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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL**

**HELLO AND WELCOME** everyone to our first meeting of 2013. The management team hope you all had a fantastic time over Christmas with your families and friends. Well, we start the year with a few changes as those of you who were here for the December meeting know. The fantastic *Silver Shadows* have stood down as they feel it is time for someone else to have a go. We will be eternally grateful to them for their time and effort spent in helping to make the club the success it is. The standard of their band is very high indeed and their professionalism in their approach to *The Shadows* music has helped many aspiring and other talented guitarists to achieve a very high standard indeed. They have spent five years with us at the club and the management team and members of the club wish them every success in their musical careers. They will not be disappearing from our midst but will be in the audience instead as they said it will be nice "to be the other side of the jump" and enjoy the social atmosphere of the club and also get up and play themselves. Below is a photo of the band and I will put their names under it so that members know who is who (if they don't already) and can talk with them when they are here.



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## OUR FIFTH BIRTHDAY

LAST MONTH was our fifth birthday and we celebrated it in our usual way by putting on a special evening. This comprised: *The Silver Shadows*, *Breakthru'* and *Fiesta Red*. The *Silver Shadows* did a fantastic set to start the evening off and were very much appreciated by the members. You have to see this band to see how good they are. They have been booked to appear at Alan Taylor's *Pipeline* Charity function later in the year. We know they will excel there!

Then we started with the playing members who were ably supported by the band. As I said earlier, the standard of the players is exceptionally high and it is nice to see how many have progressed over the years simply by playing with a real band as opposed to using backing tracks at home. They really seem to enjoy themselves going by the smiles on their faces when their turn is over.

Next group to play was *Breakthru'*. They will be taking over the mantle from the *Silver Shadows* from now on. They are led by Paul Larkin, a former member of the *Silver Shadows*. He has put together a *Shadows* tribute band. They performed a set of numbers by *The Shadows* and included quite a few vocals that were recorded by *The Shadows*. They were very good indeed and I think the members will enjoy their choice of music as they perform for us each month. I think it only fair to say that possibly they might not know as many *Shadows* tunes as the *Silver Shadows* as they have not had the chance to be a backing band for a *Shadows* club before. So if there are any tunes you want to play in the future just let the band know and they will learn them so you will be able to play with the band. Until then, if you are not sure, just bring your backing tracks along and we will use them. We have the facilities to play backing tracks whether they are minidiscs or the normal size. The *Surrey Shadows Club* has purchased their own minidisc player and are hoping to obtain a full PA system that will belong

to the club for future use. But I digress.....they did a great set and were then followed by more members playing their choices of tunes.

Terry Bryant and Ray who are regular members of the club and travel a long way to come and play, have formed their own band as well. Terry and Ray organised and started the *South Coast Shadows Club* down at Seaford and are based in the local *Constitutional Club*. Those who have visited *Seaford Con. Club* know what a welcoming club it is and if you get there early enough you can order a dinner in their dining lounge. The food is excellent. Then upstairs to the club room where all the *Shadows* members meet and play their music. anyway Terry's band is called *Fiesta Red* and they have a great line-up comprising lead singer and two female backing vocalists along with the band. They performed an excellent set and were extremely appreciated by the members judging by the applause they received. Hopefully they will pay us another visit in the near future. So it looks as though 2013 at the club will be a very interesting year what with the new backing band, new players who have joined the club and new local residents who have found out about us. I think all-in-all it was a very successful event enjoyed by everyone there and judging by the attendance of the audience as well as the players we should have a very good year in front of us. So let's keep music live and enjoy the moment. I'm sure we all feel that way! Along with the wonderful facilities of this club.

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## *FIESTA RED*



The fantastic *Fiesta Red* as they appeared at our club for our Fifth Birthday celebrations. A brilliant band who we hope will pay us another visit in the not too distant future. I will get their names for the next issue so that everyone can get to know them better.



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## CLUB DATES FOR 2013

All dates are on a Friday unless otherwise stated

and all are welcome

**MARCH 15**

**APRIL 19**

**MAY 17**

**JUNE 21**

**JULY 19**

**AUGUST 16**

**SEPTEMBER 20**

**OCTOBER 18**

**NOVEMBER 15**

**DECEMBER 20**

Tell your friends and neighbours about your club, you never know, they might like to come along one month.

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Bob Withrington writes:



**THE WARWICK SHADOWS MUSIC CLUB**

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February I made my first visit to a meeting of The Warwick Shadows Music Club that meets up regularly on Sundays at The Home Guard Club, Main Street, Tiddington, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire CV37 7AY from 12 midday until 5pm.

The club is efficiently run by John Woodward & Ian McCutcheon (Mr Backing Tracks) with a great sound for the players for both backing tracks and live band. It was with great pleasure that I presented them each with a Surrey Shadows Cap and extended an invitation to everyone to come visit us in Hersham.

**SAMSHAD 19 - SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013**

Our twin club - **SHADOWMANIACS FRANCE** will be holding their 19th Annual SAMSHAD (Saturday Shadows) on Saturday, April 6th, 2013 and as in previous years have kindly extended an invitation to Surrey Shadows Club players to participate. As last year this great event, which draws wonderful players from all over France, will be held at "La Salle des Fetes" in Milly la Foret, France-91490. If you are at all interested have a chat with Bob, Mike or Ken.



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## **JANUARY MEETING - CANCELLED**

AS YOU are all aware our January meeting had to be cancelled because of the bad weather what with snow and ice making the roads and footways very treacherous. So it was with much regret we had to cancel. This was the first time ever in the history of the club this has happened. Let's hope we don't get any more like that on a club night!

## **SURREY SHADOWS CLUB - 2012**

The members of the Surrey Shadows Club are truly a wonderful bunch of people. They come out in all weathers to support the club. We have had really good attendances all through the year and it is nice for the players to see such a wonderful audience. Some of the players travel a long distance to come here because "it is such a friendly place to come to, and such a nice environment." There have been many comments like that from visitors and I think it is only fair to say that this is all down to you, the members, who make the club what it is. Let it always be like this. *The Silver Shadows* have served the club admirably over the past five years and have helped greatly to improve the standards of the players to much higher degree. We thank them for that. April last year saw three members go to France for SAMSHAD 18 in Milly la Foret and they had a wonderful time there with their French counterparts. Also the club is now twinned with them - the first in the country to be offered this honour and the twinning diploma is now proudly displayed in the entrance of the club as you come in. Even during the holiday periods we had good attendances with visiting players coming from other clubs to pay us a visit. Also we had a visit from *Shotgun* our French counterparts who are a Shadows tribute band and they performed for us during their visit to England. I think it is safe to say that the Surrey Shadows Club is thriving all due to you the members. Some clubs are not as lucky as us I hear and don't get the attendances we do. So let us promote the club even more this coming year. Let us try to fill the club every meeting. We do like to see new players come to visit us. Encourage people you know (if they like Shadows music) to come to the club for a social evening and join in with the fun of the music, the players, the characters and of course the cheap drinks. They will be made to feel very welcome. Because that is the type of people we are at the Surrey Shadows Club!

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## **A FEW OF THE PLAYERS**

**ALL PHOTOS TAKEN BY TONY RODRIGUES**

