

The suggested programme could go something like this:

6.00 Dinner available
7.30 Music (30)
8.00 Introduction with Jeewan (@5)
9 poems (@15)
8.20 Music (@7/8)
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8.45 Interval (@15)
9.00 6 poems (@ 10)
9.10 Music (@ 7/8)
9.20 3 poems (@ 5)
9.25 Music (@ 15)
9.40 Wind up and general chat.

Please feel free to make any suggestions

PRESS RELEASE

TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 7.30 – 9.30 PM

'THE SPIRIT OF BUSHY PARK'

POETRY RECITAL WITH GUITAR MUSIC

Readings from Jeewan Ramlugun's new book of poems 'Bushy Park' accompanied by guitar music.

Proceeds to the local charities: The Friends of Bushy and Home Park and The Ataker Kraus Trust & the Down's Syndrome Association.

VENUE: *'La Cloche at the Lion'* pub - nestled between Bushy Park, Teddington and Hampton Wick.
27 Wick Road Teddington TW11 9DN 8977 4778 lion@lacrochepub.com

ACTORS: Sheila Lee, June West and Paul Alexander **MUSIC:** The Alexander/Robinson Guitar Duo.

THE EVENT: will take place in the very comfortable setting of the pub's dining area.

THE AUDIENCE: can order drinks, nibbles, starters or a full 3 course meal from 7 pm onwards while being serenaded from 7.30 pm onwards with the Jazz Guitar playing of Charles Alexander and Andy Robinson.

THE RECITAL: 27 poems from Jeewan's new book of poetry, all inspired by walks in Bushy Park, will start at 8 pm with an introduction from Jeewan. The poems will be interspersed with jazz guitar pieces like, *Honeysuckle Rose*, *Walk Don't Run*, *Travels* and there will be a photo carousel projected on to a cinema screen portraying aspects of Bushy Park.

DRINKS AND FOOD: can be ordered throughout the entertainment.

People are welcome to stay on afterwards to talk to Jeewan, the actors and musicians, and enjoy good company in a convivial atmosphere.

Jeewan Ramlugun is of Mauritian origin. He has lived in the vicinity of Bushy Park for over 35 years. His native idyllic island, in particular the bucolic village of his birth, ringed by majestic mountains, have been formative influences on his poetic temperament and predilection. In England, Bushy Park has been the primary source of his inspirations. His publications include: *Kith, Kin & Kindred Spirits: A Poetry of People* (self-published), 2009; *Poetry from Paradise* (President's Fund, Mauritius, placed in

*the National Library of Mauritius, and in the University of Stanford and University of Columbia, 2010); Wellsprings: Poems of Life & Nature (323 pages), published by Author House, UK, 2010; **Bushy Park: A Collection of Poems**, 2015, (on sale at Waterstones).*

Sheila Lee has worked in repertory, television and film, playing the lead in 'The Chequered Flag'. She studied under Yat Malmgren, started a drama school and gave lectures on Ergonomics at UCL. She wrote 'The Artisans Angel' starring Keith Michel. Her recent play 'Man of True Steel' concerns an historical subject in Manchester.

June West trained at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the University of London. She taught English, Speech and Drama in Buckinghamshire before teaching GCSE and A Levels at St James Senior School for Girls. She now presents Shakespeare lectures and workshops with a group of friends.

Paul Alexander's film, 'Finding Saint Francis', had its premiere at the BFI last November. He is about to embark on a tour of the country with his film and performance of Francis. He lives in Teddington and is available for voice coaching for children and adults. plalexander@yahoo.com

The Charles Alexander / Andy Robinson Guitar Duo with Charles Alexander on a 6-string Gibson guitar and Andy Robinson on a 7-string Manson, their Duo is celebrated on the London jazz scene for its dynamic performances, tight arrangements of music drawn from several eras of jazz and genres as diverse as Brazilian, blues, bluegrass, calypso and fusion. Their current CD is "Comparing Notes" on 33 Jazz. Charles Alexander is Jazz Guitar Tutor at Richmond Adult College. He founded Jazzwise Magazine and is author of Masters of Jazz Guitar (Backbeat, 1999). In addition to guitar, Andy Robinson also plays trombone in Latin bands and is the author of the popular music software package *Transcribe!* www.alexanderrobinson.co.uk

Tickets can be obtained through. Book Eventbrite early to avoid disappointment.