

Recommendations 2017

Friday 24th November with caller Barbara, Mike Stephen & Luke – retirement party

Hi Mike,

Just thought I'd send you a quick note to say thank you very much for the great entertainment last night. Many of the guests hadn't been to a barn dance before and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thanks to you all and I hope that Barbara's voice recovers soon from her efforts to encourage dancers onto the floor!

Best wishes, Vanessa and Dave

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Saturday 11th November with caller Barbara, John, Ted & Graham - club party

Hi Mike,

We had our barn dance on Saturday night, 11th November at Southbourne Village Hall.

We all wish to express our thanks to your band and the caller, Barbara.

They were “fab-u-lous”.

One nice touch was setting up and playing introductory background music from 6:30 to the start at 7:30 pm to set up the atmosphere for the evening.

The band kept up a constant supply of dances all night apart from a 35 minute break.

Barbara was the right mixture of “bossy”, and fun and did not take exception to our lack of ability.....of which there was a lot!!!

We all had a great time and will be contacting you again for another dance next October/November.

Thank you once again.

Kind regards,

Alan Kidby - Chichester Hash Harriers.

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Saturday 3rd November with caller Dick, Lucy, Stephen & Luke - club party

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all the band for giving us such a wonderful time last night thoroughly enjoyed by all. A memorable 30th anniversary for the Burley Players.

Kind regards

Veronica - Burley Players

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Saturday 28th October with caller Barbara, Mike, David, & Luke – birthday party

Mike and Colleagues – It was only this time last week, but we are already thinking of the next time .. we just need an occasion to invite you to bring your great music and enthusiasm to Farnborough again !!

Anyway a huge thank you to all the team for what you brought and contributed to my Birthday Barn Dance and what a wonderful evening was had by all. Everybody was full of compliments about the band and the obvious enjoyment you also get when there is such an upbeat atmosphere, and as we said to you at the end, how it all reaches another level when you have a willing group of enthusiastic dancers across the generations ... and that was not just the Prosecco talking amongst the youngsters.

Do please also convey a huge well done and thanks to Barbara who once again taught us and led with such style and enjoyment across all the dances – she really is a gem at cajoling any reluctant participants up on to the floor and managed to keep us roughly in time !!

It was a real pleasure to meet you all again, and hopefully see you at one of your public dances in the future.

Best wishes to all and have a lovely Christmas - Debbie and Andy Gillman

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Saturday 14th October with caller Charles, Janet, Francis & Connie – school social

Dear Mike,

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and Charles and the band on behalf of all the parents, children and friends of Froxfield School who attended the barn dance. We had a wonderful time last night and I am extremely grateful to Charles who I know amended dances to make them suitable for the large number of children who were very keen to dance!

Please pass on our thanks to all involved.

Very best wishes Jo

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Saturday 30th September with caller Amanda, Mike, Ian & Matt – village social

Mike & the rest of the Woodsiders,

Thank you all once again for making last night such a cracking evening in Oving.

Everyone is raving about the band and a good time was had by all.

We've been running the event for 10 years and people were saying you were the best band so far !

Once we've sorted out our schedule for next year I'm sure we'll be giving you a call.

Cheers Jez

Oving Scarecrows.

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Dear Mike

We had a great evening last night – the band were excellent – please pass our thanks on to them.

Kind regards
Julia

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Saturday 23rd September with caller Amanda, Mike, Ian & Matt – church social

 **Hedge End Salvation Army Church & Community Centre** added 4 new photos.
23 September at 23:29 · 🌐

What a great evening! Thanks for all who came along and made tonight such a good laugh 😊



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Saturday 16th September with caller Dick, Elaine, Stephen & Luke – club social

Mike

Just wanted to say a huge Thank you to your fabulous Band and Caller Dick for all their fabulous music and hard work on Saturday night. Our Barn Dance has been a great success and we couldn't have done it without the brilliant Woodsiders. Dick was absolutely wonderful - he has the patience of a saint! so many people forgot their 'right & lefts' but he was brilliant with them.

