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Newsletter

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Extra Special Anniversary Concert

Well she came and she played and she went away again. The Prima Ballerina of the Organ flicked her fingers over the keyboard and danced across the pedals to give us a truly wonderful evening of music.

Claudia Hirschfeld wowed our audience with a stunning performance as she played a variety of musical pieces on the fabulous 3 x manual Wersi Louvre Organ with its beautiful tone and instrumental sounds.

It was such a delight to have a female organist for a change and we could not have chosen a better one than Claudia with her outstanding talent and lovely friendly personality and, oh yes, those pink shoes.

She played a nice mixture of music to suit just about everyone, with her first choice being "Happy Feet", a French piece was next with "Villa Martin". A Gospel selection included "Michael Row the Boat Ashore", "Down by the Riverside" and He's Got the Whole World in his Hands". "Highland Cathedral" took us to the lovely song, "Only Love". Others included "The Second Waltz", "Cornwall", "Du Eutoch" and "The Radetzky March", a lively one to complete the first half.

After the interval, Claudia played a German Polka known as "The Fat Polka", then, a piece called "Mollin".

A change to Blackpool Tower ballroom was next with the Wurlitzer sound and the old favourite, "Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside", played both normal style and jazzy style. "Toccata" was next, followed by a nice version of "Ave Maria". Church organ sound was next with "Wien Wien" then a complete contrast with the lively "Sabre Dance" and Claudia enjoyed herself with the drums on that one, it was fantastic.

Music of Vienna was lovely, as was the lively "Jailhouse Rock" and "You Ain't nothing but a Hound Dog".

Claudia ended the show with "The Dambuster's March" and an encore of "You'll Never Walk Alone".

What a night it was, one that we will speak about for weeks and months to come I am sure.

The special set-up that Claudia and her entourage had, with the big central screen and lights and a mini camera to show the foot pedals, all added to the enjoyment of the evening, as did the digital images also.

We all went home very happy that night having enjoyed a concert with a difference, from a lovely lady who hinted that she might be willing to come back again in two years' time, She'll be very welcome if she does



Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 7pm in the Sanctuary of St.Columbas Church Glenrothes. A copy of the Agenda and Minutes of the 2016 AGM along with the Chairman's Report are enclosed, or attached for email members. A Quorum of 10 members including committee members is required before the meeting can proceed, so do attend if you can and if you have any ideas, suggestions or complaints, come along and let us know, we need your support.

Church Seating

We know that we have lost members due to the hard church pews which do not suit everyone and we can ill afford to lose any more members, over and above those who leave due to age or infirmity.

St. Columbas Church is a listed building and the Reverend Alan Kimmitt, realising the difficulty we have, has said that we can remove two pews from the central area and this would allow around twenty chairs to be placed in the space. It is not a complete answer but could help. Except, how heavy will the pews be to lift?

We sincerely hope that you will continue to support the society in season 2017/2018, whatever the seating may be, as we have another outstanding selection of organists to play and entertain us once again.