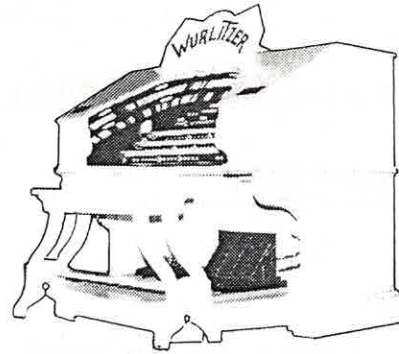
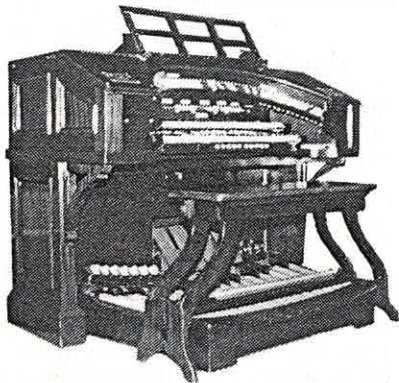


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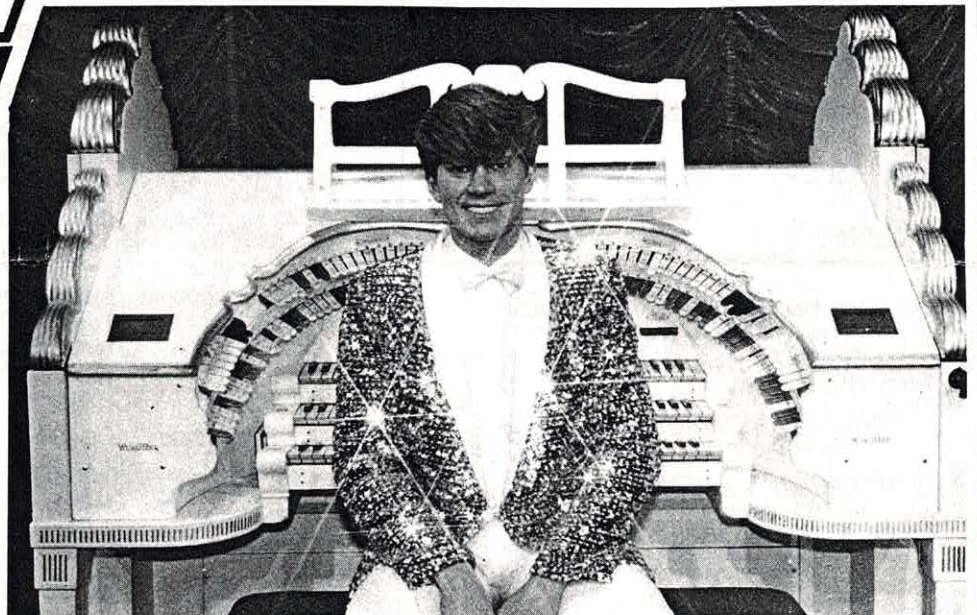


Orion Centre Campsie

NEWS

Happy New Year

Robert Wolfe



HEAVY BOOKINGS FOR **Robert Wolfe** FUNCTIONS !!!
Blackpool Style Dance Night 7.30pm Friday 9th February 1990
and

Wurlitzer Pipe Organ Concert, at 2pm Sunday 11th February 1990
Both functions are to be held at the Orion Centre, Campsie.

Whilst there have been heavy bookings for both functions, there is still space for a few more bookings, so if you want to attend - BOOK NOW using booking form in this issue.

ALSO

NEVER TO BE REPEATED SPECIAL STEAM TRAIN TRIP TO ROBERTSON & RETURN
VIA SCENIC SOUTH COAST on Saturday 3rd March 1990

USE BOOKING FORM IN THIS ISSUE!!

TOSA NEWS

JANUARY 1990

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Make your bookings and send your money to Ticket Secretary for: "THE Train Trip!"

FEBRUARY

Mon. 5 at 7.30pm COMMITTEE MEETING
Fri. 9 at 7.30pm ROBERT WOLFE in BLACKPOOL STYLE DANCE NIGHT at Orion Centre, CAMPSIE. Dance to music from the WurliTzer pipe organ. Some seats are still available. Use Booking Form in this issue.

Sun. 11 at 2.00pm ROBERT WOLFE IN CONCERT at Orion Centre WurliTzer pipe organ. Booking Form in this issue.

Wed. 28 at 8.00pm Club Night & Quarterly Members' Meeting at Marrickville Town Hall.

MARCH

Sat. 3 FINAL TOSA STEAM TRAIN TRIP Sydney-Robertson-Unanderra-Sydney (Departure time to be advised)

Mon. 5 at 7.30pm COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL

Sun. 1 at 2.00pm FREE CONCERT at Marrickville Town Hall. We are planning to feature some 'New Faces' at this concert and details are due to be published in Feb. & Mar. issues.