I have received so many messages of Thanks from people who have said they had such a good night out and when is the next one!!

A couple of pictures attached showing how many people were up on the floor enjoying themselves and having fun.

Thank you to you all for sharing your talents with us and giving us such a brilliant fundraising night for our local senior citizens in the village.

Many thanks
Helen



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Saturday 9th September with caller Barbara, and John, Ted and Luke – wedding

Hi Mike

Thank you so much to the Woodsiders for playing at our Wedding last Saturday. So many guests danced, far more than I expected, because it was so much fun! The whole band were excellent, especially your lovely caller, who made it enjoyable and simple for everyone. I want to have the whole day and night all over again as it went too fast!!

Thank you also for your fast email replies and ease of booking. Planning everything from Australia was sometimes tricky but we were so happy with all our choices.

I have left a message on your Facebook page and will recommend you to U.K. friends for future events

Many thanks

Louise and Richard

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Saturday 2nd September with caller Charles, and 4 piece band Mike, John, Ted and Luke – wedding

Dear Mike,

I just wanted to say a big thank you for Saturday. It was excellent. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was a brilliant way of getting people up and dancing after dinner. I've had lots of people tell me what a good idea it was.

Many thanks again,
Abi and Simon

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Saturday 12th August (evening) with caller Dick, Anna, Stephen & Derek – wedding

Hi Mike

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to Dick and the band for their amazing performance on Saturday. What our guests (me included) lacked in talent we made up in enthusiasm- we needed a bigger dance floor! Special thanks to Dick for his patience with our left feet. We all had an absolutely fantastic time and would not hesitate to recommend the Woodsiders to friends.

Best wishes, Jo

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Saturday 12th August (afternoon) with caller Dick, Elaine, Stephen & Derek – 70th Birthday

Dear Mike,

We very much enjoyed the band and the dancing at my 70th Birthday party on the 12th August.

Everyone joined in and the dances were called clearly and patiently for many who had not danced before, or it was a long time ago! There were some who had never danced, said they wouldn't, but thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

It made the party something special and memorable.

Please give our especial thanks to Elaine, Stephen, and Derek for their playing, and Dick for calling the dances so well.

With many thanks and much appreciation,

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Smith.

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Saturday 22nd July with caller Charles, Anna, Ted & Simon – evening 50th birthday

Hi Mike

The last of our friends have just gone and this gives me the chance to thank the Woodsiders for a superb evening last night - particular mention to your excellent caller who just balanced it perfectly considering the ages went from 5 up to 85.

We all had a thoroughly great time - many thanks for making it a memorable evening for us all.

Regards

Jan and Tony

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Saturday 22nd July with caller Charles, Janet & Francis – afternoon golden wedding

Dear Mike,

I am just writing to say what a fantastic time we had on Saturday. Charles, Frances & Janet were brilliant. We were sorry that because of my inexperience in organising these things we were pushed for time. I had not anticipated that so many people wouldn't arrive until 12.30 when I had said 12 on the invitation and then what a long time it took for 70 people to get served at the buffet. However, it was very successful and everyone enjoyed it hugely.

So many thanks. If ever you want someone to recommend you, please give them our name.

Best wishes Jo

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Saturday 21st July with caller Amanda, Mike, Ian & Luke – sailing club social

Hi Mike

Thank you so much. It was a fantastic evening. We all loved it. Definitely will keep you in mind if we do another event next year

Best wishes Amanda

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Friday 7th July with caller Dick, Anna, Ted & Graham – School social

Please thank your band for a great night. They are incredibly good and everyone who came loved it.

Vicki

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Saturday 1st July with caller Dick, Lucy, Stephen & Luke –

Wedding Celebration also featuring [Songbird \(see additional services\)](#) at [Hanger farm Arts Centre](#)

Hi Mike,

Thank you so much to you and your friends for playing at our wedding. Please do pass on our thanks and our appreciation to them for being truly wonderful.

