

## Phil Gilbert

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### Personal Statement:

I am a semi-professional lead guitarist and part time guitar teacher situated in Medway. I am punctual, reliable and hard working with a professional attitude, and have had a great interest in music from an early age. I have good people skills, my own transport and good equipment, including Yamaha, Michael Kelly and Takamine electric and semi-acoustic guitars, Marshall amplification and Boss effects. I am now looking to expand my teaching if possible to a full time career.

### Skills and qualifications:

- Thames Valley University Intermediate Graded Examination in Music Performance Electric Guitar Grade 5, passed with distinction (2009)
- ABRSM Grade 5 Theory of Music, passed with merit (2012)
- Registered as a member of the Registry of Guitar Tutors
- Many years experience teaching acoustic and electric guitar
- DBS Enhanced disclosure
- 40+ years experience as a semi-pro lead guitarist
- Full clean driving licence

### Performance Background

- Having been interested in music from an early age I learned to play the trumpet at school for the school band and passed grade 1 at the age of 11. In my spare time I would play any instrument I could get my hands on including keyboards, harmonica and melodica. I took up the guitar at the age of 13. I was self taught and my natural ear for music and dedication for the instrument meant that from the age of 15 I began performing at school assemblies, working men's clubs and pubs.
- From then until the present time I continued to practice hard and have always played in bands, duos and trios. A full musical performance history is available on request, from my first duo in the Royal Navy in which we would play for the officers on board ship and ashore in pubs and clubs, to my current band, Matt Black; a successful local covers band, specialising in rock, blues and popular music.

### Guitar Teaching

- Having been approached many times for tips and tuition by people who had heard me play, I decided to pass on my skills by becoming a part time guitar teacher.
- Having always been self taught I decided to gain my grade 5 theory of music and RGT grade 5 music performance. This enhanced the knowledge I had gained through experience and improved my ability to read and understand musical notation.
- I have since registered with RGT as a tutor and have been successful in teaching a range of pupils, young and old, from beginner to intermediate, including taking some through RGT grades.

# Music CV

## Guitar Teaching

\* Electric and Acoustic guitar \* Standard music notation \* Tab \* Improvisation \* Basic finger style \* Flat pick technique \* Chord vocabulary \* Scales \* Using popular songs; rock, pop and blues from my repertoire or of pupils choosing \* Able to teach up to RGT Grade 5 electric guitar \* Using RGT Grade books as a teaching tool as well as my own methods and experience \* All of the necessary skills to become proficient at playing for personal enjoyment or in a band! \*

## Testimonials

- “I have been attending guitar lessons for three years and have reached my full potential with the help from Phil. Phil is very friendly and easy to approach. With the continuation of guitar lessons from Phil, I am hoping I will be able to play just as good as him one day.” Rochele Fernandez, age 18.
- “Phil has great patience and shares my enthusiasm. As I approach 60, he continues to instil belief that it is never too late to keep learning and progressing. He conveys excellent theoretical knowledge and personal insight from a lifetime of live performance. Without a doubt my technique and chord vocabulary have improved under his tuition. I look forward to every lesson. I would definitely recommend Phil to anyone interested in taking up or wanting to improve their guitar skills.” Stephen Whiley.

## Links

- My guitar tutor website, where full testimonials can be found, is: <http://www.medwayguitarlessons.co.uk/>
- You can find my profile on the RGT website under tutors. Go to <http://www.rgt.org/tutors/index.php> and search for “Gilbert” in the surname category.
- You can find demos of my playing on my current bands website: <http://mattblacktheband.wix.com/matt-black#>
- Further demos and videos of my playing with Marylebone Jelly, my previous band with whom I gigged for 14 years, can be found on YouTube. Here are a couple of examples: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BikJqCazc\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BikJqCazc_0)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uupajJ6PotQ>

## References

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