

NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2011

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## SURPRISE VISIT BY BRUCE!

WE were very honoured last month when **Bruce Welch** paid a surprise visit to our club. He came in with a personal friend and stayed with us for some considerable time. He kindly posed for photographs for some members who asked him, and signed a few guitars for some of the players. It was great to see the look on their faces as they walked away with his autograph on their guitar.....being very careful not to smudge it. I think there might have been a few purchases of tins of lacquer the following day!



**Bruce Welch** playing with **Eric** on bass, **Chris**, drums, **Ron**, vocals, **Terry**, lead and **Bob** on keyboards

Bruce also chatted to members who, I must say, were very respectful and did not crowd him and allowed him to enjoy listening to the music being played by the members as well as have a friendly drink. I think he enjoyed himself that much that he felt the urge to play and eventually went to the front of the stage and played with Terry and Ron (from the **Sussex Shadows Club**) and our resident band **The Silver Shadows**. He borrowed Graham's Strat and then played "**Please Don't Tease**" (as written by Bruce). It was great to see him perform for us and it showed when a great big cheer went up when he finished the number. That, we believe, was the first time that he has played since his operation. So well done to all the club members and players who allowed Bruce to chill out for a while and enjoy himself. Please, Bruce, feel free to pop in any club night and play again. We loved having you visit us. Thank you from us all at **The Surrey Shadows Club**.

PHOTOS BY: TONY RODRIGUES  
WHO ALSO TAKES ALL THE PICTURES OF THE  
PLAYERS ON CLUB NIGHTS



**Bruce Welch** (centre) and The Surrey Shadows Club Management Team who are from left: Ken Emerson, Bob Withrington, Mike Norris and Bruce Heyden, posing for photo at the end of Bruce's visit.

**NEXT CLUB MEETING**  
**JULY 15**

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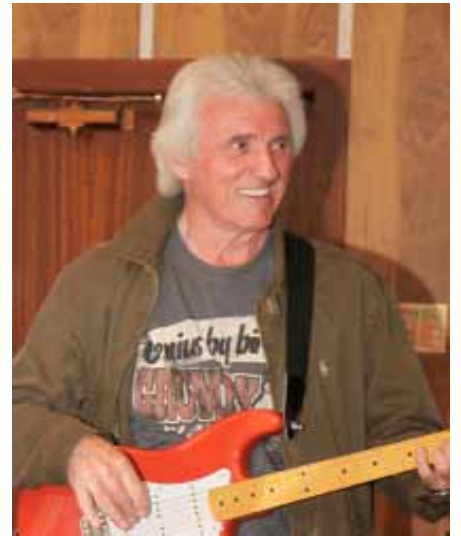
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**Bruce** being introduced to all as the "New Rhythm Player" in the band by Bob Withrington.

## SURPRISE VISIT BY BRUCE



**Bruce** getting ready to play a song he wrote for Cliff .....  
"Please Don't Tease"

Bruce looking very well indeed when he visited us on May 20, for an informal visit. We look forward very much indeed to his next visit.



Bruce offering praise to the band for their rendering of his song which they played very well indeed. And as was said after he had played the number: "He didn't do too bad for a new boy did he!" Well done, Bruce, and thank you once again for your visit . The players and audience very much appreciated it. His next visit is.....

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## VISIT TO FLEURBAIX, FRANCE



*From left: Ken Emerson, Bruce Heyden, Michel Henaux, Mike Norris, Marcel Dumont, Bob Withrington outside the venue in Fleurbaix*

