

Dorset Guitar Society

Newsletter



Feb. 2010

DGS out and about

Our concert to the Southbourne Literary Society on Wednesday 20th January was well received by an appreciative audience. It is proposed that the £40 'fee' received will be donated to the Haiti disaster appeal. Many thanks to **Stuart, Sally-Anne, Andy and John** who played. Talking to the organizers there was a good chance that we'll be invited back again next year!

Then, on **Friday 22nd January**, DGS were invited to play at the Branksome Park Care Centre in Poole on the occasion of **John Skinner's** birthday. John is a former member of the Society and his sister and brother were thrilled that **John Edwards** and I were available to play at short notice.

To awaken some deep-seated memories, Ann appeared beforehand

and presented John with a birthday card (from the DGS) together with a photo dating from around 2004/5 with John playing in the guitar orchestra. The concert was 'in the round' with John and family and residents and staff surrounding us on beds, wheelchairs and chairs. It was a very informal atmosphere and residents would often join in. Everybody was very appreciative.

Afterwards, John E had to rush off but I managed to partake in tea and birthday cake and chat with John S and family. It was very rewarding and I think it would be great to be able to do this type of 'gig' on a more regular basis, it would also provide yet more opportunity for performance practice with the guitar.

What do folks think?

Terry Robinson

January Meeting

January saw **Stephen** return with a new approach to the orchestra, as he presented us with a new piece but divided us up into our sections first to work on it, before bringing the whole orchestra together to run through it. Many of us found this really helpful, enabling us to agree fingering and other issues with more experienced players before having to actually 'perform' the piece. We also got back to Pitfield in earnest, with **Jacqui** leading on flute.

Players this month were:

- Sarah and Stephen:** Sarabande (Double) and Menuett (Anon)
- Julian:** Two studies (Giuliani); Etude No. 8 (Villa Lobos); Study (Garner)
- Andy:** Preludium & Fancy (Dowland); Natalia (Lauro)
- Bob:** Terminus; Willoughby's Farm (instrumental) - Ralph McTell

Next time ...

At next meeting we will look at all three **Pitfield** movements *and* **Solstice**. So you can manage your ensemble-practice schedule there will be at least one more item to work on for the concert in the summer.

Stephen



Found
- at a meeting last year.

A black nylon case for, I assume, a music stand. With strap, velcro flap and the text "MUS-A3 BK" in white letters. Please let me know if its yours, but I shall be bringing it along to meeting anyway.

Stephen

Gift aid ...

As a registered charity, we try and take full advantage of the Gift Aid system whereby we can claim back tax paid on your personal subscription. Of course not everybody is a tax payer, but at present the tax we get back from those of you who do, (and who have signed up to the Gift Aid system) is the equivalent of having 4 extra members in the society. So it's well worth my time and efforts to encourage all taxpaying members to sign up. It's very simple; I give you a form to complete, which takes all of two minutes, and I then submit an annual claim. It costs individuals nothing, the money we get back comes out of what you have already paid to the government. So if you are a tax payer and would like to sign up to the Gift Aid scheme, please let me know and I'll arrange it. It is just worth mentioning the corollary; to keep me out of trouble, anyone who ceases to be a tax payer should please let me know, as I must stop claiming the Gift Aid rebate on your subscription.

Bill

We meet at: **Kinson Community Centre, Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Kinson, BH10 7LH**
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Member of **The Federation of Guitar Societies** (www.federationofguitarsocieties.org.uk)
& CADArts (www.cadarts.com)

Future Meetings and Diary Dates

21 February	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm	20 June	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm
21 March	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm	18 July	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm
18 April	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm	15 August	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm
16 May	5.30 p, - 9.30 pm	19 September	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

March 13 - Recital by Sanja Plohl on March 13th Kinson Community Centre - 7.30pm

The Dorset Guitar Society is delighted to host the winner of the 2008 Ivor Mairants Guitar Competition, Sanja Plohl, at Kinson Community Centre on March 13th. Born in Slovenia, Sanja Plohl actively performs as a soloist and chamber musician interpreting Baroque, Classic, Romantic, Contemporary and Latin American repertoire.

She is a multiple award-winning musician who has studied with some of the most important guitar pedagogues of our time. Sanja often collaborates with composers and has given many premier performances including her own works. Sanja will be playing pieces by **Ponce, Rodrigo, Piazzolla, Lauro and Plohl.**



**Kinson Community Centre,
Pelhams Park,
Millhams Road,
Bournemouth,
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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.**

Bromley Guitar Society - Nora Buschmann

Saturday April 17 at St Marks Church (Westmoreland Road) in Bromley. Nora is an exciting and highly talented recitalist and teacher, receiving international accolades in many countries Her appearance for the Bromley Guitar Society marks her UK debut. Her performance program for Bromley consists of works by Villa Lobos, Domeniconi, Barrios Mangore and Mertz.

Tickets charges are set at £10 per adult , £5 per child/student, £25 per family (two Adults two children). bgstickets@googlemail.com

DGS Summer Concert

Our members' summer concert will take place on Saturday **3 July 2010** at Kinson Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. We have booked the room for an afternoon rehearsal beforehand. Further details nearer the time.

Editors bit

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

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