



POSTPONED FREE CONCERT.

The concert set down for Sunday 22nd February 1981 has because of committments in Canberra by the guest artists, has been postponed until Sunday 22 nd March at 2.30 p.m. This is regretted but could not be avoided.

IMPORTANT

If you have not renewed your membership for 1981, please do so immediately on the form attached to the front of this issue.

PRACTISE TIMES

Please note that our WurliTzer Organ will be out of commission till the end of January - early February. Re-commencement of practise sessions will be duly advised.

DIRECTORY.

Patron: Ian Davies, President: Alan Misdale (525 5554)
 Vice-Presidents: Frank Ellis (649 7011) Doug Smith (750 0917)
 Secretary: Ernie Vale (798 6816) Treasurer Edna Smith (529 7379)
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WELCOME to the following New Members.

Brenda Simmons, Rydalmere: Harry and Madeline Walters, Croydon:
 John and Doreen Hopkins, Turrumurra: Keith and Norma Chew, Kurrajong
 Hills: Cecil Newman, Bexley: Leslie and Elsie Tetley, Bega:
 Gerry Clarke, Chifley A.C.T.: Ernest Wallbank, Bexley:
 Dorothy McKelligett, Bexley: Ray Myers, Paddington:

COMING FUNCTIONS

Wednesday 11th February: Club Night & Quarterly Meeting 7.30 p.m.

A club night has been arranged on this date. It will Commence at 7.30 p.m. at Marrickville Town Hall and will embody the first quarterly meeting for 1981. Members are invited to attend and bring a friend who may acquire an interest in the theatre organ music. Players will have an opportunity throughout the evening to try out the WurliTzer and later enjoy tea and biscuits . Roll up and make the night a success. Players, don't forget your music. Colour photos (proofs) of the Christmas Cabaret and Tony Fenelon-John Atwell concert will be available for viewing, any of which may be ordered during the night.

Tuesday 3rd March 8.00 p.m. A NIGHT WITH THE "RODGERS"

Patron Ian Davies has arranged another evening at Bondi Junction-Waverley R.S.L. Club, Grey St; Bondi Junction, by courtesy of the management where we may go and hear the Rodgers organ in the club auditorium. On this occasion the organist will be Ian Davies himself. This will be a rare chance to hear Ian do a full show on this lovely Rodgers Trio as it is usually played by a variety of organists on these type of evenings.

Ian may have a soloist with him, but this is not finalised yet. These nights are very popular and give members a chance to hear theatre organ music in a relaxed atmosphere. Admission is free, and bar service will be available to those who require it. This will be Ian's first solo concert for 3 years for T.O.S.A.

Saturday 7th March 8.00 p.m.

Members Pat and Mall Mackay invite members to a Home Organ party at 21 Inverness Ave. Penshurst. Seating is limited to 45 people, so book early. Cost \$2.00 Gents \$1.50 Ladies plus a plate. Dress casual. Bring your music and have a play on the Thomas Celebrity at this social gathering, and get to know the members at the Penshurst Plaza, where you will see a most interesting collection of reproducing musical instruments etc. etc. There will be a raffle and door prize. We look forward to seeing you there. Please phone 571303 for your bookings to Pat and Mal.

Saturday 4th April 2.00 p.m.

Mrs. Myers invites members to a Home Organ Party at 82 Rothschild Ave. Rosebery. Guest artist Ian Davies along with other organists, will be playing a Thomas 294 Californian. Seating is limited to 30 people, so be early in making your booking by phoning Mrs. Myers on 662 1627. Cost \$2.00 Gents \$1.50 Ladies plus a plate. During the afternoon there will be a door prize and raffle.

DAVID PARSONS AT SYDNEY TOWN HALL

FREE CONCERTS 6.15 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. 1st Thursday each month, commencing 5th March through to 1st October. David will play an Electronic Theatre Organ. Please note your diary and support our member at these important concerts.

APPRECIATION

The Executive and Committee wish to acknowledge the stirring efforts of Jack Lawson ably supported by his wife Pearl, in connection with many T.O.S.A. functions and conventions. Jack recently resigned from Committee and the position of Editor and on behalf of members we express our thanks for his contribution in those capacities.