Mon. 2 at 7.30pm COMMITTEE MEETING

Fri. 13 - Tues. 17 TOSA EASTER CONVENTION in Melbourne. Please see: Fully detailed supplement with this issue of TOSA NEWS.

Sun. 29 at 2.00pm TONY FENELON & JOHN ATWELL These two highly acclaimed Artists will be appearing together once again at Marrickville Town Hall. Expect to witness some great duets on the WurliTzer & Grand Piano.

MAY

Mon. 7 at 7.30pm COMMITTEE MEETING

Wed. 16 at 8.00pm Club Night & Quarterly Members' Meeting at the Orion Centre.

Sun. 27 at 2.00pm IAN DAVIES will present another Popular Concert on Marrickville Town Hall WurliTzer pipe organ.

REMEMBER TO TUNE IN
for
THEATRE ORGAN HIGHLIGHTS
on

2CBA-FM EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at 9.00pm.



Articles in this journal need not represent the views of the committee or editor.

JANUARY 1990

Editorial

On behalf of our two Patrons, our President, Office Bearers and all on Committee, I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

As we are entering a new decade it was thought it would be timely for the appearance of TOSA NEWS to be given a 'new image'. As editor and printer I hope you will all be pleased with the resultant 'new look'.

We are also beginning the year's activities with a much heralded return visit by the young British ballroom and concert organist, Robert Wolfe. We believe he will be received with the same, or even greater enthusiasm, at the Orion Centre, as he was during his first visit last year.

There will be one last nostalgic Special T.O.S.A. Steam Train Trip on 3rd March. As well as seeing some excellent scenery during the train's return down the escarpment from Robertson to Unanderra, then on up the main South Coast Line, there will be plenty of nostalgia, as this will be the final trip as Driver for our President Jack Lawson, as he will be retiring from S.R.A. when this Steam Special pulls into Central.

We heartily commend this outing to you and your friends.

Over the past year it has been most gratifying to witness the harmony now so evident at Committee Meetings as well as amongst Members generally.

Also evident is the friendly cohesion now prevailing between our Society, T.O.S.A. and the Organ Society of Sydney. This will be of benefit to all who love the music of organs generally and especially pipe organs.

Peter Bidencope

THANKS FOR A GREAT EFFORT !
WELL DONE RITCHIE WILLIS

We are most grateful to this long standing member of T.O.S.A. for his efforts and enthusiasm in selling what must be a record number of tickets for THREE T.O.S.A. functions.

Ritchie has sold:

- 50 tickets for Tony Fenelon Concert.
- 50 tickets for Robert Wolfe.
- 50 tickets for Steam Train Trip.

Ritchie, we are most grateful.

THANKS FOR DONATION

We would like to express our gratitude to member Nicholas Lang for his recent donation of \$40 to the Society. Many thanks Nick!

THANKS FOR CHRISTMAS CARD

We were pleased to receive a Christmas card from Bill Johnson. He sent his good wishes for Christmas & New Year to all his T.O.S.A. N.S.W. friends.

Some time back Bill was down from Queensland visiting and he was keen to see our Wurli./s - I'm told he was also able to have a play tool

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Elsie Hermes, Nellie Moore, Dinah Beazley, Melvena McGilchrist, William and Mrs L.Denton, Allan Taylor, Susan Moore, Alan Fountain, Robert and Irene Waterford, Arthur and Lillian Astin.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM COLIN TRINGHAM
EXPRESSING THANKS

&

APPEALING FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Dear Peter Bidencope,

Thank you for your kind words in the December TOSA NEWS. Yes 1989 was a very bad year for me personally with the death of two friends and neighbours and the need to move my Father and another elderly person into retirement villages has certainly kept me busy.

It is only my need to clear up the residue of the four tangled Estates which has caused me to give up my role as Secretary of T.O.S.A. However I also filled the role of Membership Secretary and have re-entered all of our records onto Computer Disks and have become familiar with the program we use. Although I will be happy to continue to fulfil this task for our new Secretary in the immediate future, I would like to pass this job onto another member as quickly as possible. The amount of work is not odious - it involves keeping the membership list up to date - entering new members and address changes. This takes about an hour a week. However once a month it is necessary to print out the '600 odd labels we need for mailing out each issue of TOSA NEWS on our daisy-wheel printer (which goes with the job) and this takes about one hour - a bit more if the list has to be re-sorted into postcode order as required by the Postal authorities.

About once every three months it is necessary to print out a complete up to date membership list for use by the Secretary and this takes about two to three hours of printing time.

