



Guildford Accordion Club

Newsletter 20th October 2017

A warm welcome to you all this evening.

James Mullally

We are sorry to hear that a well known accordionist James Mullally has passed away.

James was a lead accordionist with the London Accordion Orchestra and also supported many festivals.

He also used to be the MD for the Middlesex Accordion Orchestra and taught many of their players. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

Blog by Irene Best - It's a Twin Thing!

Julie Beaven, our recent newcomer to G.A.C., and to the accordion, has only taken up the instrument about a month or so ago.

With great surprise, she has discovered her twin brother, who lives in Gloucester, has also begun to play!

They then both learned, for the first time, that their father had been a player, very many years before they were born!!

Julie and Jonathan are keen to continue playing and delighted their family by duetting for a special get-together.

Classic Brass

The Cobham Band returns to the Menuhin Hall to present a classic brass band concert as performed on bandstands across the country.

Marches, overtures, solos and novelty pieces featuring modern and classical works will bring the bandstand into the comfort and acoustic excellence of the Menuhin Hall. Saturday 28th October at 7.30pm

The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon, KT11 3QQ

Tickets £15 available from the Box Office 0800842020

Online Bookings www.yehudimenuhinschool.co.uk

or contact Julie on 07725852578

Andrew Purkiss 17th November

We will be welcoming back Andrew and his wife Lisa, a talented flautist and dancer, in November.

Andrew has been involved with folk music for many years. His playing draws upon a wealth of experience in other musical genres as his musical career has included playing for Le Cage aux Folles at the London Palladium, and travelling Europe with a professional theatre company.

Andrew has played here with his family on several occasions and it will be good to see him again.

Super Accordion Orchestra Day

This annual celebration of mass accordion playing again takes place at Ripley Village Hall next Sunday. It's a unique chance to play in symphony sized orchestra of around 80 players. The day starts with tea / coffee and registration at 10am. At 10:30am we start rehearsing 3 pieces, including the premiere of a new piece by our conductor for the day, Ian Watson. The pieces are fun, not too difficult, and varied. With over 20 players in each section playing the same thing no one will feel over exposed! There is a break for lunch, an afternoon rehearsal with our West End percussionist and an informal concert at 5:30pm, playing the pieces we have learned during the day. The cost of the day is only £15. Please email - mail@londonao.co.uk for a booking form, we would love to have a full house for this sociable and fun day.

For your children and grandchildren a free introduction to playing an accordion.

A wonderful opportunity

For the first time we are introducing a 'mini orchestra'. A workshop for children under 16 to encourage young people to take up the accordion - and it is free! This will be run by Julie Luck in the rear hall during the day. We have instruments for children to play on the day if they don't have one. No previous experience is necessary. It's a real beginners introduction to the accordion run by a fantastic teacher. Whilst the day is free for under 16's we need to know numbers in advance so please call Julie on **0208 5470515** to register, or email mail@londonao.co.uk.

Evening Concert

The concert at 5:30pm is open to everyone, tickets are £5 on the door. Tillingbourne Accordion Orchestra, Watford Accordion Band and London Intermediate Accordion Orchestra will also perform during the concert.

Next Club Night

17th November 2017

Doors open 7pm

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