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Whilst the depredations of sickness and injuries to the athletes among us, plus no doubt continued recovery from the Festive season meant that fewer members than usual turned up on January 8th, that didn't stop us from proceeding with the advertised Orchestra evening and some more "messing about on the river".

This is of course a reference to the Tony Hatch tune behind the piece Ivan Andrews has written for the Society, or at least the first section to which we were introduced last month.

After a workmanlike session by those present - that is Debbie Haeck, Steve Christmas, Richard Butters, Michelle Cole, Allan du Feu, Gary Jordan and myself - we had plenty of evidence of the progress being made as Gary successfully recorded our efforts onto mini disc. Lot's of encouragement there but inevitably also clearly more work to be done

After the interval Debbie and Steve played us a version of Jorge Morel's Danza Braziliera for two guitars in the style and to the standard that we are coming to expect. This really was full of those rhythms suggested by the title and did justice to the composer's arrangement of what was originally a solo work, the version for 2 guitars being arranged for the Kilvington - Eastwood duo, the first member of which is now unfortunately no longer with us.

Allan du Feu then played us 3 pieces (Glissaccatura, Barcarole and Ejercicio) from the Trinity Grade book that he is working on for the Grade 4 exam -

hopefully giving these an airing in front of the society will help bring these pieces along.

Gary Jordan then gave us an unexpected treat with Sor's Variations on a Theme of Mozart, the theme being from The Magic Flute. This was to mark Mozart's 250th anniversary, the maestro being born on January 27th 1756, and was played from memory with great panache and was very much enjoyed by all present. A suitable high note on which to end the evening.



Just to prove we were there on January 8th - from left to right, Allan du Feu, Gavin Smith, Michelle Cole, Stephen Christmas, Debbie Haeck and Richard Butters. I can't recall whether the raised hands mean that we were voting for something, or merely waving to Gary, the cameraman.

BGS News

AGM & MEMBERS EVENING.

The AGM will take place during the meeting on February 12th and unless this proves to be unusually lengthy (!!) there will also be the opportunity to play prepared pieces after the discussion has finished.

We still have some gaps in the Diary for 2006, so if you want to contribute any thoughts on what we should be doing in the next year (or on anything else for that matter), then don't forget to come along to South Hill Park on Sunday February 12th at 7.30 pm. Bring your chequebook with you so that we can get those subscriptions out of the way!

THE NEXT GENERATION ...

Those of us who have seen Steve Tucker's two lads play recently will not be surprised at their recent exam results. Chris (aged 15) passed his grade 7 with distinction, while Richard (12) achieved a merit in his grade 3.

Congratulations to both Chris and Richard, and also to Steve, who no doubt deserves just a little bit of the credit....

It's nice to know the future is in good hands.

GEORGE'S ANKLE

Those of you who were not present at the last meeting may not know that George Macdonald unfortunately crocked his ankle whilst out doing some marathon training. George has been in plaster since then but the latest news is that the plaster should be removed shortly.

Hope to see you mobile at the AGM George and that you can get back into training before too long!

Web site of the month

Thanks to Richard Butters for this link to a video of Segovia playing Sor's Variations on The Magic Flute.

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=4877710728748067045&q=Segovia> via

If the link doesn't take you straight to the video, or to avoid typing that lot, go to <http://video.google.com> and type "Segovia" into the search box.

Whilst it doesn't take a genius to work out from the glimpse of the Eiffel Tower in the background where this was filmed, it seems to date from the late 40's, when Segovia would have been around 60 years old.

Although I've very rarely spent any time listening to Segovia recordings, it's easy to see that he must have been some player in his younger days.

And Finally ...

Here's some Tommy Cooper one-liners - hopefully I've managed to avoid including any that I've used before!

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

I went to the butchers the other day and I bet him 50 quid that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, "No, the steaks are too high."

A man came round in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't, I've cut your arms off".

Our ice cream man was found lying on the floor of his van covered with hundreds and thousands. Police say that he topped himself.

Man goes to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head. Doc says "I'll give you some cream to put on it."

Guy goes into the doctor's. "Doc, I've got a cricket ball stuck up my backside." "How's that?" "Don't you start."

What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.

Two fat blokes in a pub, one says to the other "Your round." The other one says "So are you, you fat *****"

Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.

A man walked into the doctors, he said, "I've hurt my arm in several places" The doctor said, "Well don't go there anymore"