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A concert for **Remembrance**



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**Southend-on-Sea
Rotary Club**

Friday 9th November 2018 – 7pm



**The Old Southendian
Organ Society (OSOS)**



The *Old Southendian Organ Society* is a registered charity in England and Wales
(registered charity number 1173343)

Programme

Brian Fletcher	<i>Nun danket alle Gott</i>	Karg-Elert
Noah Sims	<i>The Holy Well (from On Alderley Edge)</i>	Peter Graham
Voces Novae	<i>Crossing the Bar</i> <i>Eternal Rest</i>	Hubert Parry James Whitbourn
Alex Cass	<i>The Sentry</i>	Wilfred Owen
Gerald Usher	<i>Keltic Lament (a tribute to Reginald Foxwell)</i>	John Foulds
William Bonard	<i>Nocturne Op. 48 No. 1 in C Minor</i>	Chopin
Victoria Symes	<i>The Prayer of St. Francis</i>	Peter Mathews

Interval (20 minutes)

Warren Symes	<i>RAF March Past</i>	H. Walford Davies
Monique Quevauvilliers	<i>Sonata for Flute and Piano - II. Cantilena</i>	Poulenc
William Bonard	<i>Sonata in F major, K.332 - I. Allegro</i>	Mozart
Olivia Curtis	<i>MCMXIV</i>	Philip Larkin
Joseph Zammit	<i>Prelude on Thaxted</i>	Charles Callahan
George Farman	<i>Schindler's List</i>	Williams
Voces Novae	<i>Psalm 121</i> <i>Abide with Me</i>	H. Walford Davies arr. Graham Ross

Many thanks to all who have supported this evening and helped to make this concert possible. In particular, thank you to those who have encouraged this evening's performers and readers in preparation for this event.

Please support the Rotary Club in the raffle and in their collection (all proceeds will support their chosen charities).

Special thanks to Voces Novae and their conductor Victoria Symes for performing this evening.

About The Old Southendian Organ Society

The Old Southendian Organ Society (OSOS) was set up to protect and enhance the future of the School's War Memorial Organ. We aim to assist, alongside the Old Southendian Association, in supporting organ pupils by further enhancing the opportunities available to them through the friendly community of past organists of the School and Old Boys. Recent activities have included a number of concerts like this evening and trips organised for the School's Organ Club. Since July 2017, the Society and its supporters have enabled a major project to professionally rebuild the organ. We were proud to present the results of over a year of work, carried out by The Village Workshop organ builders, in April's Showcase concert and in Adrian Lucas's concert in June. We are hugely grateful to all of our supporters who make this all possible.

The War Memorial Organ

The organ was gifted to the school in 1923 by the Old Southendians in memory of staff and ex-pupils lost in the Great War. Installed in the Victoria Circus building, it was transferred to the Prittlewell Chase site in 1938 but blown to pieces two years later by a World War Two bomb, having to wait until 1953 before restoration by its builders, Hill Norman & Beard.



From 1998, when that firm closed for business, until 2017, the care of the instrument, and responsibility for tuning and servicing it fell to students and staff of the school, led by Gerald Usher (then music staff). In 2002 pupils Jonathan Roberts and Greg Tucker persuaded the school to acquire two redundant church organs. From then until 2016, successive teams of senior pupils and Gerald added five ranks of pipes, providing many extra tone colours and a substantial increase in power, not least with the addition of the Great Trumpet.

Organ Appeal and major work to the organ in 2017/18

We were delighted to receive a fantastic and generous response to the appeal to fund the comprehensive project to rebuild the organ professionally, with in excess of £50K donated through our friends, members, and pipe sponsors.

The work has provided a much expanded instrument, with new string sounds on the Swell, robust bass sounds on the Pedal with a Trombone stop and Acoustic Bass formed, extra versatility with a Geigen Principal and Piccolo on the Swell, plus other enhancements and voicing. The restored console, improved electronic action and control systems, extra playing aids, and overhauled blower provide an instrument fit to play into its second century.

Supporting The Old Southendian Organ Society in 2018/19

Visit www.osos.org.uk or ask for an Organ Appeal form tonight - keep up to date with our news, events, reports, and more. We are very grateful for your support!

Become a member of OSOS - show your support for just £10 a year. We'll issue you with a membership card and offer concessionary rates to our events. If you're over 65, we are pleased to offer life membership for a one-off donation of £100.

Sponsor a Pipe in the rebuilt organ from £20 - we'll give you a choice of pipe and send you a certificate:

- £20 for pipes up to 2ft long
- £40 for pipes of 4ft and smaller
- £80 for pipes up to 8ft long
- £160 for pipes up to 16ft
- £100 for one of the Trumpet pipes or one of only 35 casework pipes!

Send a single donation or set up a regular donation - cheques made payable to Old Southendian Organ Society, please. Further payment methods available at www.osos.org.uk : Credit/Debit Card, PayPal, and Direct Debit.



A concert at St. Nicholas, Great Wakering



Come for our event next Spring featuring a rich variety of music.

Proceeds to support OSOS and the Church.

7pm, Saturday
23rd March 2019

Tickets £5/£4 from the Church or via the OSOS website.

St. Nicholas' Church, New Road
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