



## Good Gracious Music Ltd

### Newsletter April 2012

#### Summer Term !!

I know I say it at the start of every newsletter but where does the time go? It's been a very sunny, warm, cold and chilly Spring Term don't ya think? How is everyone, ok I hope? I've got lots to tell so I'll crack on...

#### *GGM-News*

#### Nashville baby!!

I know I shouldn't brag on about it too much but as mentioned in the last newsletter I went to Nashville at the end of Jan to record some tracks in order to get this song-writing thing going properly and boy did I have a blast!

6 tracks were recorded at Ragtop Recording right on Music Row, Nashville Tennessee with

producer Kim Copeland and some of the finest session musicians you could possibly hope for. In the picture on the right I am with Buddy Hyatt who up until recently was touring with legendary rock band 'Toto'

Left is me with (Lto R) the great Kelly Schoenfeld our recording engineer (who has worked with Drake Jensen, Rachel Williams, Jason Terry) Acoustic Guitar, Mandolin and fiddle player Glen Duncan (Earl Scruggs, Emmylou Harris), Electric guitar player Derek Wells (Josh Turner, Dolly Parton, Lady Antebellum), me and then my wonderful producer Kim Copeland who is recognised as one of Nashville's top independent producers . Her clients have won numerous competitions and awards topping print and online music charts. The other equally brilliant musicians were Wayne Kilius (Rachel



Williams, Toby Keith, Gretchen Peters) on drums and Jim Hyatt (Rachel Williams, Drake Jensen) on bass. Here's hoping some of that talent has rubbed off on me!



### **Coconut on the Common!**

The net result of all that work is a 5 track EP called '**The Nashville Sessions**'. pictured here below. The tracks include the song '**Elephant**' which is all about managing the problems and troubles of life the same way you would tackle eating an elephant! If you ever find yourself in that situation then the advice is to eat it one mouthful at a time and deal with the stresses of life in the same manner.

Another great song and the single release is called '**Coconut on the Common**'. I wrote this song after smelling the Vanilla Coconut scent the common gorse bush (pictured right) gives off at this time of year.



If you want to hear samples of the tracks then go to my website here <http://www.goodgraciousmusic.co.uk> where you can listen to 30 sec samples. Or better still buy a copy here <http://www.goodgraciousmusic.co.uk/when.html> and I'll mail one out to you with love and kisses straight away!

### **Earth Hour 2012**

I just want to add a quick mention about this event as it was particularly beautiful. Earth hour is an event started by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) that took place all over the world on 30th March and Cowdray Estate did their part in by hosting an evening of singing and sharing by candlelight at Cowdray Hall.

There were 4 singer song-writers at the front singing songs Nashville style 'in the round' and wonderfully the audience joined in by singing and sharing anything they had to offer. It was all performed acoustically and sometimes a cappella. A very special evening and something I am hoping can be repeated very soon.



### **MADhurst 2012**

I am thrilled to say that preparations for this years MADhurst Festival are well under way and there are simply loads of creative things being planned for the 9 day event.

The Festival starts on Sunday 19th August and runs through to the Bank Holiday Monday on the 27th where once again the best food, the best beer, the best attractions and the best entertainment will on offer for all.

GGM will be hosting lunchtime music at Cafe Verdi's Each lunchtime from the 20th to the 24th August between 12- 2pm so make a note in your diary to treat yourself to a lunchtime



of entertainment during that time! For the latest information and updates please check the MADhurst website and the local press! It's gonna be great! [www.madhurst.com](http://www.madhurst.com)

## *Student news*

### **Lessons**

How were the lesson for your last term? Are you learning to play the guitar? Have you been practicing over Easter?

I have to say, and I'm not just trying to butter you up, but I do have the finest group of guitar students I could possibly wish for and you always achieve so much more than I could ever teach so thank you as always for letting me get involved !

I will start lessons this term from the week beginning April 23rd (St George's Day) for all those who want to continue. Please let me know either way if you wish to carry on. Call or text me at 07513047656 or email me at [marco@goodgraciousmusic.co.uk](mailto:marco@goodgraciousmusic.co.uk) I didn't hear from a few of you last term so assumed you did not want to continue but please call me back up if you do!

### **Just like last time**

I need you all to put some thought into what songs you would like to learn. I am prepared to have a go at most things as you were very good last term at 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.

### **Summer Term Dates**

Term Begins - Week of Mon 23rd April

Half Term Week Mon 4th June - Fri 8th June

Term Ends - Week 16th July 2012



## *GGM – Diary*

**I am now actively trying to sing and perform at more events so if you would like me to come and sing at yours then let me know!**

### **April**

Friday 20th - Mini Cricket starts, Marco & friends performing

Monday 23rd - Lessons begin

Sunday 29th - The Duke of Cumberland Open Mic hosted by Will Buchanan

## May

Sunday 6th - Marco's 50th Birthday !

Saturday 12th - Viv walking the Moon Walk ! To Sponsor her please go here

[Vivienne Frankland's fundraising page for The MoonWalk London 2012](#)

Sunday 13th - Sunday @ Six - Marco playing

Friday 25th - Book Launch at One Tree Bookshop, Petersfield

Ginny Vere Nichol launches her 3rd book 'The Coldest Night of the Year' find out more at <http://feelgoodbooksonline.com>

<http://www.onetreebooks.com/> Marco supplying p.a.

Sunday 27th The Duke of Cumberland, Open Mic hosted by Will Buchanan



## June

Saturday 2nd - Lurgashall Village Fete - Marco & Friends performing

Sunday 3rd - Easebourne Jubilee Celebrations at Cowdray heritage Trust - Marco & friends performing

Tuesday 5th - Trotton Jubilee celebrations @ Southdowns Hotel - Marco supplying p.a

Sunday 24th The Duke of Cumberland Open Mic hosted by Will Buchanan

## *Final thoughts....*

'Don't give up but do let go' is about the best thing I can think of now. You've made it this far so don't even think of turning back. Sometimes even the strangest turn of events can lead you to something or someone you would never have dreamed of, but don't hold on too tight! It's easy to squeeze the life out of something so take a deep breath, smile and relax!

Until the next newsletter



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

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