

# An eye for the unexpected Travels in Central Asia

Joachim von der Lahr's entertained

Appeal Countdown

25 000 CHF still needed



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Joachim von der Lahr kindly gave us a very entertaining, illustrated talk on his travels in Central Asia and China.

We learnt a huge amount about the geography of the Silk Road, and also the geopolitics of the area. We heard about the purpose of the Silk Road for transport and why the Chinese use the Lion extensively in their culture; the lion is not native to China, but came there via the Silk Road. As part of the history Joachim considered its demise - why eventually it became redundant.

The presentation also touched upon the Ethnic groups and the many varied religions of the region, e.g. Buddhism had its origins in India,

and only came to Tibet as a result of the Silk Road.

Joachim illustrated the talk with several hundred photos that he has taken whilst travelling in the region – mainly on his iPhone!

The talk was peppered with Joachim’s passion for the region, fine wit and eye for the unexpected! The evening ended with a delicious supper provided by Sonia Gunton.

**Date for the diary: Tue 5th May.** By popular demand, Joachim has been asked to return to talk about his latest travels to Iran.

**Hold the date:**

Gordon Stewart  
20 March 5pm – organ  
recital

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Shackleton Traverse  
15 April 7pm

## Organ Appeal

The talk on the Silk Road raised CHF 900 and there have been a number of further donations, including over CHF 10,000 from the Bromley Trust in the US, arranged by a former member of the choir. It is not too late to sponsor a pipe for yourself or for someone else - a bargain from CHF 100!

Update March  
2016

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## Robert Evans

Huge thank you to Robert for his organ recital on the 7 February and to Jill Howie for the refreshments.

All our recitals are contributing to our fundraising efforts.

## Future Musical Events

Sat 14 May 7.30pm Concert by the Holy Trinity Choir: music by Hassler, Gibbons and Stanford

Sun 26 June 5pm: Andrew Plowman organ recital followed by reception and Choral Evensong

## The Shackleton Traverse 15 April at 7pm

In May 2016, it is 100 years since Shackleton and two of his men arrived at Stömnes Harbour whaling station on the island of South Georgia. They had crossed the island by foot as the last leg of an epic journey that started at South Georgia 18 months earlier. They sailed south to reach the Antarctic to attempt the first crossing of the continent. Soon after entering the ice, their ship, the Endurance, became trapped, crushed and sank. The crew spent 6 months on the ice drifting northwards. As the ice broke up, made it to the desolate and uninhabited Elephant Island. From there, Shackleton and five of his men sailed across the Scotia Sea to South Georgia, landing on the south side of the island. To get help, they had to get across to the north side. The crossing is known as the Shackleton Traverse and is one of the truly epic journeys in the Antarctic history of survival.

In October 2014, Bjorn Riis-Johannessen followed in Shackleton's foot steps across the island on skis. He will talk about the crossing, with some historical background as well as the extraordinary experience it to visit this remote island with its whaling background, fauna and amazing scenery.

## NEXT CONCERT

### Gordon Stewart- Gala Organ Recital Sunday 20 March at 5.00pm



Gordon Stewart studied in Manchester and in Geneva and for 25 years has been the Borough Organist for Kirklees. He has played with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and has broadcast regularly as organist and conductor on BBC radio and television as a musical director on Songs of Praise.

He will perform a range of pieces on the 20 March including traditional works by Bach, Handel and Bossi.

The recital will be followed by refreshments and then Choral Evensong will begin at 7pm with Canticles by Howells, Ireland's 'Greater Love' and Rose Responses.

## Donation Opportunities

### MAJOR PATRON

- Over 10 000 CHF
- Option to dedicate a major part of the organ to an individual, family or organisation
- Selection of a piece of music at the opening recital

### SPONSOR a STOP

- Between 1 000 and 10 000 CHF

### PAY PER PIPE

- 100 to 500 CHF per pipe

All donors receive a certificate and their name recorded in the Book of Benefactors or, of course, may choose to remain anonymous.

Donations small or large are all gratefully received.

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