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February Concert

Our February guest artiste was Howard Beaumont who travelled up from England by train, having arrived in Kirkcaldy at 3pm on the day of the concert, bringing with him nothing more than his travel case and a memory stick. Nicola and Richard had assembled a Tyros 5 and piano keyboard set-up earlier on in the church that day and all Howard had to do was sit down and plug in his memory stick. And what followed was a wonderful programme of musical arrangements that came from a lifetime in the music business.

The music and songs Howard chose to play included, "Best of Times", a jazzy version of "Toy Story", "Mack the Knife" and the Overture from "The Pirates of Penzance". A waltz selection that he called "Strauss & Co." was followed by "When I'm Cleaning Windows" and "Standing on the Corner of the Street". A Flamenco Style Dance with guitar was excellent as was his out-take on Les Dawson playing the piano with the wrong notes. His orchestral music, Glenn Miller style, was fantastic and his version of "Bridge over Troubled Waters" was beautiful with the sound of the viola. A selection from the musical "Tea for Two" completed a very enjoyable first half.

The second half opened with one of the highlights of the evening. Howard projected an old film on screen of Laurel and Hardy in "Liberty" and played a musical accompaniment on organ with sound effects that were spot on, the result being quite hilarious and had everyone chuckling away. It brought back memories for us. Following on from that, we had a Dusty Springfield selection with "You Don't Have to say you Love Me", "My Prayer" and "You'll Never Walk Alone". The next song was "Memories", nicely played on organ and also we had "Young Love" originally sung by Tab Hunter. The rest of the evening comprised of jazzy numbers on piano and other instruments, Big Band numbers with saxophones and a great drum solo by Howard, then with a final encore of piano, organ and a spot of live vocal. A really fantastic night it was.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in St.Columbas Church, Rothes Road, Glenrothes, KY6 1BN on **Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 7 pm**. A quorum of 12 members, including committee members is required to attend before the meeting can proceed, so come along and give us your views and opinions on anything to do with the concerts and the running of the society.

March Concert

The next concert will be held on **Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 7pm** in St. Columbas Church, Rothes Road, Glenrothes KY6 1BN, when we have an evening with a difference. This time, Nicola has managed to persuade the fantastic pianist and keyboard player John Beesley to come along for a visit. As John does not have a full two hour programme organised yet, he will play for around half of the evening and our concert secretary Nicola Bower, who is quite a professional organist herself, will also be playing. Instruments to be set up for the evening could include a Yamaha Tyros 5, Yamaha Genos/V-Console and an old Wersi organ. John Beesley is a professional musician who used to play on the organ circuits, but left this a number of years ago to concentrate on his software business, (beesoftware.com). He designs and supplies extra software for the Yamaha EL Electone range of organs and has also invented a V-Console to connect to Yamaha keyboards that enhances and adds an extra dimension to the sounds and registrations.

I have been unable to find any other information about John as he is no longer on Organfax, but there are various video clips of him playing on you tube, so I have included photos of him from previous concerts.

This should be an excellent evening of music and I would urge you not to miss this concert.