OUR visit to Fleurbaix, Northern France, to visit a fellow Shadows venue was on April 16. We left Walton at 5.45 am to drive down to Folkestone to catch the Eurostar across to Calais. When we arrived in Calais we had to travel north for a while on the motorway and then turn off towards Fleurbaix. Our driver was Bob Withrington who had lived in France for a few years and knew his way around. So we are very grateful to Bob for doing the driving. He can also speak pretty good French! The purpose of the visit was to get to know our French counterparts and see how they run their club. This particular venue is held once a year and there was a large gathering of Shadows enthusiasts at this venue. There were about 200 people there when we arrived and we were made extremely welcome when they announced that we had arrived. This venue cost us 32 euros each and included all the tea, coffee and wine you could drink during the course of the day. Also included was a meal at lunchtime and an evening meal as well. We were made to feel very welcome indeed as we mingled amongst the other people there and talking to them. If we could not speak French and Bob was talking elsewhere they had someone nearby who could speak English so there was no problem regarding communication between us. Our "guardians" were Michel Henaux and Marcel Dumont who are also the organisers of the event. They told us about the event and how it was run and the format for playing. The main difference is whereas we have individual players they have bands mainly. They do have a system whereby they make up scratch bands from all different players and then they play a Shadows tune. We were due to perform at about 3.30 pm. This we did and thoroughly enjoyed it. First we played individually to backing tracks and then together as a group.

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*Some of the players with their wives and friends at the venue in Fleurbaix*





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Other bands then played a selection of tunes. This carried on all afternoon and there were some very good bands playing. This was interspersed with a photo session and then the music carried on. We were made to feel very welcome indeed by everyone and it was a real pleasure to be there. The music carried on till 9.30 pm. We all decided it had been a fantastic day and would definitely go there again. Then it was back to our hotel for the night for an early start back home in the morning. After coming back to England we thought we would pop into Seaford as Terry, Ray and Ron were having their monthly club meeting. This we did and that finished our "world tour" of Hersham, Fleurbaix and Seaford. A fantastic weekend and we are hoping to arrange for our Fleurbaix friends to come here to Hersham to visit us. Plans are afoot for this to happen....so watch this space!

**Meanwhile**, back to last month's meeting and we were again blessed with a large audience to watch the band and players perform. We had Barry Gibson (an accomplished player) and Alan Taylor (Pipeline). Also we had a return visit from the Southcoast Shadows Club and also members from the Berkshire Shadows Club and it is always lovely to see these people come here and play for us as well as our own players. There were a few new faces in the audience as well from Hampshire. So anyone reading this, if you are not from our area don't worry as we will be very pleased to see you if you want to pay us a visit. You will be made to feel very welcome. Come and visit the best (probably) Shadows club in the country!

If anyone would like any of the photos that Tony (Ironsides) Rodrigues took last month just go up to him in his wheelchair and talk to him and he will be very happy to talk to you about it.

The Management team hope that you enjoy your visit to us tonight and if you would like to make any comments about bettering the club even more or, you have a complaint, please approach any Management Team member and talk to them. They are there to help!

### 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](http://www.shadowmusic.co.uk)

### THE NEW CLUB JACKETS & SHIRTS

The new Surrey Shadows Club bomber jackets, baseball caps and shirts are now available. The shirts are in long-sleeve or short-sleeve version and the quality of the items is excellent. Charlotte Withrington will be at her table if you would like to order any of the items. Just go and see her and let her know your collar size for shirts or S, M, or XL for the bomber jackets and they will be ordered for you.

### GUITAR JUMBLE

We are continuing the "GUITAR JUMBLE" table for those who have some guitars, pedals, amps, effects, and parts etc, that they no longer use but are in good working order and wish to sell. Obviously big amps would be better if you brought in a photo. But please remember all items must be in good working order and hopefully cheap enough to sell for the benefit of other players who might like to buy them.

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Could you make a note in your diaries that the September meeting date has been moved to **SEPTEMBER 9**. This is because it will clash with the Pre-Shadowmania Party at Lakeside on the 16th.

### REMAINING CLUB DATES FOR 2011

JULY 15  
AUGUST 19  
SEPTEMBER 9

OCTOBER 21  
NOVEMBER 18  
DECEMBER 16

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

Bruce Heyden, Bob Withrington, Ken Emerson and Mike Norris