You created such a fun environment!
And it was such a joy to see so many loving it!

Thanks for the send off as well!

Thanks again Mike

Caitlin and Tom

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Saturday 24th June with caller Dick, Anna, Stephen & Luke –

60th birthday celebration booking through [Midsummer Music Agency](#).....

Hello Mike

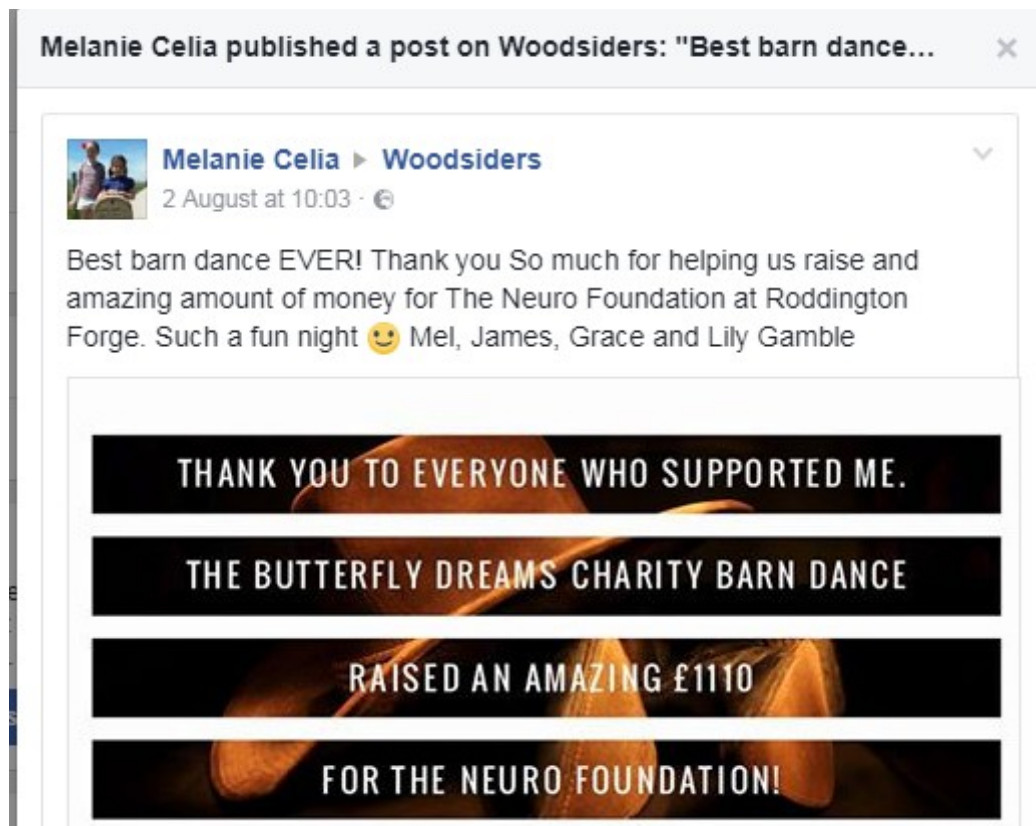
**I just wanted to say a big thank you to all the members of the band and of course Dick who performed at my party at Salisbury Rugby club last Saturday. They were fantastic. I had a great time, and judging from the feedback from my guests - so did they! It was one to remember!
My thanks to all.**

kind regards Sue

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Friday 16th June with caller Amanda, Mike, Ian & MattLuke – fund raiser

Facebook posting



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Saturday 3rd June with caller Amanda, Mike, Ian & Matt – Wedding celebration.....

Hello Woodsiders.

Thanks guys and Amanda. Everyone had a great time it was such fun. You had people up dancing that never ever dance. Amazing x



Saturday 6th May with caller Amanda, Mike, Ian & Matt – Wedding celebration.....

Hi Mike,

Thank you so much for making our wedding so much fun! Your live music was absolutely fantastic and your singing and line dancing was great fun for all ages! I've never seen my Mum dance for such a long time!! We had a blast - thank you so much!

