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NEXT MEETING:

Location
Terrace Room
(subject to review)

INFORMAL CONCERT & SOCIAL

(GUEST + MEMBERS)

SUNDAY JULY 12TH

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS - A SMALL
DONATION FOR SNACKS (WHICH ARE
DONATED BY MEMBERS)**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY NOV 28
The Aquarelle Quartet



BGS Meeting News

Last Meeting - June 14

Our last monthly meeting was of course a preparation for the Spanish Circle event. Apart from the ensemble work, we had a lot of people with parts prepared and ready for a dry run. So much so in fact, that we could not get through them all in the time available. And once again, it was great to hear contributions from so many and of such good quality.

Spanish Circle - June 19

Our annual Spanish Circle was held the following Friday. It was attended by about a dozen spectators, most of whom were Spanish Circle members, though we had a couple of BGS supporters present as well.

I do not intend to go through the complete list of all the pieces played on the night (apart from list them at the end of this section). There were after all, quite a lot of contributors. What I would like to do is to thank everyone who attended. It always takes courage and effort to appear in public, even at an informal gathering like the Spanish Circle. Of course such challenges are "good for the soul" of the performer. However, in addition, I would have to add that I think our performance was also good for the soul and ears of the audience. I think we provided an enjoyable and interesting concert and well worth the effort from all concerned. Thanks once again to everyone and especially to Gary and Team for organising it.

For the record, below is the program of the evening.

Ensemble	El Kidd Penultimate Waltz Brazil Nut	Hasted
George	flamenco x2	
Mike	a) Estudio- Uruguay b) Estudio V -Cuba c) Prelude No 4 - Brasil	Abel Carlevaro Leo Brouwer Villa-Lobos
Brian	Romance La Catedral	Tarrega Barrios
Gavin	Castles of Spain	Moreno-Torroba
Kath	Garrotin & Soleares	Turina
Sue	Clock music	Handel
Cheryl	Waltz Pavanne Etude	Lauro Milan Sor
Martin	Rumores de la caleta	Albeniz
Steve	DanceEspanol 5 Herencia Latina	Granados Paco Peña
Gary	Asturias	Albeniz
BGS Quartet	Fugue & Canarios	Sanz

Student Concert - Sunday June 21

On Sunday June 21 at South Hill Park, the Student Concert was held. Unfortunately, this was not as well attended as we had hoped, with several performers withdrawing at the last minute. Sadly, there were also rather few BGS members in support.

On reflection, there were probably a couple of reasons for this. One was that it was Father's Day. Another was that this part of the year is very busy for teachers and students, with lots of end-of-year student concerts and performances. Nonetheless, since the student concert is a worthwhile activity, we might consider holding it about Easter in 2010 when there is less competition for students' time.

We had three performers at the Student Concert – one above grade 8 level (Michael), one ready to do grade 8 (Trinity) in a few days (Julian) and one at Grade 5 (Joel). Below was the program they performed for us.

Joel Welham: Tango esta Noche - Vincent Lindsay-Clarke
Arpege - Francis Kleynjans

Michael Batten: Fantasia no 6 - Dowland
Lachrimae & Pavanne- Dowland

Julian Vickers: El Catalan - Jose Broca
Andante Largo - Sor
Fantasia - Dowland

Joel played first and seemed rather composed for such a young man. He played his pieces well so that the audience could relax and enjoy.

Michael, as we know is already well advanced in his musical studies with a place offered to him already at the Royal Academy. He performed for us with control and seriousness and musicality. We wish him good fortune in his musical career.

Lastly, Julian performed the pieces he has prepared for his imminent Grade 8 exams. He was able to show flashes of speed and musicality, in playing difficult pieces. We hope he did well in his exams.

There was one additional interesting event of note at the concert. One of the mothers attending happened to mention that she used to play guitar once upon a time, and might be interested in joining the society at some point. Imagine what interest we might generate if we had 20 parents present!

Next Meeting - July 12

- Sunday July 12th - Informal concert (Guest + members) and social
 - Orsolya Pataki from the Rosewood Trio will be putting on a performance of about 40 minutes. Members of the society will be requested to put together a set of performances for another 30 minutes. We will then finish up with about 40 minutes of socialising over wine and snacks, before breaking for the Summer Recess in August.
 - Members wishing to play should register their pieces with Gavin as soon as possible to enable him to construct the programme for the evening.
 - The venue for the concert is still under debate, with our post-concert snacks meaning that the Dance Studio is not appropriate. The current favourite alternative is the Terrace Room - on the right as you enter SHP, along the corridor then left at the end.
 - A reminder to all to bring some simple snacks and drinks.
 - The Programme will be sent out during the week once finalised.

Upcoming Meetings

- August - no meeting - Summer Holidays
- Sunday September 13th - members evening

Upcoming Events

Saturday OCT 17	Ray Burley	7:30 SHP
Saturday NOV 28	The Aquarelle Quartet	7:30 SHP