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Dorset Guitar Society

## On The Beat

Newsletter of the Dorset Guitar Society

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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## Christmas Meeting



14th December 2025

Our final meeting of the year was held at Greyfriars in Ringwood and was well attended by 21 members. We enjoyed a selection of festive ensemble pieces ranging from 'A Cool Yule' and 'Frosty the Snowman' to a selection of traditional carols arranged by Andrew Forrest.

We also found time to run through Homage to Manitas- gaining confidence with the percussive section

Our tea break table was full of festive food and we enjoyed the chance to chat and eat with some guitar music in the background ( courtesy of Jim's Bluetooth speaker).

Following the tea break we enjoyed solo performances by Damien and Raymond, a duet performance of Silent Night by Paul and Emily and a quartet performance by Bob, Sue, Martin & Peter L.

We concluded the meeting with a further run-through of Manitas and an arrangement of Winter Wonderland.

Our first meeting of 2026 is on January 18th 2pm at St Andrew's.

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## 2026 Meeting Dates

Planned DGS meeting dates are as follows:

Sunday 18th January 2026

Sunday 15th February 2026

Sunday 22nd March 2026

Sunday 19th April 2026

Sunday 17th May 2026

Sunday 28th June 2026

Sunday 19th July 2026

Sunday 16th August 2026

Sunday 20th September 2026

Sunday 18th October 2026

Sunday 15th November 2026

Sunday 13th December 2026

All meetings run from 2:00pm -5:30pm and are at St Andrew's Church Hall, Kinson.  
Any changes from this will be notified and updated on the website.

Meeting Dates

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## Proposed Concerts and Events

So far, we have 2 confirmed events for the Society for 2026.

### St Nicholas Church, Durweston

This will take place on Sunday 19th April 2026 (our usual meeting day) at 7:15pm. We will likely have a rehearsal from 5pm on the day.

St Nicholas Church, Durweston DT110QA

Admission FREE with retiring collection in aid of St Nicholas Church

### **Recital Hall, Sudley Road, Bognor Regis**

This will take place on Sunday 18th October ( our usual meeting day) from 11am.

This is our usual annual get-together with WSGC and now also SCGS. It is also this year a special event being held in memory of WSGC chairman and artistic director, Sasha Levtoev who died on 19th Oct 2025.

This year we are unable to participate in the Purbeck Guitar Festival due to its new location of Upton Country Park and restriction to a 2 day event. Hopefully we will be invited back in 2027. It would be good to have another concert for the society in 2026 so if any of you have any ideas of venues or groups we could approach- please let us know.

The memorial concert at WSGC clashes with our Autumn DGS Friends and Family concert date so we will be looking at an alternative date for this concert.

Events

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## **Gary Ryan Recital**

Our friends at West Sussex Guitar Club have asked me to let you know about their next professional Recital by Gary Ryan.





A RECITAL BY OUR CLUB PATRON



**FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026 at 7.30PM**

Regis School of Music, 46 Sudley Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1ER

£18 (£15 - Members) Students *half-price*, Under 18 *Free*  
Tickets: 01903 266 641 [recital@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:recital@tiscali.co.uk)



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## Repertoire for January Meeting & Invite to perform

We plan to rehearse the following pieces on the 18th Jan:

- Homage to Manitas
- In my life

- Telemann all movements

### **New Pieces-**

- Lucy in the sky with diamonds
- Nine Barrow Morning
- Alley cats

In an effort to make it easier for members to access parts and scores- instead of attaching pdfs to the email, I will instead add them to my OneDrive folder which you can access by clicking the button below. Hopefully this will makes it easier for you to find music.

Finally, the section of our meeting following tea break is set aside for members to perform. It was great to hear some performances last meeting from members that don't usually play so we're hoping this trend will continue. Please use this opportunity to test out your solo, duet, trio, quartet pieces amongst friends!

Looking forward to seeing you on the 18th 2:00pm

Dgs Committee

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