A MESSAGE FROM RON SMITH IN PNG.

Many thanks to all those kind people who have written letters or sent Christmas Cards. I have received so many that I am unable to reply to all at this moment owing to work pressure, which is very demanding at this time of year.

However, as time permits I shall endeavour to reply to all your letters etc. which are very welcome in this far away place. In the meantime I would like this message to be a personal thank you to all who have written to me. I hope to be present at the Queensland Convention in Brisbane over the Easter week-end and look forward to a re-union with as many of you as possible.

*Thanks very much once again,
Yours Sincerely,
RON SMITH.*

WURLITZER ORGAN REPORT.

As you read this, the various parts in the four rank chest from the Solo chamber should be completed and the whole chest should be in the stage of re-assembling at Marrickville Town Hall.

All pipes from the chest were carefully removed and stored. The air lines were dis-connected plus the wiring and the bottom boards removed. After much grunting and groaning the chest was carried out of the Solo chamber and taken over to the 'Organ Loft' at Haberfield.

Close inspection revealed the necessity of all the secondary air motors plus the pallets being in need of re-covering. The use of a finishing machine for quick and easy cleaning of the surfaces was a great help. The special leather purchased was cut up in the strips and sizes and the partaking helpers, (see photos on page 5) proceeded to glue new coverings etc. to the motors and pallets. The pallets have now been spooned and regrooved and will be replaced with a modified spring action to enhance the closing operation.

Hard at work at Marrickville, people are re-wiring the bottom boards to the plug system for easy access in the future and the roof of the Solo chamber has been repaired to prevent a small leak which has occurred in the past.

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT ----- (Division of Cultural Activities)

Dear Mr. Misdale,

I am pleased to inform you that the Cultural Grants Advisory Council has recommended a grant of \$300 to your organisation towards the restoration of the Theatre Organ in Marrickville Town Hall.

Yours sincerely

Richard Alaba

Cultural Grants Officer.

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF

ORGAN AND HARPSICHORD

ELEVENTH FESTIVAL : 8 - 17 MAY 1981

Artists include

PIET KEE, HAARLEM, HOLLAND

CHRISTOPHER DEARNLEY, LONDON, ENGLAND

Christa Rumsey, Ashleigh Tobin, Anne Whelan - Adelaide
The Melbourne Chorale, The Ormond Singers, The Telemann Ensemble.. with many more leading Australian artists.

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REQUEST TO ALL..

Member Brian Thompson would like to hear from anyone who has a copy of "The Best Remaining Seats" for sale or perhaps might know where a copy is available. Please contact Brian on 78 1536.

JUST TO REMIND YOU..

Club Nights & Quarterly Meetings for the first half of the year will be held on...

WEDNESDAY February 11th at 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY May 6th at 7.30 p.m.

Club nights are a good opportunity for members to get together and discuss our common interest amongst themselves and also have a play on our Wurlitzer Pipe Organ. Our Ladies Committee provide supper and a good night is had by all.

THEATRE ORGAN CONVENTION in 1981.

Application forms to attend the "Fun in the Sun in '81" to be held over the Easter Week-end at Brisbane are now available from our Secretary, Ernie Vale. Please write to Box A 584 P.O. Sydney South 2000 and include a stamped addressed envelope for immediate return.

Full details of the programme have not as yet been received but we hope to publish the full programme in our March Issue. I can say however, that the celebrated artist ASHLEY MILLER has been chosen as the star artist and Queensland never fails to provide a great time and week-end of fun for everybody.

WE WISH members

George & Joyce Walker now continue to have good health during 1981 after a spell of illness in 1980.

Noel Cerezo our sincere sympathy re the recent passing of his mother.

From the Executive and Committee and members.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on February 2nd at St. Annes Church Hall beginning at 7.30 p.m.

This Organisation acknowledges financial assistance from the N.S.W. Government through the Premiers Department- Division of Cultural Activities.
