

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2011 & JANUARY 2012

The **Surrey Shadows Club**

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HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY !

WELCOME everyone to our first meeting of the New Year. Wow! What a memorable event our 4th Birthday was. But before we talk about that, the Management team would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas. Let's hope this year will be even better for the club and its members! Now, back to the 4th Birthday Bash. As so many of you said on the night, this was the best birthday ever with close on 200 people attending the meeting. It all started at 3.30 in the afternoon and went on until 11.45 pm. At the start there were cakes and tea/coffees available for those who wanted it as well as the alcoholic drinks. *The Silver Shadows* were up and ready to play and they started it all off. A very special feature of the day was a visit from our French colleagues who came all the way from France to be with us at this event. Their band is called *Shotgun Ltd* and they were there to entertain us as well.



SHOTGUN LTD.

(The drummer is hiding behind the bass player)

There is a lot to talk about this month so you will have to bear with me as we go through all the news. There was a lot happening on this evening and I have to try and get it all in the right perspective and not leave anyone or any item unmentioned. So, here we go. One very, very memorable thing that happened on this



THE SILVER SHADOWS

(The drummer is hiding behind his cymbals)

4th Birthday was the twinning of **The Surrey Shadows Club** with the **Shadowmaniacs Club** from France. This we believe is the first time this has happened in this country whereby two clubs have done this. Later in this edition you will see there is a photo of the certificate being presented to the club's management

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team. This we think is a wonderful gesture from our French colleagues and we are very honoured to accept this certificate. So now, we are officially twinned with Shadow Maniacs France and the certificate will be on display in the club for all to see.

FISH & CHIP SUPPER

As part of the celebrations a Fish & Chip supper was organised and there were more than 70 people who enjoyed the pre-booked meal. Not only that.....it was followed by apple pie and custard for those who still had room left after the fish and chips! Also there was Victoria sponge, mince pies and chocolate cake as well, so if anyone went hungry it was their own fault. We would like to thank the ladies who worked so hard with the food and they were: Carole, Charlotte, Barbara and Veronica who worked tirelessly serving the food. Also to Bruce and George who went and got the fish and chips for all the members. And a special mention also to Linda Knights who worked many hours in her kitchen cooking those delicious apple pies. Thank you, ladies and gents, for your hard work in making the evening the success that it was!

GUITAR RAFFLE

There was a raffle held for two guitars. One was kindly donated by *Barry Gibson*, owner of *Burns Guitars*. It was a Burns Cobra and there was a lot of interest in it and many tickets sold. The other was donated by Mike Norris, a much cheaper guitar and small practice amplifier to go with it. The club would like to thank Barry Gibson for his unending support for the club and he visits as often as his work allows. Thank you Barry. He also had a stall where he had a display of some of his guitars on sale. One of

our members bought a magnificent example: a Burns Marvin. I am sure he will have many hours of fun with it. The winners of the raffle were: *Doug Bowman* (Burns Cobra) a regular at the club and *Terry Bryant* (guitar and amp.) which he said he would give to his grandson. Well done Terry, teach him all the Shadows tunes so he learns early!

BEHIND THE SCENES ACTIVITY

Members sometimes ask what the management team does when they are not at the club. Well, I can tell you that lots of bits and pieces go on, for example: the visit from our French colleagues did not just happen. There were dozens of e-mails going being sent back and forth for their visit to be a smooth and well organised trip. *Bob Withrington* being the only one who speaks French did all the liaising with them to ensure everything would be good for them. Travel routes, hotels, and generally making sure everything was ok. *Bruce Heyden* is the one who especially likes to go and meet people at other venues and invites them to visit us as well as being the man who started it here at Hersham with the idea to start a Shadows Club but more of that later. *Mike Norris* as well as being compere at our evenings produces this newsletter. It takes time to do this and keep all members up to date with what is going on in the club. He would like a new computer to be able to produce the newsletter quicker but he will have to wait for that (all together now... aaah!). Anyway, there is always something going on. The newsletter also gets put on the Shadows website so it ends up being seen all round the world. We have friends in good old Australia who e-mail members and talk about things happening in their clubs.

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BACK TO THE NIGHT

Yes, back to the night in hand. As well as the two brilliant bands, we had 22 players as well all waiting to play and be part of the fun. We are very fortunate here at the Hersham Surrey Shadows Club because as well as having one of the slickest and professional house bands around, *The Silver Shadows*, there is a vast amount of players who have reached a very high standard of playing and they come here to be with us and entertain you all. It was no exception this night as the standard was very high. Well done all of you! With 22 players and two bands to play it was a bit of a wait before you got your turn but as it was our Birthday Bash I feel sure you did not mind too much as it is only once a year.

