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JULY 2008 NEWSLETTER

BGS and the Lewisham BMG Orchestra

For those of you who didn't make last Saturday's Pluck'n Strum (July 19th for those who don't read the newsletter), you missed a treat!! The Bromley Guitar Society and the Lewisham BMG Orchestra led by Ian Segui got together and did we cook up a musical storm!!



We managed to even drown out the usual Saturday night cacophony provided by the Bromley police car sirens (although they did pop up to share the limelight with the solo performances later on in the evening)

A lot of work went into the planning of the meeting and I would like to especially thank Ian Segui for all the work he went to in organising us all. Ian also had a long way to travel so his efforts were much appreciated. It made for a great evening's entertainment and fun. I am sure it will be the first of many 'get togethers'.

Along with the members of the BMG Orchestra we performed the following pieces

- *Song of the Rose*
- *Gypsy Love*
- *Amapola*
- *Les Enfants du Piree (Never on a Sunday...which was just as well as it was Saturday!!)*

We were also treated to some great mandolin performances from the 'Silver Belles' trio.

Members of the BGS also provided some great solo performances. Len Ivell took us for a tour of the Mexican Countryside with his arrangement of Mexican Songs.

Rebecca Clifford brilliantly performed *Bach's Prelude, Fugue and Allegro (BMV998)* while your correspondent trotted out *Packington's Pound* on the Lute Guitar and also managed to trip over the odd branch or two while walking through the 'Woods So Wilde'.

A special thanks should be also extended to Trevor Pike again for stepping up and providing refreshments for all the members. It was really appreciated.

As the Summer break kicks in, there will be no meeting until September. However the Lewisham Mandolin Society meet regularly at **St Georges Church** hall in Beckenham every **Monday at 7:30** and I know that they would welcome any guitarists to join with them. Visit the blog site for more details

Alan Miles

Alan Miles died on July 8, 2008, shortly after his eightieth birthday. He had been a member of BGS for many years and also had a close association with Enfield Guitar Society, being a personal friend of Ray Butcher. At the wake following Alan's funeral, tributes were paid to this very modest and self-effacing man, for whom playing the guitar was a very important part of his later life. He studied with Norman Vaux, until Norman was too ill to teach, and then came to me for tuition during the past five years. He was an excellent student, very dedicated and studying for his Grade Two examination. At BGS meetings, Alan always immersed himself in the ensembles, not wishing to stand out or to be heard individually. Yet he was a very good sight-reader and made a significant contribution to BGS. I will miss him as a friend as much as a student, because he was such a strong-willed character. His lessons were invariably hilarious, and where we may have occasionally differed musically, I like to think that we were mostly in harmony!!

Our thoughts are with Alan's family at this sad time

Written by Denis Stockton (Hon Chairman)

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