

Berkshire Guitar Society

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NEXT MEETING:	SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER SHP @ 7:30PM ORCHESTRA EVENING
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UPCOMING EVENTS:	SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER SHP @ 3:00PM MORGAN SZYMANSKI
	SATURDAY 5TH APRIL '08 SHP @ 7:30PM ARADA DUO



BGS Meeting News

The October meeting was a Greek evening hosted by Petros.

Petros started the evening by giving us some information on the Bouzouki. There are 2 main types of Bouzouki:

1. Irish - this has a flat back
2. Greek - this has a round back

It is similar to a mandolin except it has more volume. It is a new instrument at less than 100 years old. Its tuning is C, F, A, D and it has 8 strings, 4 doubles. The 2 bass pairs are tuned an octave apart.

Picture of a bouzouki:



Petros then played some pieces including Zorba the Greek by Mikis Theodorakis.

Petros then played us some Greek folk dances with different rhythms and typical pieces in 3rds. The different rhythms, 5:8 (counted 12312), 7:8 (counted 1212123) and 9:8 (counted 123 1 2 3 or in reverse).

Petros has been experimenting with playing classical on the Bouzouki. He has tried the likes of Mozart and Beethoven but has found this quite difficult. However cello concertos, Back Cello suites have worked quite well and Vivaldi. Petros then played the 1st cello suite in G by Bach. So this was a ground breaking first and one not to be missed!

The 2nd half of the evening had members playing their Greek themed pieces to Petros. Richard played Epitaph by Mikis Theodorakis. We then had an "ode to Greece", a Carcassi study no7 which has tremolo which is similar to Greek music. Cheryl then played Chariots of Fire by Vangelis.

On behalf of the society I would like to thank Petros for a very interesting and informative evening.

Upcoming Meetings

- Sunday November 11th - Guitar orchestra
- Sunday December 9th - Christmas meeting bring the mince pies!
- Sunday January 6th - Members evening " Early day favourites"



Event Reviews

Rosewood Trio



Rosewood Trio played on 13th October in Reading. They played some Ivan Andrews and Reading noise inspired pieces. Members feedback was that it was a very enjoyable evening and Gary did a good performance, despite his man flu.

Ray Burley



We had a very enjoyable recital with Ray Burley on 27th October (pictured above), who played his own arrangements of music by JS Bach and Gordon Giltrap, in front of an audience of about 40 people. I think everyone enjoyed this novel combination of composers.

Upcoming Events

Morgan Szymanski



The Bracknell Forest Music Society presents a concert of Mediterranean and Latin American music for solo guitar including music by Giuliani in the style of Rossini's operas and an evocative piece by Mangore, the "Paganini of the Jungles of Paraguay". Programme to include Albeniz, Tarrega and Piazzolla.

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 3pm
RECITAL ROOM, SOUTH HILL PARK, BRACKNELL
Tickets £13, £11 SHP Members, £9 BFMS Members, £1 under 18s
www.southhillpark.org.uk
Box Office 01344 484123

Luckily this does not clash with our members evening and therefore there will still be time to come to our meeting later in the day!!



And Finally

Q: How many bass players does it take to change a light bulb?

A: None, they can't get up that high!

Q: What did the guitarist say to the tightrope walker?

A: You better C# or you'll B flat!

Q: When will the bad jokes stop?

A: If you're lucky next newsletter!
