



## Good Gracious Music Ltd

### Newsletter September 2012

#### **New Term already!**

I've said it at the beginning of each of my newsletters so I might as well say it again in this one... 'Where did all the time go?' It really does feel like yesterday that we moved into the new house on the Petersfield Road! Three quarters of the year has already gone....phew.whee! So much has happened, as it always does. There have been some significant highlights so here goes with the news!

#### *GGM-News*



#### **May = Birthday Boy!**

The big 50th birthday came and went and for those of you that came along to help me celebrate you will know that we had a great time with lots of friends, lots of food food and a little bit to drink ( coughs...ahem!) and we even made an attempt at singing towards the end of the evening but the less said about that the better I think!

#### **June = Jubilee Celebrations**

June was a particularly special month and not just because the Queen celebrated 60 years on the throne. I seemed to have some kind of involvement in one way or another at many of the local village celebrations. Lurgashall, Easebourne, Midhurst and Trotton all celebrated in their own way.

The UK and the rest of the British Commonwealth forgot all of the financial worries and the Euro meltdown and paid tribute to someone who had served her people faithfully for 60 years and we celebrated as one community. I loved that!





### Hotter than July!

Well not quite, in fact most of July was wet wasn't it but I had sunshine as I produced an EP for the fabulous Rosie Hodgson which she has called 'Somewhere North'. We had a great time doing it and we learnt loads. We kept it simple and uncomplicated and it worked. She is a great song writer, with a great voice and gorgeous looks too, what more could you want? (She'd actually like a record deal so if anyone 'connected' is reading this then have a word!). Rosie's contact details and how to buy the EP are at the bottom of this letter.

### Walk a Mile

At the same time I was working with Rosie in the studio I was given an opportunity to write a song for a US charity called 'Walk a Mile' who were releasing an album of songs by unsigned artists as part of a 10 year fund raising campaign.

The invitation came very late in the day. I learnt about it one week before the deadline and that was the week I was working with Rosie. The deadline was Friday 7th July and the only time I had to dedicate to it was Thursday the 6th so I was very pleased when I managed to come up with something that sounded like a song. I forgot to mention that part of the writing requirement was to include the line 'Walk a mile' in the song.

The very lovely Stacey Haber from The Music Firm, responded to my submission within the hour, and suggested a re-write of the third verse. I took a deep breath and had another go, re-submitted with new verse and hey presto to my surprise Stacey loved it and I have been included on the 'Walk a Mile' album not just as a song-writer but as an artist too. How about that?



The deadline for the finished master was Friday 14th so with the help of the incredibly talented, Ali Edwards of Sniff n Break studios, Richie Elmer (founder member of Weyfest) Rob and Lyn Todd (Bass and vocals) and Simon the keys (I was his best man don'tcha know) we were able to cut a great final track. You can listen to it here..... <http://soundcloud.com/marco-frankland/walk-a-mile>

The album is going to be linked to a fitness app called which runs through your Android or Apple smartphone. It's a social gaming platform that lets you earn real life rewards just for staying fit and having fun.

It's not available yet but I will be sure to let you know when it is! You must promise me that you will download loads of copies! More news as and when it happens xx

### August = Olympics - MADhurst 2012

What a great month August has been! Not too bad on the weather front but boy what entertainment we have been treated to! The much anticipated London 2012 Olympics has been heralded as one of the greatest Olympics in the modern era.

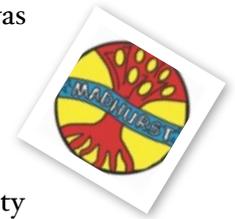




Did you see Midhurst's very own Adelle Tracey lighting the Olympic flame? The Olympic torch was brought to the stadium along the Thames in a speedboat by David Beckham, who then passed it to five-time Olympic gold medallist rower Sir Steve Redgrave. He was met by seven nominated young athletes, who ran along the stadium track before being joined by the six other Olympic winners who had selected them. Dame Kelly Holmes' nominee was MRC's Alumnus Adelle Tracey! Way to go Adelle!

