



Guildford Accordion Club

Newsletter 17th March 2023

St Patricks Day

We are pleased to welcome you all this evening and hope you've had a good day.

Two of our members want you to join in their birthday celebrations.

Jose Collins has been a longstanding member of our club and she also played with the Tillingbourne Orchestra for many years. A lovely lady always willing to participate in all our activities. Happy Big Birthday!

Myra, the lovely hard-working lady that greets you at the door is also celebrating.

We will have a toast to them during the evening.

Our Guest tonight Volodymyr Vasylenko

He is an exceptionally talented musician and one of five in the whole of Ukraine who plays jazz on accordion and bayan. He has numerous awards and formal qualifications and a great deal of experience of giving concerts in both Ukraine and abroad.

Volodymyr grew up in a village in a family with three children. He started playing the accordion when he was only three years old. When his father saw his blossoming talent. He sold his tractor and bought his son a 'grownup' accordion for \$2000 that he still has today.

Most recently he taught music in a village school, having to flee Kharkiv, the city where he used to live with his family before the war.

There will be a collection box at the top table with Myra if anyone would like to donate to the Ukraine charity that Volodymyr supports.

I am sure you will give Volodymyr a warm welcome.

Composers Competition

After the break everyone entering the competition will be playing their pieces. These will be judged by Gennaro. It takes courage to enter and we wish all the entrants good luck.

Cambridge Accordion Orchestra Day

I am pleased to say the day was a great success and everyone enjoyed it. The new venue was reported to be better for the players. I believe that about 53 people attended. There is a recording on YouTube entitled Cambridge Accordion Club-Accordion Day 2023.

London Accordion Orchestra

Our first concert of the year is a spectacular collaboration with 12 Saxophonists from the renowned Guildhall School of Music. It will be our third appearance at the fantastic Daylight Music concert series.

The concert will feature music by Bernstein, Moondog, Kurt Weill, Piazzolla, Christian Forshaw and Ian Watson. The venue is St Catherines Church, Pepys Road, London, SE14 5SG

Tickets are **Pay-What-You-Can** but we *strongly advise booking early* to secure your place at this truly unique concert. Book tickets at:

[Eventbrite.co.uk/londonaccordionorchestra](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/londonaccordionorchestra)

St Audries Bay Accordion Week

Friday 14th - 21st July 2023

Yes, it's back again this year. A week of professional orchestra workshops, master classes, private lessons, concerts, ceilidh and general bellow related fun.

I am sure there will be lots of familiar faces there.

On the magical West Somerset Coast.

To book: 01984 632515 or email

sabaccordionweek@gmail.com

Next Month 14th April 2023

Our 33rd Birthday Meeting.

A great achievement, 33 years and still going!

Some have been here from the start and still enjoying everyone's company.

Please note that because the hall is unavailable on the third Friday of April, we have had to change to the 14th April for our meeting. I will send out the usual reminder by email the week before.

Committee Meeting

Tomorrow afternoon the committee are having a meeting to discuss activities at the club for the future. If anyone has any super ideas that will help our club prosper perhaps you could talk to Anita, Myra John or Brian tonight.

Next Month's Meeting

14th April 2023

Hope to see you

Doors Open 7.30

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