

NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2011

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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SOON BE CHRISTMAS !

Hello and welcome everyone to our November meeting the one before our 4th Birthday. Plans are well under way for our birthday celebrations and we are having a visit from our French counterparts to help us celebrate and I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised with them. Don't forget if you are playing that night to bring your guitar stand with you as all the tables will be taken so we don't want guitar cases on them. There is also the Fish & Chip Supper followed by apple pie and custard/cream afterwards which I am sure will go down very well.

The October meeting went very well indeed with a lot of talent on display. The standard of playing in this club is very high indeed and I think we are honoured to have these players here. We also like to encourage players who are still feeling a bit intimidated by the high standard to take part in the playing. Don't forget, we all had to start somewhere! So don't be put off playing among these players as all the club members are behind you and will encourage you to play. That is what this club is all about. You will get better and better by getting up and playing as a lot of the players will tell you. Don't worry about making the occasional mistake, we all do it, well I do! (ed.) It's all part of the fun of playing and enjoying yourself. The point is that you have the guts to get up and do it! Anyway, that said, we had 14 players that night and it is great to hear so many different Shadows tunes played. I think there were only two repeats all evening.

SHOTGUN LTD

SHOTGUN LTD is the name of the French band that are here for our 4th Birthday. They are very talented and have recently come back from a gig in Switzerland where they played 52 numbers during the evening and early morning. They finished at 3am in the morning! They are known as a Shadows tribute band but also go out as a Spotnicks tribute band and are then known as Apollo 11. On the following page you will see a few pictures of them performing. So I think we could be in for a real treat that night! Don't forget the celebrations start about 3pm.

STEPHEN SWANN

May 30th, 1947 - September 12th, 2011



The funeral of our dear friend and colleague, Stephen Swann, who died last month, was held at St. Martin's Church in his home town of Knebworth and was very well attended by his many friends and fellow players who included representatives from this club along with members of our resident band The Silver Shadows. Stephen, you will be sadly missed

FINAL CLUB MEETING FOR 2011

DECEMBER 16 SURREY SHADOWS CLUB 4TH BIRTHDAY

DON'T MISS IT! IT WILL BE A GREAT NIGHT

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BRIAN LOCKING

Having discussed with **Brian (Licorice) Locking** over the recent Shadowmania weekend the possibility of him attending our special Anglo/French

meeting on December 16 it was disappointing to learn during a recent telephone conversation that he will not now be able to come due to a prior engagement. As many of you will know from meeting Brian he is most passionate about the way in which Shadows Music Clubs are bringing on players to perform the music we all love. He especially wanted to pass on his greetings and best wishes and has promised to visit us at Surrey Shadows Club in 2012.

JET HARRIS MEMORIAL FUND

If you feel you would like to donate to the Jet Harris Memorial Fund then you can do so by sending a cheque to the address below or go to the website.

Jet Harris Memorial Fund
PO Box 6260, Thatcham RG19 9JL
or visit the website:
www.jetharrismemorialfund.org

Everything you donate in memory of Jet will go towards supporting Cancer ResearchUK's work and specifically the research into Cancer of Unknown Primary.

SHOTGUN LTD

SHOTGUN LTD as seen here performing in Switzerland recently



and then going out as a SPOTNICKS Tribute Band

APOLLO 11



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BURNS COBRA

Below is a picture of the guitar that *Barry Gibson*, is donating to the club to be raffled to celebrate our 4th Birthday celebrations. This is the guitar that he uses in his band, LOCAL HEROES, and is featured on their latest album "Three Of Our Shadows Are Missing". So, if you would like the chance to win this fabulous guitar, then buy some raffle tickets that will be sold on the evening.



On behalf of the club we would like to say "thank you" to Barry who frequently supports and attends the club, for providing one of his excellent guitars. He will also be selling guitars on the evening and various other ancillaries as well.

ANOTHER ONE, TOO !

There is also another guitar up for grabs during the evening. A member has kindly donated one to be raffled - but as a 2nd prize! It is not in the same league as the Burns but is a good beginners guitar. It will come with an amplifier as well.

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 shown 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.

THANK YOU, PETER !

On behalf of the club, the Management team would like to thank Mr Peter Pollard who is "the Guvnor" of the Hersham Sports and Social Club for his support for the SSC especially when we run a bit late (which is most club nights). Peter is a music lover himself and obviously enjoys what we do. He can often be seen later in the evening sitting down chatting to members of the club after his work is done. A gentleman of the first degree. Thank you Peter.

OTHER SHADOWS CLUBS

There are plenty of Shadows clubs round the country and if you would like to know what is going on in them you can log on to the official Shadows website which is:

www.shadowmusic.co.uk

DIARY FOR 2012

Please make a note of the forthcoming club dates for 2012. All dates are on the third Friday of the month but are subject to change if circumstances demand.

JANUARY 20
FEBRUARY 17
MARCH 16
APRIL 20
MAY 18
JUNE 15
JULY 20
AUGUST 17
SEPTEMBER 21
OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER 14

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Bruce Heyden, Bob Withrington, Mike Norris

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SPECIAL ANGLO/FRENCH MEETING FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 2011

As announced in our September/October Newsletter **Surrey Shadows Club** along with our French counterparts, **Shadowmaniacs France** will be holding a special **ANGLO/FRENCH** meeting on Friday 16th December 2011. This date also coincides with the 4th Birthday of the Club. So, a double celebration folks!

The plan for the day is that the club will be open at 12 noon to allow our club band *The Silver Shadows* to get everything set up for the expected 2:30pm arrival of our friends from France, featuring their core band *Shotgun Ltd* and other players and supporters. This should allow the event programme to start at 3pm.

The afternoon session will finish at 6pm when a very traditionally British Fish & Chip Supper, including Homemade Apple Pie and Custard/Cream will be served. The bookings for the fish and chip supper have now closed.

Following supper the evening session will begin at about 7pm.

Fully in keeping with the philosophy of The Surrey Shadows Club to provide individual players of all abilities the opportunity of performing in front of an audience, playing tunes to Backing Tracks or with a Live Band. We shall, as usual, be operating a white board playing list for solo players. At selected times during the event Shotgun Ltd and The Silver Shadows will be entertaining us all with their longer sets.

During the evening we shall also be raffling a wonderful Burns Guitar, which will be on display at the Burns Guitar trade stand arranged by our good friend Barry Gibson. There is also another guitar complete with amplifier (beginners version) that will be the second prize. So there are two guitars up for grabs!