TWINNING

Below is a photo of Bob Withrington accepting the certificate of the twinning of the two clubs.



Bob with Michel Henaux

So we are now officially twinned with French club Shadowmaniacs. Long may the clubs stay linked and work together.

THE BANDS

The *Silver Shadows* started the afternoon off with a set of numbers in their usual polished and professional way with their very authentic Shadows sound. Then at about 5.30 pm our French colleagues did their first set which was very good indeed maintaining a very high standard of playing and showmanship. *Shotgun Ltd* is the name they go under as a Shadows tribute band and they obviously love the music which you could see by the way they played. Each band had a half-hour slot and they each then had another at about 8.30 pm. This time *Shotgun Ltd* used their Burns guitars for their set. Both bands performed extremely well and it was a pleasure to listen to them both as they each worked their way through a selection of Shadows numbers. It was truly memorable to have two bands of such high quality playing here at Hersham for us. Thank you to both for such an outstanding performance!

In between the bands we had club members playing and you could see that they were all up for it as far as playing was concerned. We used the usual format of playing two numbers each and then when your name came up again you did another two. Well done all of you and to those who travelled quite a distance to be with us on this occasion, thank you as well. I think it is fair to say that everyone really enjoyed themselves at our Birthday Bash and that it will be a hard one to follow for our 5th birthday this year! Any ideas from members are welcome as we have the best part of a year to plan it all out. Maybe next year we will get the local press to come and visit us and possibly get an article in the local papers so that local people know we are here and hopefully pay us a visit.

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SIR CLIFF PAYS A VISIT ! (AS IF!)

As you can see, we were honoured by a visit from **Sir Cliff** at our Birthday Bash. Better have another look here..... no, it is *Will Chandler*, Britain's No. 1 Sir Cliff lookalike and tribute performer who paid us a visit and sang a selection of Cliff Richard songs in a couple of sets very well backed by *The Silver Shadows*. It was like having Cliff Richard and The Shadows all at once! Great stuff Will. We look forward to you paying us another visit when you are down our way. We would be very pleased to see you again!



Doug Bowman with the
Burns Cobra he won in the
raffle



JOHN BOULDEN



JOHN ROSENBERG
TRIES A BURNS



TERRY BRYANT

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The Management team receiving the certificate of the twinning with French club *Shadowmaniacs* and the giving of gifts to each other.

PETER POLLARD, PRESIDENT



Peter Pollard, President of the Hersham Sports & Social Club, being thanked for his fantastic support for the Surrey Shadows Club on behalf of the members by the club Management Team of Bruce Heyden, Bob Withrington and Mike Norris.

SPECIAL THANKS ALSO

Special thanks are also given to the very hard-working Annie behind the bar and her staff who worked tirelessly on the evening making sure everyone was served as quickly as possible. They all did a fantastic job. On behalf of the club members, thank you all!

AND OF COURSE OUR VERY GOOD FRIEND AND PHOTOGRAPHER:

MR TONY RODRIGUES

A very special mention also to our man who takes all the photographs and also videos the members playing. He comes to the club every month and takes many photographs of the players while also doing videos at the same time. This he does for the love of the club and its members. No money ever changes hands. But if any member wants to buy any of the photographs or videos just go and see Tony who will be more than happy to help them. He will arrange a price with you and ensure you get what you want.

AND TO YOURSELVES

But most of all to yourselves because without you all there would be no Surrey Shadows Club. The players and members enjoying the music of The Shadows is what this club is all about. Let's make 2012 an even better year

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BARRY CHARLES SUTTON

21st January 1950 - 27th November 2011



It is with much sadness that we have to announce the passing of Barry. He passed away on November 27th after a lengthy illness. Those of you who go to Waterloooville will recognise Barry as the bass player in that fabulous band *The Shadders*. He came to this club on a number of occasions with "Jeffers" who is a life-long friend of Barry. A very family-orientated man he had seven children with his wife Annette and 10 grandchildren. A very fine musician all his working life, dependable, solid, just what a band needs. He will be greatly missed by all the musicians who knew him. The Surrey Shadows Club send their deepest

condolences to his wife, Annette and to their children at this very sad time.

CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2012

JANUARY 20
FEBRUARY 17
MARCH 16
APRIL 20
MAY 18
JUNE 15

JULY 20
AUGUST 17
SEPTEMBER 21
OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER 14

**ALL DATES ARE ON FRIDAYS AND THE PLAYING STARTS
AROUND 7.30pm**

We look forward to meeting you all in 2012 !