The requirements for the job are an I.B.M. compatible printer which can take either 3½ or 5 inch disks. I am personally running this program with only 256K of memory on a Commodore amiga with a Sidecar attachment (which enables it to run the I.B.M. programs) however a more conventional system with a hard disk would probably make the program run much faster.

I am hoping to travel overseas this year, hence the need to give up this position.

The person filling this job does not have to attend Committee meetings, but must be prepared to keep the list confidential as T.O.S.A. does not make its members names and addresses available to anyone. Full documentation is on file for the program we use.

Finally I must say that it has been my pleasure to observe the large degree of co-operation and the peace and harmony which have been evident at our Committee meetings in the past few months.

Colin Tringham

Do we have any volunteers please ?

ANY OFFERS!

EMINENT ELECTRONIC ORGAN T265 series 3 Made in Holland, has 12 rhythm keys, upper manual, lower manual, floor pedals, various stops, syncopator etc.

The instrument is two years old and has hardly been played. The value was \$5995-00.

Would anyone be interested in making an offer?

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WENTWORTH FALLS 2782.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Peter,

Firstly, let me congratulate you on the way "TOSA NEWS" is developing, especially in your "Letters to the Editor" section.

An active, responsive "Letters to the Editor" section such as this is always an indicator of the effectiveness of a publication. Quality daily newspapers and magazines like the "Bulletin" are testament to this.

I wish to refer to one such letter in your December 1989 issue, on page 14. This was a letter from "A member concerned with TOSA's future". I am extremely gratified by his (or her?) positive comments about my published reports and reviews, however, this letter states that "selfish attitudes from society committees and members have barred" me "from contributing to the magazine". This is not true.

This year [1989] I have not offered any article for publication by any TOSA newsletter, anywhere. Further I have never been informed verbally, or in writing by TOSA NSW, of any "barring", not even over the infamous "grapevine"!

For as much as I was gratified to see that any action that might keep my written words away from those interested in theatre organ was described as "selfish", I must inform your correspondent that this was not the case. I simply have not had time to write. As a result nothing has been submitted this year.

In 1989 I have not had time due to my work commitments and my time overseas, to write, to practise, to perform, or to attend concerts. I believe that I have only attended one concert in Sydney (Jonas Nordwall) this year.

However, I do have some plans to write over Christmas. Firstly, a story on my trip to the U.S.A. during August/September, where I met many interesting theatre organ personalities and workers, and played a number of fabulous instruments. Another planned story/information sheet is to be about the 3/15 (from 18 sets acquired) WurliTzer theatre organ that I have purchased in Seattle which will be coming to Australia early in the New Year. These articles will be submitted to selected newsletters/magazines and they can do with them what they please.

Keep up the good work.

Regards and best wishes for the festive season,
Ian [McLean]

T.O.S.A. TAPE LIBRARY

Further to the footnote which appeared at the conclusion of the list of tapes in the library which appeared in November 1989 issue of TOSA NEWS, we are now pleased to advise that the cassettes featuring Douglas Reeve and some other artists at the 1989 Easter Convention in Perth W.A. are now in the library and available to borrowers.

THE ORGAN SOCIETY OF SYDNEY 1990 SYDNEY ORGAN COMPETITION

The Organ Society of Sydney announces that the third Sydney Organ Competition will be held from 5th - 8th July 1990 in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney. Full details of this will be published in February issue of TOSA NEWS.

REVIEW OF TONY FENELON CONCERT

(At Orion Centre 3/12/89)

Due to the space limitations* in this issue, this review, which includes several photographs, will be held over and published in the February issue.

* Due to the voluminous Melbourne Easter Convention supplement. If any more pages were to be included, we would have to pay increased postage charges.

RECENT NEWS FROM BALLARAT

We note from Ballarat Theatre Organ Society Newsletter that: With the recent injection of a further \$1 million funding, stage 3 of the \$5.6 million restoration is now proceeding. Civil & Civic's contract has now been extended to include decoration of the interior, reinstatement of the ceiling dome over the auditorium, new seating and installation of orchestra pit.

The good news is that Ballarat City Council has agreed to be responsible for the re-design/replacement of the organ lift, consultations with George Stephens and the possible re-voicing/regulating of the organ when the theatre restoration is complete.

Recently the console was carefully and safely stored in the back-stage 'piano room' - in very good company with South Street's Steinway and Bechstein grand pianos. The theatre is to revert to its second name - "Her Majesty's" and a grand opening Gala Week is planned for the last week in July 1990, including a Gala Compton Concert on 30th July. Further details will be passed on when known.

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1363 Canterbury Road, PUNCHBOWL.

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CONTACTS: Rev. T.Oakley 709 3815
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TOSA NEWS - CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

As a service to members it has now been decided to include small [5 lines approx] classified advertisements for sale of musical instruments and allied equipment free of charge. Larger advertisements will continue to be chargeable.

For details please contact editor direct.