

## ANNUAL TOWN HENLEY & DISTRICT THEATRE ORGAN TRUST REPORT

The Henley & District Theatre Organ Trust was founded in 1971 as a registered charity through the energies of The Rotary Club of Henley On Thames under the Chairmanship of Gordon Mintern and his wife Dorothy as Secretary . Their objective to preserve one of the fine Theatre Organs and at the same time promote concerts for local charities and provide some much needed musical entertainment for the older generation, also to enhance the annual Rotary Club Midnight Charity Matinee.

Originally an organ was installed in the Regal Cinema and regular Sunday concerts commenced .The first concert was given by the late Reginald Dixon to an audience of some 1,100 4.3 years ago

On the closure of the Regal Cinema in 1986 The Town Council were approached to install a dual purpose organ in the Town Hall .With the agreement of the Council concerts have been regularly presented on Sunday afternoons much to the enjoyment of the older generation of the town raising money for the Air Ambulance , Sue Ryder and The Mayor's Christmas Party. The organ has become a great asset to the Town Hall where it is used for The Mayor's Christmas Party for the over 60's . Tea Dances and Remembrance Services .In addition to supporting local Charities . In the Organ World Henley Town Hall has become one of this Country's leading venues for Theatre Organ Concerts.

This year The Trust Celebrated its 43rd Birthday with a concert in the Town Hall given by the President Robert Wolfe attended by the Mayor Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak , and Rotarian Tony Lane who was Mayor 41 years ago at the opening concert and a representative of The Air Ambulance

Rotarian Gordon F.Mintern  
Chairman