

BERKSHIRE GUITAR SOCIETY

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Fiona Harrison

Just in case it has somehow passed you by, we are pleased to welcome Fiona Harrison back to the Society on **Saturday November 22nd**.

In the afternoon starting at 1.00 pm Fiona is holding a workshop on the subject of effective practising, something that would help us all get more out of our guitar playing. There are only 15 places, and if you haven't already booked your place but would like to go it is essential that you contact Gary Jordan as soon as possible at jordangv@tiscali.co.uk, or on 0118 975 2434. The workshop fee is £30. Please note that the workshop is not at South Hill Park but St Nicolas Church Hall, Earley, Reading RG6 7JN. Directions to the location are on the BGS web site at <http://www.berkshireguitarsociety.org.uk/elsewher.htm>

In the evening Fiona is giving a recital in the Recital Room at South Hill Park, starting at 7.30. She will be playing music by Lauro, Piazzolla, Sagreras and Weiss among other composers. Tickets are £10 for BGS members, obtainable in advance from the SHP booking office on 01344 484 123. See you there!

Society Meetings

During our October and November meetings we have been enjoying ourselves by re-visiting Ivan Andrews' Berkshire Scenes - Big House in Windsor, On the River, and South Hill Park, these sessions being rehearsals for our Christmas meeting on December 14th. On this occasion in addition to members, partners and friends are welcome to join us to listen to the Society's rendition of Berkshire Scenes, followed by solos from society members and some food and drink to end the evening on a social note.

At the meeting last Sunday Gary recorded our play-through in the second half of the evening. It will be fascinating to see how this compares with our previous performance when we played the piece in Ivan's presence, but judging by the snippet I heard last thing on Sunday as I was leaving the comparison should not be unfavourable.

Diary 2009

I don't think the Diary for 2009 has been circulated yet, so although as always it's subject to change it is attached as it stands. There's lots to look forward to. In addition to the usual monthly fare, all being well we will have 2 student events in the first half of the year as we attempt to fulfill our mission to foster young local talent, and a flamenco evening in July, as well as our annual appearance at the Reading Spanish Circle in May.

Ray Burley & Debbie Haeck

November is obviously a bumper month for classical guitarists at South Hill Park - the week after Fiona's recital on the 22nd our old friends Ray Burley and Debbie Haeck are putting on the following event at SHP:

A Journey Through Time

Raymond Burley & Debbie Haeck

with guest guitar ensemble

Saturday 29th November 2008

7.30pm

South Hill Park Arts Centre

programme to include Vivaldi, Rodrigo, Carulli, Giltrap
and Burley

Tickets £10 / £6 concessions

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