Thanks again,

Jenny

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Saturday 22nd April with caller Dick. Lucy, Stephen & Luke –

Wedding reception booking through [Midsummer Music Agency](#).....

Hi Luke

A quick note to say thank you and your fellow musicians for doing a great job at our wedding at The Master Builder's Hotel just over a week ago. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the feedback from our guests was very positive. Dick was very patient with us and made it even more fun.

We will certainly recommend you to any of our local friends in Hampshire and are happy for you to post this on your site.

May we wish you every success for the future.

Kind regards

Jenny and John

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Saturday 1st April with caller Barbara, Mike, Anna & Ian – Wedding reception.....

Hi Mike,
Thanks for playing on the 1st, sorry it's taken so long to be in touch. We had a lovely time, and loved the ceilidh. Particularly thank you for the last (unexpected) dance. I will certainly comment on the facebook page,
Thanks again
Fran

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Visitor Posts



Fran Thompson

Yesterday at 12:57

Just wanted to say THANK YOU for the wonderful ceilidh at our recent wedding. We and the guests loved it! Really great music and superbly led dancing. Thanks again!

Saturday 25th March with caller Charles, Lucy, Stephen & Luke – Twinning social.....

Hello Mike

On behalf on Lyndhurst Twinning Committee please thank the band for an excellent evening. We all enjoyed it. We will be in touch for a future booking and will certainly promote you to the other groups we are all involved in.

Thanks and best wishes

Marilyn

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Saturday 25th March with caller Amanda, Mike, Ian & Matt - 80th birthday party.....

Hello Mike,

I would like to thank you for your performance on the 25th March. My husband was totally overwhelmed by the night and he thanked me for booking you and not a disco. I am really sorry not to have had time to thank you in person but you all and the caller did a tremendous job. I will recommend you to all.

Once again thank you so much.

Christina

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Friday 10th February with caller Charles, Mike, Natallie & Luke – Wedding reception.....

Hi Mike

What a wonderful wonderful evening we had with you!! Thank you so much you were incredible! We loved every moment as did the guests. Also thanks so much for letting us use your PA it was hugely appreciated. We will be sure to recommend you to everyone!

Laura rooney

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Saturday 28th January with caller Charles, Mike, & Stephen – 21st birthday celebration.....

Thanks Mike

Everyone enjoyed the evening, especially the music and dancing. It was great fun, thanks to you and your colleagues for making it so special.

Kind regards

Jonathan

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Friday 27th January with caller Charles, John, Ted & Luke – [Rainbow Centre Burns Night](#).....

Hi Mike

I hope you are well. I would like to say a HUGE thank you for Friday night, it was fantastic!

Everyone had such a great time. We raised over £7,000!

**Many Thanks
Kelle**

Kelle Russell
Fundraising Executive
The Rainbow Centre

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Thursday 26th January with caller Amanda, Mike, Ian & Derek – a Burns night celebration.....

Thanks once again for a fantastic night. All the guests were full of praise for you and the band.

**Warm Regards
David**

Surg. Lt. David Inglis Royal Navy

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Thursday 19th January with caller Barbara, Mike, Ted & Luke – Sixth form Burns night.....

Hi Mike,

I just wanted to say thank you again for your wonderful , and determined performance last night . The music got almost the entire student body dancing, an impressive sight from teenagers. I trust Barbara's voice survived the evening, I had several comments from staff and students alike as to how impressed they were that she got so many of them doing the dances in unison, no mean feat when handling 16 – 18 year olds.

Many thanks again and we will be sure to call you for our next Burns night/ Barn Dance

**Warm regards,
Chris Millington**

Lord Wandsworth College

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Friday 13th January with caller Charles, Mike, Ted & Luke – Doctors retirement.....

Hi there!

Just wanted to say Thank you, we all had a wonderful evening.

Hayley The Highlands Practice, Fareham.

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