### **MADhurst 2012**

What can I say...? We think it was the best one yet. The whole of the following week I bumped into people who were saying how good it was. The whole community of Midhurst came together and it was great. Here are some of the comments Simon Goodale and I received....



*Me and Caitlin have had a brilliant time at Madhurst this weekend, we'd like to send a huge thank you to Marco Frankland for being such a star and accompanying Caitlin on her set in the market square, to Simon Goodale for being relentless in his search for great music - you got it spot on - to all of the organisers, Princess Trina, Prince David and the whole of the Madhurst organisation....and finally to all of the family, friends and mad dancers who shared the experience...you ROCK!!*

Sean Worrall

*Well done Simon and Marco and everyone else too numerous to mention. Loved it.*

Les Peskett

*Fantastic event Simon! All week I have enjoyed seeing creativity all over Midhurst. Well done to you and all the supporters and volunteers!!! This coming week just won't be the same without seeing you, your family or Marco Frankland at every turn in the town.*



Jodi Merret Whitby - Tattyhead Design

*Everything was very well organised. Best and cleanness portoloos. Whole thing was in a better place. Well done to you all. X*

Yvonne Woodward

And here's what the boss had to say said

*Blimey what a day. To every band that played; to Benny and Les on sound; to the MSA for the bar to the MADhurst committee - what a festival. Top quality music, superb beer and awesome fireworks at the end - it makes it all worthwwhile!!*

Simon Goodale

MADhurst pics are now available to view at <http://www.keepingrecordsphotography.co.uk/section638185.html>

**Lessons**

Ok guitar,vocal and production lessons start again from next week, week beginning September 16th and will go through until Dec 21st with half term during the week of 2nd - 9th November. As always, if you haven't made contact already, please let me know if you do or don't want to continue with guitar lesson. Those of you that didn't have lessons last term but would like to start again then get in touch, let me know!

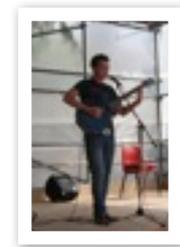
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**As always**

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.



**Recording**

A few of my students have had a go at writing and recording songs and I think they have found the experience encouraging and rewarding. It's not as difficult as you think so if you would like to have a go then let me know.



**Performance**

I am really going to try and put together a showcase gig for those of you who would like to perform. A number of you got up and sang and played on the Sunday lunchtime session opposite The Swan Inn during MADhurst and I know you found it rewarding even if you were bricking it! Well done.

**Autumn Term Dates**

Term Begins - Week of Mon Sept 17th 2012

Half Term Week Monday 5th Nov - Fri 9th June 2012

Term Ends - Week Dec 17th 2012

*GGM – Diary*

**Sept**

Friday 14th - Live @ The Royal Oak - The Jelly Rollers - Marco Hosting

Saturday 15th - Live after Midnight @ Hindhead Private Function Marco on sound

Friday 21st - Live @ The Royal Oak - Floron & Band - Marco on sound

Friday 28th - Live @ The Royal Oak - Marco on sound

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

**October**

Friday 5th - Live @ The Royal Oak - Marco on Sound

Sunday 7th - 'Bonkers for Conkers', Langhams Brewery, Langham Stables - Marco, Aimee and Will B and the Bikini Black Special performing. <http://www.langhambrewery.co.uk/conkers>

Friday 12th - Live @ The Royal Oak - Marco on Sound

Friday 19th - Live @ The Royal Oak - Marco on Sound

Friday 26th - Live @ The Royal Oak - Marco on Sound

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

### *Final thoughts....*

29 Gold - 17 Silver - 19 Bronze - 65 Olympics Medal total

34 Gold - 43 Silver - 43 Bronze - 120 Paralympics Medal total

Never give up dreaming!

**Much love ..... Marco**

PS: DON'T FORGET TO BUY MY CD XX

<http://www.goodgraciousmusic.co.uk/when.html>



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