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NEXT MEETING:

**SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY
SHP @ 7:30PM
EARLY DAY FAVOURITES**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SATURDAY 5TH APRIL '08
SHP @ 7:30PM
ARADA DUO**



BGS Meeting News

The December meeting was our Christmas meeting.

We started the Christmas theme with Solos. First up was Cheryl & George with "Silent Night". Then Alan played Silent Night. John and Mike then decided to keep up the trend and volunteered to play their Silent Night. Richard broke the Silent Night trend (thankfully) by playing Cavatina. Gavin then lightened the mood with Rudolph the red nose reindeer. Mike played a piece which was a prelude (ie a prelude to xmas) in the form of Prelude 4 by Villa Lobos. It was a nice break from the traditional xmas songs.

George then played Good King Wenceslass. Cheryl did nice rendition of Come All Ye Faithful. Alan then played a piece called Strawberry Fayre. Gary then finished the first half of the meeting with The Snowman. The break consisted of eating nibbles that members had brought along to share.

After the break we played some ensemble pieces Once in Royal David City, O little Town of Bethlehem, Ein Kindlein in der Wiegen (A child in Weighting - according to Google), We wish you a Merry Christmas, Hark the Herald Angel Sang, Wassail Song and finishing off with Jingle Bells.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is "Early day Favourites". This means pieces that you enjoyed playing when you were learning to play, or pieces from years ago. Afterwards there will be opportunity for you to play any other pieces as well.

Upcoming Meetings

- Sunday January 13th - Members evening " Early day favourites"
- Sunday February 10th - AGM followed by members evening.
- Sunday March 9th - Orchestra Evening



Upcoming Events

Eleftheria Kotzia

Ellie is directing a guitar course in France during August. The 31st Guitar Course takes place from Saturday August 9th till Tuesday August 19th 2008. Situated in the heart of the Limousin region, near Limoges, the Chateau de Ligoure is surrounded by farmhouses and retains many of its original features. The course website is as follows: <http://www.guitarenfrance.org/>

Born in northern Greece, in Alexandroupolis, Eleftheria Kotzia studied guitar at the National Conservatory in Athens, the Conservatoire National Supérieure in Paris, and finally at the Guildhall School of Music in London. Among her teachers have been Julian Bream and Alexandre Lagoya. Ellie has performed for various radio and TV stations, including the BBC and WNYC and has given recitals at some of the most famous concert halls in the world, including the Merkin Concert Hall and the Carnegie Recital Hall in New York.

Eleftheria Kotzia teaches at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and gives master classes and training courses around the world. She is a frequent judge in international guitar competitions.

To read more visit her website: <http://www.elftheria.info/>

Arada Duo

Arada Duo on Saturday 5th April 2008 at SHP @ 7:30pm.



Simon Davies and Nicholas Lee began playing guitar together in 1992 whilst studying classical guitar with Gordon Crosskey, John Williams and Craig Ogden at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester. They have performed in

numerous concerts across the UK including venues such as the Free Trade Hall (Manchester), St. James' Piccadilly (London) and the Barber Institute (Birmingham). They are increasingly in demand at festivals, concert series and music societies. The duo have performed on BBC radio and were finalists in the Landor Competition 2005.

The website address if you would like to read more:

<http://www.aradaguitarduo.co.uk/>



And Finally

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