

Recommendations 2018

Saturday 24th November – wedding with caller Amanda. Janet, Francis, Ian & Luke in the band

Hi Mike,

I just wanted to say a big thanks to the Woodsiders for playing at our wedding on Saturday.

We had so many people tell us how much they enjoyed the ceilidh and it was such a fun way to get everyone up and dancing!

If you need any words / testimonial, I would be more than happy to provide as I was really impressed and it really made our evening having the Woodsiders play. If you could pass on our gratitude to all of the members that would be appreciated.

Thanks again,
Alex

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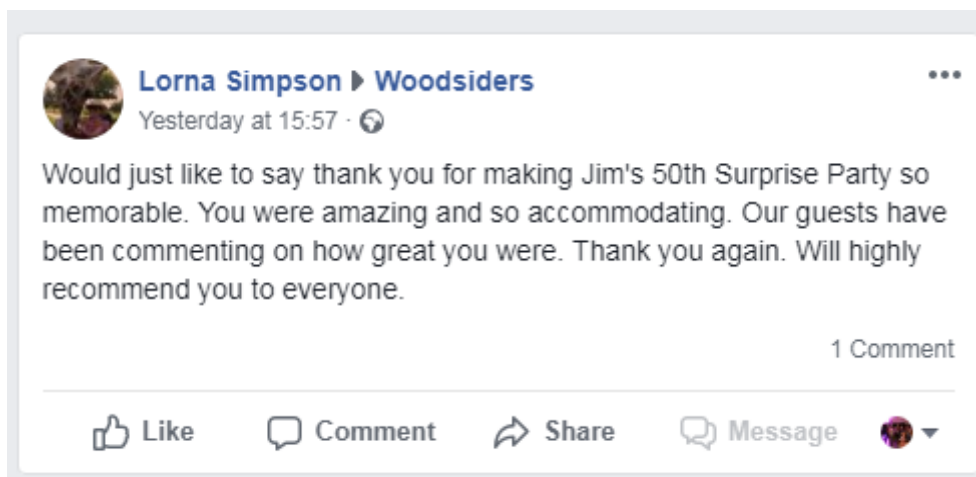
Saturday 24th November – wedding with caller Amanda. Mike, Ian & Luke in the band



The screenshot shows a Facebook interface with a 'Visitor Posts' window open. The post is from Jonathan Buckley, who is a member of Woodsiders. The post text reads: 'We had the woodsiders make our 30th birthday party a real hoot. They were fun lively and flexible around my scatty party planning. It gave the barn dance such an authentic feel. Communication from Mike was top notch before and during the event. And Amanda Dance orchestrated a large number of novices with a variety of dances and kept engaging the reluctant but with well timed rests. Highly recommended these guys.' The post has one comment from Woodsiders. The interface includes navigation tabs like 'Page', 'Inbox', 'Events', 'Notifications', 'Insights', 'Publishing To...', and 'More'. The Woodsiders profile picture and name are visible on the left side of the page.

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Saturday 6th October – party with caller Amanda. Anna, Ian & Matt in the band



The screenshot shows a Facebook post from Lorna Simpson, a member of Woodsiders. The post text reads: 'Would just like to say thank you for making Jim's 50th Surprise Party so memorable. You were amazing and so accommodating. Our guests have been commenting on how great you were. Thank you again. Will highly recommend you to everyone.' The post has one comment. The interface includes interaction buttons like 'Like', 'Comment', 'Share', and 'Message'. The Woodsiders profile picture and name are visible at the top of the post.

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Friday 28th September – club party with caller Dick, Lucy, Stephen & Luke in the band

Hi

Thank you for entertaining us so well! We all had a fantastic time.

Kind regards

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Saturday 22nd September – anniversary with Caller Charles, Charlotte, Ted & Luke in the band



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Saturday 15th September – wedding celebration with caller Barbara, Mike, Ted & Luke in the band



Oli Littlejohn

We booked Woodsiders for our wedding after going to a Burns Night in Fareham, they were every bit as much fun then as that night. Fabulous way to get people up and dancing for a wedding!

Would highly recommend and would love to see them at another event of ours! — with [Stephanie Littlejohn](#) at [Southdowns Manor](#).

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Saturday 1st September – Ruby wedding celebration with caller Barbara, Mike, Anna, Stephen & Luke in the band

Hello Mike

Thank you all for playing for us last night. Your band were just great and exactly what we had hoped for - we knew there would be lots of enthusiasm.

Best wishes John and Sheona Melrose

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Saturday 25th August – Joint choir celebration with caller Amanda, Anna, Andre & Ian the band

Hello Mike,

I just wanted to send you a few words to thank your players and caller for helping to make our evening such a success on Saturday.

