



Good Gracious Music Ltd

Newsletter April 2013

Where have I been?

This is my first GGM Newsletter since September last year so what have I been doing and what excuses can I make for my lack of contact? Read on and you can decide whether or not to forgive me!

GGM-News

Christmas came and went

Judging by the weather since Dec 2012, it doesn't feel as if Christmas was all that long ago. Compared to how warm it was this time last year, well it is particularly disappointing at the moment isn't it. I am hoping that the sun starts to shine a little more consistently if only to help me shoot a video for my song 'Coconut on the Common' that has been a long time in the planning.

February Half Term

The family and I made our annual trip to St Ives, Cornwall for the Feb half term and we enjoyed blustery days and entertaining nights. I performed 4 out of the 6 nights we were there and made lots of new friends as well as hooking up with people I had met there before.

Earth Hour March 2013

As last year the Cowdray estate held an event to mark Earth Hour. The first Earth Hour was held in Sydney Australia where 2.2 million people and 2,100 businesses participated. This year more than 150 countries across the world, including the UK switched off their lights for an hour to support action to create a sustainable future for the planet. The event at Cowdray Hall included dancers, singers, and song writers performing including yours truly and a great evening was enjoyed by approx. 100 people.



GGM's first song writing club! - The Opposite to Boring

During the Easter break we had our first children's song writing club for 9-12 year olds held over 3 days and I have to say we had an amazing time! We had 4 children this time which is not bad



considering I am useless at advertising and we had a wonderful time. The results of our endeavours is a song called 'My Big Golden Egg'. You can also see a video of our time together here, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsJlsAiiNYI&feature=youtu.be>

The South Downs Ukulele Orchestra

It seems ages ago, but on Jan 22nd we had the first get together of the South Downs Ukulele Orchestra. We meet every Tuesday 8pm at The Royal Oak Country Pub and Pantry. There are about 19 of us in the group when you include the teenagers and this term I shall be starting a Uke club at Midhurst Rother College which will add to the number! The tuesday club cost just £5 each week and is a great time to meet and have some fun. You don't have to register so if you fancy having a go then come along, you will not be disappointed!



Student news

Lessons

Did you make it along to the Marco & friends gig I hosted in Jan at the Royal Oak? It was rather a last minute thing as it always seems to be with me but I hosted a gig where a few of my students came and performed and I have to say it was fantastic! Most of my students had never played to a live audience before it was brilliant and I was very proud of everyone that got up and had a go. I will definitely be running another one of these so watch out for news (It'll probably be last minute!)

Private guitar, ukulele, vocal and production lessons start this term from next week, that is week beginning April 22nd and will go through until Fri 19th July. Half term is during the week of 27th - 31st May and there is a Bank Holiday on the 6th May.

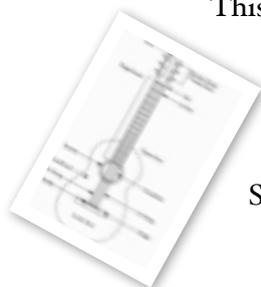
Mailing List

You can all breath a sign of relief now as Vivi is starting to look after the running of GGM business so finally thing might get a little more organised! One of the things she would like to have is a list of names, addresses, email contact details etc all in one file so I will be bringing a form or something along to the next lesson for you to fill in. It means that we can put actual addresses on the invoices rather than, Joe Bloggs at Midhurst etc.

Prices

This term, for the first time in over 2 years I am going to have to increase my prices. I appreciate that this may be difficult for some of you and I fully understand, so please let me know if you do or don't want to continue with lessons this term. I will let you know about how much in due course.

Should you wish to contact me my details are the same i.e



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As always with the lessons Please put some thought into what songs you would like to learn. I am prepared to have a go at most things so keep coming up with some ideas.

GGM – Diary

April

Friday 19th - Live @ The Royal Oak - Floron & Band - GGM supplying p.a & Marco on sound.

Sat 20th - Rotary Jazz Evening - GGM supplying p.a

Friday 26th - Live @ Cowdray Hall - Jackie Oates - GGM supplying p.a & Marco on sound

Sunday 28th - The Duke of Cumberland Open Mic hosted by Will Buchanan

May

Sunday 5th - Marco Live at The White Horse, Easebourne

Saturday 11th - Private Function - Marco performing.

Saturday 14th - Marco supporting Santa Rita @ The Fountain, Chichester.

<http://www.reverbNation.com/santarita>

Saturday 18th - (Marco's mum's birthday) 'PoPuP gig', Langhams Brewery, Langham Stables Marco, Will B and the Bikini Black Special and many others performing

<http://www.langhambrewery.co.uk/>

Saturday 25th/26th - Private Function - Marco performing

Sunday 26th - The Duke of Cumberland May Bank Holiday BBQ

27th - 31st - Half Term

June

Saturday 1st - Lurgashall Village Fete, Marco in beer tent and performing along with many other wonderful musicians. <http://www.noahsarkinn.co.uk/>

Friday 21st June – Three Horseshoes Elsted Beer & Music Festival

Saturday 22nd/23rd - Private Function - Marco performing

Sunday 30th - The Duke of Cumberland Open Mic hosted by Will Buchanan



Final thoughts....

I'm not sure if I ever take the time to say 'thanks' often enough but as the opportunity is here I just want to let you all know how much I appreciate your love and encouragement. So much has changed for Vivi and I over the last 5 - 7 years of our lives and whilst it has been a roller coaster, our family and friends have stuck with us along the ride. Many, many thanks for all your love and support.

Watch out for more events, song-writing clubs and Marco gigs via FB pages, Twitter, and even my website www.goodgraciousmusic.co.uk who knows I might even get the information up to date!!

Much love Marco

