



# Guildford Accordion Club

Cobham Village Hall Lushington Drive Cobham KT11 2LU



## **Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Welcome to the Club this evening.  
Get your accordions out and enjoy yourselves.

### **Eastbourne Accordion Festival**

Congratulations to Gennaro and Collette Fiondella on their very successful Eastbourne Accordion Festival.

We have had lots of feedback from people who enjoyed their weekend there. Well done!

### **Cambridge Accordion Orchestra Day**

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

If you wish to book a place at this event you will have to contact Susanna on 01487 711337 as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

### **Helen Rich 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Helen was born in West Cumbria and began playing the accordion, 6 months after her brother, when she was about 6 years old.

Initially she and her brother had lessons in Workington but in the 1970s both started having lessons at the Ronmar School of Music in Carlisle. It was during this period that they also attended the NAO competitions.

As a student and after graduating Helen played both accordion and violin for a variety of traditional dances including North East Clog, Grenoside and Morris and still occasionally plays in a ceilidh band.

Helen is based in the Sale, Altrincham and Timperley area.

Helen is a regular guest artist at accordion festival and clubs in the UK; Leyland Club, North Staffs Accordion Club, Stockport Accordion Club and the Black Country Accordion Club.

Helen plays Accordion Classics, Popular Music, Folk and Classical Music. I am sure you will enjoy her performance.

So come along and bring your friends we would love to give Helen a very warm welcome.

### **Our Condolences**

#### **Terence New**

I am sorry to say that Terry had been ill for some time and unfortunately passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

John Cumiskey and Myra Brooks attended his funeral on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February and spoke with his family.

He enjoyed music and played accordion and organ.

Terry used to attend the club with his wife Pat.

He was a family man and loved spending time with Pat and their five children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We send our condolences to all of them.

#### **Bill Matheson**

We have been told that Bill Matheson has passed away. I am sorry I have no other details at the moment.

Bill used to often play a tune or two for us, often singing as well. He hadn't been attending recently due to ill health and difficulty with the dark evening driving.

Bill, his wife and Terry and Pat New used to go on caravan breaks together.

We extend our condolences to his wife and family.

### **Next Club Night**

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**With Helen Rich**