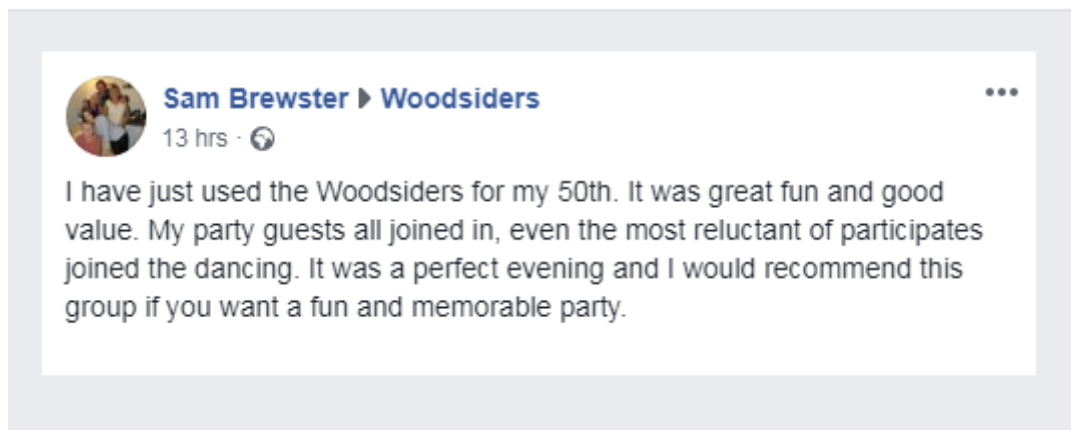
It must be a little off putting for the caller when their words are so misunderstood, and the moves turn out so badly, but everyone I have spoken to or heard from has said how wonderful the ceilidh was, and how much they enjoyed it. And Marie, our guest of honour, loved it.

So thank you again.

Nancy

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Saturday 18th August – Birthday celebration with caller Amanda and Mike, John & Ted the band



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Saturday 11th August – Wedding Barn Dance with caller Dick and Elaine, Stephen and Luke in the band

Dear Mike

Just to say a big thankyou to the band. We had a great evening and they were the best. Everyone enjoyed themselves. It was superb.

Kind regards

Ruth

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Saturday 7th July (evening) – Pitton Carnival Barn Dance with caller Amanda and Mike, Ian & Matt in the band.

Hi Mike

I am gutted I never managed to come and meet you all , in between face painting and mail art for 2 hrs followed by 3 hrs on the bar, I heard, but not saw you all !!

Feedback we've had is great, I do hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we all did !

We have our 'debrief' meeting on 1st August , however, I would love to book you again for 2019 ! Can I contact you after our meeting , we may have set the date for next year by then ?

Many thanks

Sally

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Saturday 7th July (afternoon) – Golden Wedding Barn Dance with caller Barbara and Mike, Ted & Luke in the band.

Dear Mike

Thank you for your contribution to our party on Saturday. Please pass on our appreciation to your colleagues in the band and to Barbara. We were so glad to have booked you all again; there was general enjoyment of your performance.

Who knows? . . . ten years' time? Or we might just come and see you at North Baddesley in November.

With good wishes, Richard

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Saturday 16th June – wedding barn dance with caller Dick and Chris, Lorraine & Stephen in the band.

Dear Dick and band

I just want to thank you for a fun barn dance on Saturday at Claire and Sam's wedding. My elderly (not so active!) mother really enjoyed the fact she could join in some of the dances as well.

Kind regards

Jacqui

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Saturday 16th June – Claremont Lodge 10 year celebration with caller Amanda and Mike & Ian in the band.

Dear Mike

Thank you so much for playing at our party on Saturday. I'm still aching from all that dancing! Everyone had a fun time and the atmosphere was fantastic. Thank you all for being so flexible with the order of the day and I hope you enjoyed the food and Pimms!

We look forward to seeing you again

Best wishes

Laura, Jess and the residents of Claremont Lodge

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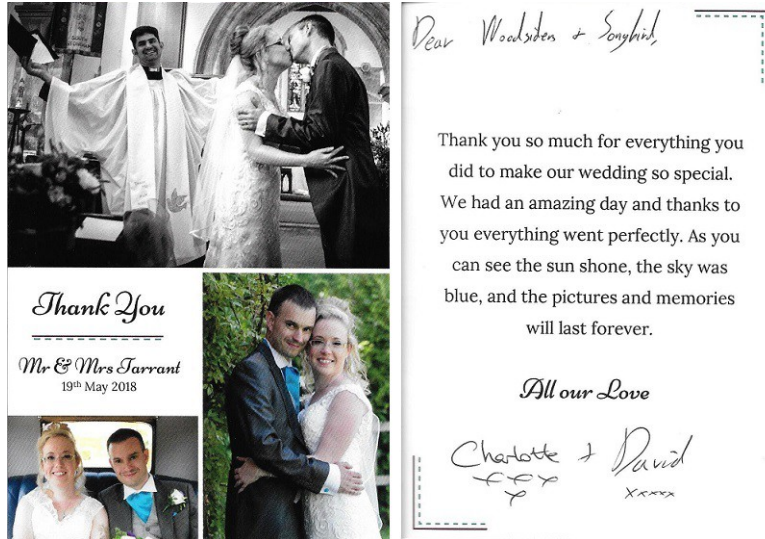
Saturday 19th May – wedding barn dance with caller Barbara and Lucy, Stephen & Greg in the band. Also featuring Songbird

Hi Mike and Woodsiders,

I would just like to say a great big thank you to all of the band for making our wedding night so special on Saturday! Also a special thanks to Babs who is an amazing caller and entertainer. Her little dances are also fantastic to watch. It looked like both her and the band had lots of fun!

