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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our third Club Evening. I am so pleased that so far we have been able to successfully entertain both our players and listeners. All the events which we had last time, such as the Guitar Orchestra, the Children's Ensemble, Beginner's Class, and of course the Concert at the end proved to be most fruitful, and we can build on them this month.

First of all I would like to thank those who helped to get our instruments in tune before the orchestra began. This was extremely helpful and I hope that we will be able to enjoy this professional approach at all our future meetings. My thanks also to Linda for both conducting the Children's Ensemble and performing in the final concert, and indeed to Amanda and Graham for not only performing in the concert, but making such an invaluable contribution to the orchestra. The evening would not have been such a success without them, and we hope that they will be willing to work with our various ensembles, and play in our concerts in the future.

This week with the Orchestra I hope that we can take a step further the work that we did last time on Bach's Musette and the Second Movement of Vivaldi's Concerto in G major, as well as introducing the group to a new, slightly more festive, work. Also this week, due to the absence of some of our Orchestral members, I would like to combine all our guitarists, including the youngsters, into one large Orchestra. Later on in the evening we can branch out into four smaller ensembles (one for each heater!) while I will continue working with the as yet less experienced guitarists. As always we will end with the performance of the evening's music.

Another of our ideas will come to fruition thanks to Kit Crowhurst, who is undertaking the running of a Guitar Club Audio Library. He has himself started off the Library with the extremely generous gesture of donating ten cassettes. During the evening, I'm sure Kit will be happy to explain how the Library will work.

Finally, I would like to repeat my thanks to everyone who has helped in the preparations for this evening, and in particular all those who are playing tonight. I hope to see as many of you as possible next Saturday, 30th October, at our second professional concert, which I am delighted will be given by Charles Ramirez.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Levov.