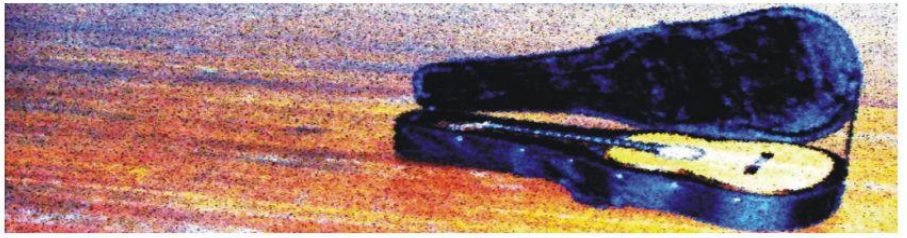


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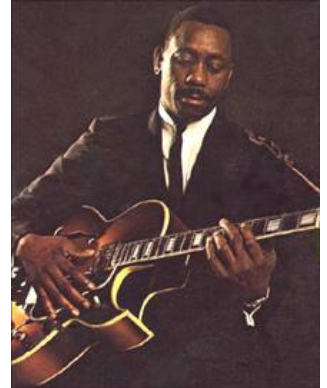
The Newsletter of the Christchurch Guitar Society

President – Alan Dixon

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Treasurer – David Smith

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Kathryn Treeby, Roger Welsh, Paul Zdrenka



Mission of the Society –

To promote playing, education and friendship for players of all styles of guitar in and around Christchurch and to expand interest in the guitar in the general community.

President's Notes

When I studied guitar in the UK my guitar teacher in college would say to me there is a Japanese saying that goes; "When the student is ready, the teacher will appear". I asked him what he meant and all he would say is that I should think about that statement.

Through the years I have pondered those words and I believe that I have arrived at its real meaning. I think the words mean that when we start asking the right questions their answer will become clear. This is the approach that I have tried to apply with every piece I play.

I would recommend those words to all who play the guitar.

Alan

Also we have managed to find a new venue. Some members of the Committee visited the Avon Loop Community Centre last week and found it to be a nice venue in a central location. It is basically a converted house so quite different from what we are used to but it has a nice atmosphere and is like a comfy lounge. Instructions below as to how to get there. We have it booked from the next meeting.

Monthly Session

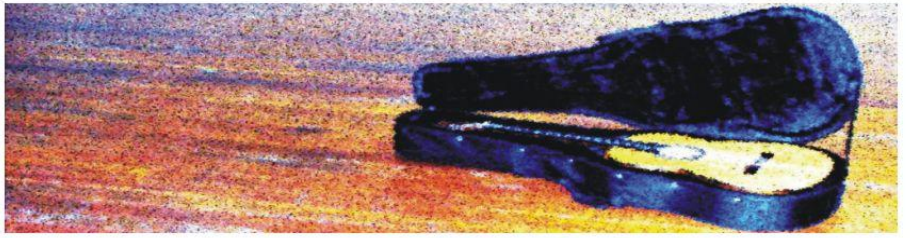
Attendees: Julie, Stuart, Kathryn, Paul, Gillian, David, Jeni, Alan, Evan, Kenny, Geoff, Sue, Wolfgang
Apologies: Jonathan

Playing (apologies in advance for typos!);

Julie – Tango (Clark), Exercisio

Kathryn – Greensleeves (Anon), Atoi (Anon)

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Paul – Prelude No.1 (Villa-lobos)
David – English suite 2nd Movement (Duarte), Waltz & Minuet (Sor)
Alan – Dance of Paraguay (Barrios)
Evan – No. 1 & Zaronga (Juan Martin), Local Hero (Mark Knopfler)
Kenny – Pavanés (Sanz), Walking Bass (with Alan on Rhythm) (Justin Sandercoe)
Geoff – 3 Live Compositions
Sue – Minuet with Variation (Dusseck)

Prelude for Thought

Occasionally a whim to play a piece of music that I haven't played for a while pops into my head. I start playing to see what I can remember. Some of it comes back under the fingers OK but there are many blank spots where the fingers and mental recall breakdown. A few more attempts and gradually more of the piece is recalled but still some bits are missing. Maybe it's time to consult the music. But the music is somewhere in a jumble caused by the earthquake and finding it proves to be elusive.

Over the next few days further attempts at recall recover more. Trying not to think too much allows the sub-conscious and muscular memory to get most of the piece back. However, some hazy bits remain and I remember that these were always a bit shaky.

There would seem to be an optimum number of times that a piece needs to be played for it to be securely embedded in the memory banks. This would presumably vary from person to person. Studying to understand the music and the necessary playing techniques should be undertaken as thoroughly as possible when learning a piece. Of course, the ability to do this also improves with time and by keeping an open and inquiring mind the music will always stay fresh and where there is life there is learning.