I'm sorry I didn't get to say goodbye on the night but you might understand I was having a hectic time of it all! Everyone I spoke to thought it was a wonderful thing and even the venue staff appeared to enjoy it!

Many thanks again to you all! David & Charlotte



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Friday 18th May – wedding barn dance Dublin (Ireland) with caller Amanda & Mike, Lucy & Ian in the band.

Dear Mike,

Just wanted to thank you again! You and the band playing at the wedding made it everything I always wanted and more. I'm so grateful to you and just thank you so much!

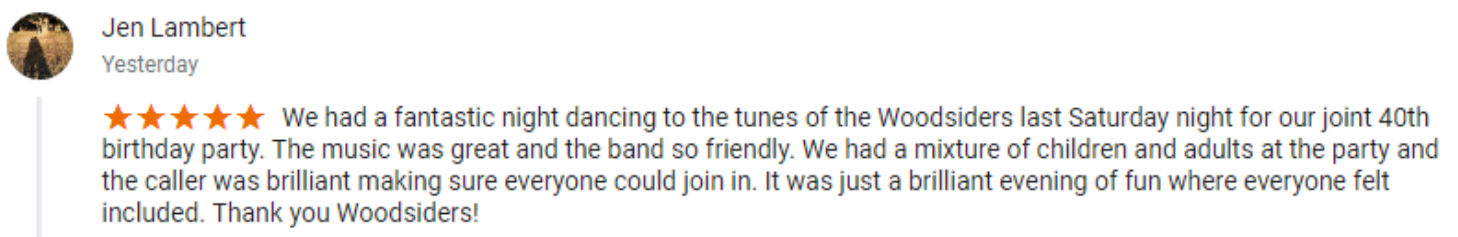
**With very best regards,
Melissa**

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Saturday 21st April with caller Barbara and Anna, Ted & Luke in the band.



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Saturday 17^h March Social barn dance with caller Dick and Anna, Derek & Matt in the band.

**Mike,
Just a quick note to thank you for the band and caller on Saturday night.. They were a great success and I commend Dick for his patience!
Thanks again
Steve**

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Friday 16th March Retirement barn dance with caller Dick and Mike, Stephen & Luke in the band.

Hi Mike

We had a very good time and all enjoyed the music and the dancing. My husband is already planning to book you for later this year/ early next when he retires. I'm sure many of the guests will consider you for a celebration in the future.

Best wishes

Clare

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Sunday 4th March Wedding barn dance with caller Charles and Mike, Ted & Luke in the band.



Nathalie Closs

15 hours ago

★★★★★ The Woodsiders came to play at my wedding last weekend, and we had a brilliant time! It was so much fun, and the band / caller were very friendly and professional and all the guests (including the little ones) joined in. I would definitely recommend them for any party / special event. Thank you guys for bringing everyone together at the end of a very special day.

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Burns Nights 2018

Dear Mike,

I am very pleased to let you know that our 2 Burns Night events have raised £10,255 for The Rainbow Centre. We are so incredibly grateful for your support, once again, in helping to make this our most successful year to date.

Thank you once again for providing sensational entertainment for both events. The dance floor was at full capacity as usual! Please pass on our thanks to everyone in the band at both events.

To put the money raised into perspective, this amount would fund the entire Parent and Child Group for 10 weeks. The groups run daily for 2.5 hours and support children like Zoe. Zoe has been attending the Centre for 1 year and has gone from being unable to communicate or function independently - to being about to feed herself, sit for short periods of time, stand whilst holding onto the bars and even tell her mum that she would like to watch Peppa Pig!

Your support is also helping adults like Julia, who was diagnosed with MS in 2015. When Julia started attending The Rainbow Centre, she was very unsteady and wobbly on her feet which made her lack in confidence. Now she is a lot steadier on her feet, and is able to walk up and down stairs with confidence. Having learned techniques to get up from the floor, Julia is no longer afraid of falling, which means she is less likely to fall. Julia's big aim is to walk without her stick at her son's wedding. This goal now seems possible and she is well on the way towards achieving it.

Without donations and events like the Burns Night none of this would be possible, as we receive a minute proportion of funding from the government.

Thank you so much once again for supporting The Rainbow Centre, we're already looking forward to seeing you all again next year.

Best wishes,
Jess
Jess Greenwood
Events Fundraiser



Julia



Zoe



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