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Newsletter

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October Concert

It was somewhat disappointing that our artiste for the October concert, Dave Smith, was unable to make it due to a mix-up in the booking arrangements, as we were so looking forward to seeing him again. We will re-book him for our 2018-2019 concert season, as he really is worth a return visit.

However, all was not lost and with a stroke of luck, Nicola was fortunate to be able to engage Andrew Nix to fill in for Dave. Andrew has played many times before for us and he is a wonderful musician with many years of professional experience, which he proved with the performance he gave on the night.

Playing on his Roland Atelier AT 900c, he took us through a wide selection of popular music and songs, as well as musicals and films with all the various instrumental sounds to great effect.

Starting with the "All Together March", Andrews programme included "I Dreamed a Dream" from Les Miserables, "The Bluebell Polka and Beer Barrel Polka", "Georgia on my Mind", "the Drinking Song from The Student Prince, "When I Grow too Old to Dream". Also "The Wind Beneath My Sails" and a medley including "Me and My Girl", "Waiting at the Corner of the Street Until a Certain little Lady Comes By" and "The Lambeth Walk". After the interval, Andrew continued with "One Moment in Time", Honky Tonk Piano, "Fly Me to the Moon", "Telstar, "The Lone Ranger". Then a medley, "Jingle Bells", "You Belong to Me", "The Alice Blue Gown", A Winifred Atwell Piano tune, and "Answer Me O' My Love", Mr. Sandman". The Beatles songs, "Don't Buy Me Love", "All My Loving, "Yesterday" and "A Sad Song" were much enjoyed along with the Beautiful "White Christmas". Along with his funny stories, Andrew gave our audience a most entertaining evening, so much so, that as he was so popular, we have decided to keep his original booking date and have him back again in December.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome six new members this season as follows, George Taylor, Shirley Dean, Alfred and Francis Koprek, David and Eleanor White. We ask all members to use your complimentary tickets and bring along a friend or two to help swell our audience numbers, everyone is very welcome.

Feos Facebook Page

Our new Facebook page is now up and running, just log into Facebook and enter Fife Electronic Organ Society to view the information on it. This is also for all members to use, for finding out information, commenting on concerts, asking questions, asking for advice on musical instruments etc., anything at all. The site will be monitored by member, George Taylor, who set it up and will see that it is run efficiently.

November 2017 Concert

Our next concert will be held on Wednesday 15th November at 7pm at St.Columbas Church, Rothes Road, Glenrothes, KY6 1BN, and we will have Tony Stace to entertain us with his own brand of music and chat.

Tony's dad owned a Hammond T500 organ which was his pride and joy and this led to Tony taking an interest in music. He was 9 years old when his dad started teaching him and after the first year he moved on to private tutors until he was 17. He learned a lot during those years and in between, he was doing concerts in his local area and found he loved playing in front of an audience. He also entered competitions and won the Yamaha Local Region Competition and also the Wersi European Finals in Frankfurt. At 22 he was asked to play for the 1997 Swiss Organ Festival which was a great experience for him. Tony returned later that year to meet his idol, Klaus Wunderlech, whose style of playing had a big influence on Tony with his amazing ear, and fantastic arrangements. Unfortunately, Klaus died two years later aged only 66.

Tony eventually turned professional and as well as playing at venues all over the country, he also joined the organ circuit and has become a firm favourite with many organ societies. Along with Andrew Nix, he now organises Organ Festivals around the country under the banner, Topnote Events, and they have been very successful. A good night is assured so come and hear him play on his amazing Yamaha Electone HX1.

