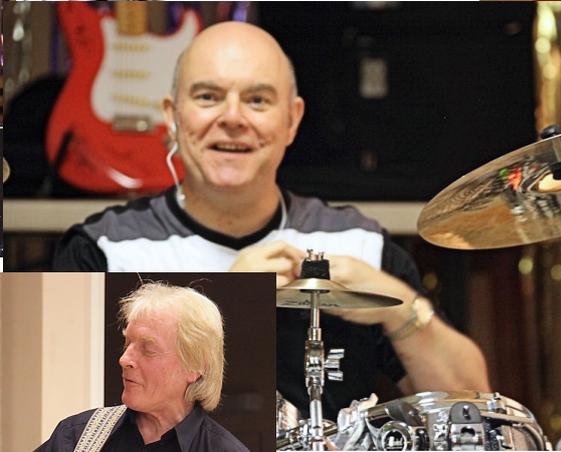
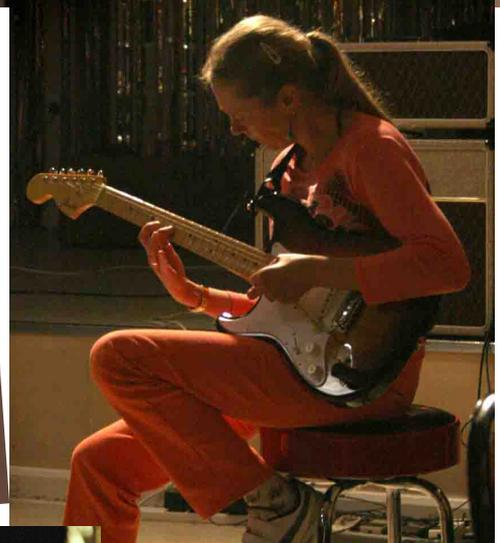
Can't wait to play for you all again - see you there on Tuesday 22nd December!

Chris Kenward

'The Drummer'



The year 2009 - in pictures



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