

Berkshire Guitar Society

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NEXT MEETING:

MEMBERS EVENING

**CLASSICAL ARRANGEMENTS OF
POPULAR TUNES**

SUNDAY SEP 13TH

**AS FOR EVERY MEETING, VISITORS ARE
WELCOME - £5**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SATURDAY OCT 10
7:00 Chertsey
Spanish Music and Dance**

**SATURDAY OCT 17
7:30 SHP
Ray Burley**

**SATURDAY NOV 28
7:30 SHP
Aquarelle Guitar Quartet
(more next month!)**



BGS Meeting News

Last Meeting - July 12

It seems a while ago now that we held our now-traditional summer break-up concert in the Terrace Room at South Hill Park. Given that there was a lot of musical activity going on at the venue on that night, our own room turned out to be pleasantly secluded and noise-free. Once again we had a lot of people contribute to our concert, with a summary of the BGS members programme below.

Gary Jordan	Kennedy	A musical journey through a summers day
Martin Heath	Mudarra Narvaez	Fantasia Diferencias sobre "Guárdame las vacas"
Michael Hickey	Mertz Carcassi J.S.Bach	Moderato Study Prelude in D minor
Richard Butters	Villa Lobos	Preludes 1 & 2

It is always uplifting to hear real touches of musicianship and emotion being given "voice" after all those hours of dutiful practice in back rooms.

(My apologies if I missed anyone out – it was some time ago).

Of course, the highlight of the evening was the performance of our guest artist – Orsolya Pataki. We have had the pleasure of hearing her performances before as part of the Rosewood Trio. On this evening, we heard a polished and professional solo presentation, performed with her characteristic quiet grace and charm. A great way to break up for the summer, and a goal to aspire to. Below is a reminder of her programme.

Orsolya Pataki	Weiss	Fantasia
	Barrios	La Catedral Julia Florida Vals Op 8 No 4
	Lauro	Vals Venezolano No 3
	M D Pujol	Suite del Plata

Our thanks go to all who participated in performance and in organisation in any capacity, and of course for turning up and appreciating the evening.

Next Meeting - September 13

Our next meeting is a members' night. We have proposed a theme - classical arrangements of popular tunes. However, if you want to perform anything else, please feel free. It is after all, our night, and performance and listening is what we are all about.

Evening of Spanish Music and Dance - Saturday 10th October

Gary has invited us to an evening where he plays some classical Spanish pieces whilst the dancers get their breath back - and he is also performing as second flamenco guitarist!

This is an annual event organised by the flamenco dance teacher, Carmen Pacheco, to give her students the opportunity of taking part in a polished production with professional lighting and sound. The flamenco music is played by an amazing flamenco guitarist (Roberto Martinez) who works with the group throughout their rehearsals. As a member of

the invited audience you will sit around candle lit tables cabaret-style, and get a chance to dance after the show!

The evening is split into three sections:

- 1) Programme of dance and music, including solos from flamenco classical guitarists
- 2) Tapas time - bring your own food, wine & glasses eat, drink and talk and then....
- 3) Juerga- the informal session led by the flamenco guitarist and students. Guests are welcome to join in!

The event takes place in Chertsey Hall, Heriot Road, Chertsey from 7:00 to 10:30 pm on Saturday, 10 October.

It is only open to invited friends of the performers and costs £20 per ticket (which covers hire of the theatre and lighting equipment etc. for rehearsals and the show).

If you are able to come along please let me know before 19 September so that I can reserve seats for you - Gary Jordan, 0118 975 2434.

Ray Burley Concert - Saturday Oct 17

Raymond Burley has entertained us many times before and is known to us as one of Britain's most respected guitarists having performed numerous solo concerts, concertos, film scores, recording sessions, radio, TV, and in virtually every guitar ensemble combination. On this occasion, he is performing works by Scarlatti, Bach, Albeniz and Lauro, among others.

“Some of the most imaginative Bach playing I've heard” John Duarte

Venue: Recital Room

Full price: £10.00

Members price: £8.00

Concession price: £8.00

Under 16s price: £8.00

Upcoming Meetings

- OCTOBER 11 – Ensemble (prepare Christmas concert)
- NOVEMBER 8 – Ensemble (prepare Christmas concert)
- DECEMBER 13– Christmas concert

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