

Dorset Guitar Society

Newsletter



Dec. 2009

Tea and Talent

A quick reminder for **Tea and Talent** this coming **Sunday (20 December)**. So far, **Andy, John & Chris, Stuart & Sally-Anne, Julian and Terry** have volunteered to play. The total length is around 45mins so there's still room for more volunteers. If you would like to play, please email Terry the name and duration of each piece; around 5-10mins is reasonable. And when considering what to play don't just think of the guitar - other instruments are most welcome. Finally, please don't forget to start baking those cakes and to invite friends and family.

Thanks Terry

A 'note' from John ...

A reminder to people to bring their music from the last meeting so we can play through some of it again. I intend leaving the **Pitfield** pieces for **Stephen's** return, but have some beautiful **Handel** and **Bach** to work on, as well as a couple more **van Der Staaks'** to read through. Have also prepared fiendishly difficult quiz to tax musical brain power, so it would be a good idea if folks get a good nights sleep on Saturday !!—well, not really, of course.

See you soon

John

Southbourne Literary Society

As you may have noticed in the diary section, DGS have agreed to play for the **Southbourne Literary Society** on **20 January** in the New Year. This is an evening event that DGS have supported in recent years and is open to anyone who wants to play - the format can be from solo to ensemble etc. Further details of the time/venue etc. can be found in the diary section. Please let me know at the December meeting if you're able and willing to play.

Thanks Terry

November meeting

John led the November ensemble once again, starting with a swift play through of the Pitfield, before presenting some pieces he had 'prepared earlier' as sight reading material. An Allemande by **Scheidt**; Menuett by **Mattheson**, plus some rather fun pieces by **van der Staak**. Following that, players in the second half were:

Jamie and John: Purcell - Rondo; Walton - Hop Scotch; Rodgers - My favourite things.

Valerie - Nuttall - Mexicana.

Stuart: Three lute pieces, Anon

Maurice: Bach - Adagio.

Andy: Sor - Op 47, No 11.



Blandford jottings ...

Many thanks to DGS members Heather, Andy, Pete, James, John and Chris for their performances and much appreciated support in 2009 at the guitar evenings in Blandford Forum. The Christmas meeting this year is on Thursday 17th December at 7.20pm, and dates are fixed for every month in 2010, starting on 21st January. Despite being promoted to the entire world on Julian's Myspace site (where he is, bizarrely, 'friends' with Julian Bream, and even Francisco Tarrega!), the event remains a low-key, laid-back affair, but never fails to provide a worthwhile evening's

entertainment, whether it's seven or seventeen real-life friends who turn up on the night.

Over the last two months we've enjoyed the music of JS Bach, Sor, Torroba, Lauro, Gaspar Sanz, Villa-Lobos, Scarlatti, Duarte, Barrios (who, despite his death in 1944, has currently welcomed 1,306 Myspace friends!) and many others. As usual, each month seems to provide something a little different, with yet another player discovering us in November - Mark Baker, who performed Mexicana by Peter Nuttall and Allegro by Giuliani. We've also had the chance to hear lesser known pieces such as Worry

Beads by Michael Berkeley (very nicely played by Tania in October) and an unusual composition using a capo at the seventh fret (mostly) and a DADF#BE tuning (Cool Mystery, by the 'Blandford Jotter' himself).

If you think you'd enjoy mince pies, mulled wine, a brand new duo arrangement of a familiar Holst carol, a quiz, our first ever violin/guitar duo and some rather nice acoustics to play in, there's still room for you to join the party on the 17th, so please email

julian@renrag.co.uk

Merry Christmas!

We meet at: **Kinson Community Centre, Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Kinson, BH10 7LH**
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& CADArts (www.cadarts.com)

Future Meetings and Diary Dates

20 December	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm	18 April	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm
17 January 2010	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm	16 May	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm
21 February	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm	20 June	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm
21 March	5.30 pm - 9.30 am	18 July	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Third Thursday of the month

Regular playing opportunity organised by Julian Garner Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion, Blandford Forum 7.20pm. email: julian@renrag.co.uk or tel: **01258 830334** for more details

Tuesday 26 January. Turner Sims Hall, Southampton. Xuefei Yang (Guitar) and Natalie Clein (Cello). 8.00pm

Chinese guitarist **Xuefei Yang** is joined by British cellist **Natalie Clein** in an evocative and tantalising programme of music for guitar and cello.

£18 **02380 595151.**

Wednesday 20th January 2010 - DGS at the Southbourne Literary Society

The meeting of the Literary society meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. with a speaker, then at approx 8.30 pm, DGS members will play for about 45 minutes. (Players are welcome to come early and listen to the speaker but otherwise they don't have to be there that early.) Venue is the Church Parlour behind the Trinity Methodist Church, Southbourne Road, near Fisherman's Walk. More details nearer the time.



Thursday 13 may. Turner Sims Hall, Southampton. Juan Martin Flamenco Dance Ensemble 8.00pm

Voted into the top flamenco guitarists in the world by US Guitar Player Magazine, Juan Martin returns to perform his own compositions, supported by a line-up of the finest musicians and flamenco dancers. £16 **02380 595151.**

Eleftheria Kotzia has announced the dates of the 33rd Guitar course in the **Chateau de Ligoure** in France-2010. The course takes place from the **22nd until the 31st of July 2010**. Situated in the heart of the Limousin region, near Limoges, the magnificent Chateau de Ligoure is surrounded by farmhouses and retains many of its original features.

Maria Isabel Siewers from Argentina, **Judicael Perroy** from France and Eleftheria herself from Greece are the performers and teachers of this year's course. In addition there will be 3 concerts given by the course members. So there will be a lot of opportunity for the participants to perform.

This summer an 'almost beginners' section is integrated in the course.

For more details visit: www.guitarenfrance.org

Editors bit

Thanks to Julian, John and Terry for sending in material for the December newsletter - I appreciate it. So, a plea to one and all - **PLEASE** send me items (concert dates, recommendations, reviews, etc) for the January newsletter as soon as possible after the next meeting - Ideally by e-mail to:

Stuart@nundy.fsworld.co.uk Many thanks, **Stuart**