David Smith

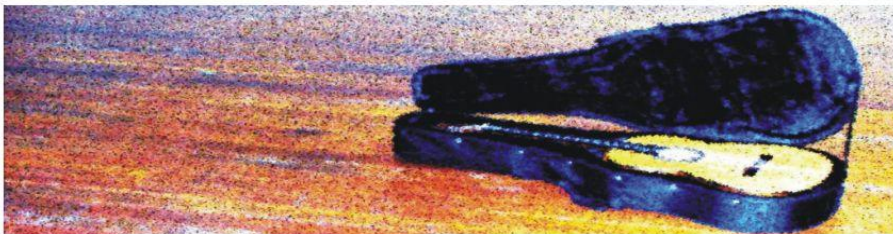
YouTube Inspiration

No music this month but here's a couple of interesting things I found while on the net.

The World's Smallest Guitar, imagine trying to change the strings on this thing!
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/music/2011/apr/13/whats-that-sound-nano-guitar>

And here's really nice 10-string guitar on Trademe, anyone got a spare \$5K and up for a challenge!
<http://www.trademe.co.nz/Music-instruments/Instruments/Guitar-bass/Acoustic-guitars/auction-370426668.htm>

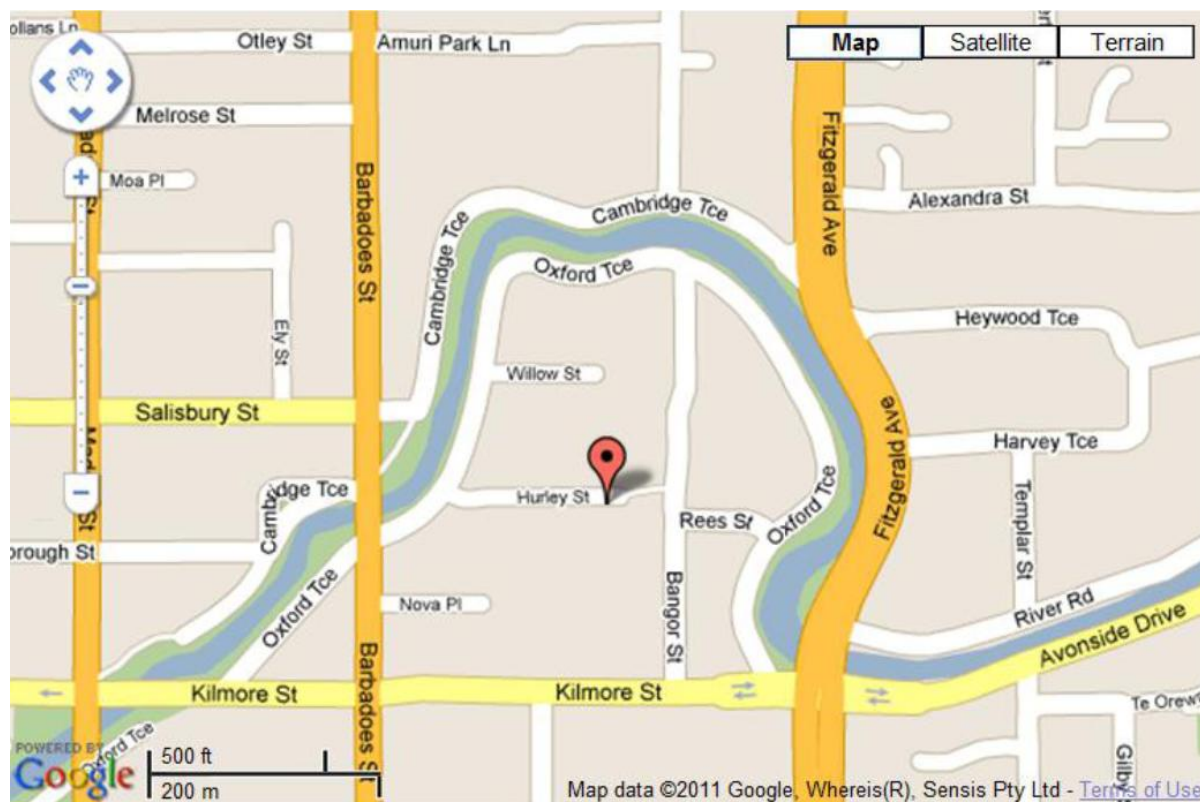
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Coming Up

Next Month's Session – Sunday 1st May, 7.30pm at Avon Loop Community Centre. **Remember subs are due now if you haven't already paid (\$40 waged, \$20 unwaged).**

Location of Avon Loop Community Centre - 28 Hurley Street.



Articles from members are more than welcome, if you have something you wish to share including articles, personal reflections or YouTube links please contact Kenny.