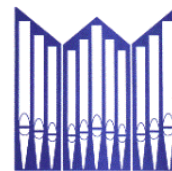


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A Message from John as he Retires as Chairman

When I was preparing my last article, I didn't realise that there wouldn't be a Newsletter in June, so I didn't get to publicly thank you for your support and the confidence that you have shown in me during the last five years as your Chairman. I have really enjoyed my time; however, it seems a good time to at least have a rest and support your new chairman, Tony Warren.

Our AGM & Dinner was a great success. The AGM itself took about 30 minutes, with the following members being elected: Chairman : Tony Warren, Vice-Chairman : John Evans, Secretary : Katriona Moulton, Treasurer : David Bird, Publicity Officer : Bob Jones, Membership Secretary : Mike Edwards, Committee Members : Ethan Henshaw, Iain Stinson, Bob Owens and Jim Treloar

After the business part of the evening we continued to have a wonderful meal in the beautiful surroundings of Upton Golf Club. A perfect evening was rounded off in superb style by Philip Rushforth, whose 'after-dinner speech' about his association with Chester Cathedral, and looking back on past recordings of the Cathedral Choir, was both informative and enjoyable. Many thanks to Philip for his contribution to the evening, we are very grateful that he gave of both his time and talents.

Due to some very poor attendances at recent events, the AGM agreed that members be asked to express their interest in the events planned for September, October and November, and it will be considered if there is sufficient interest to stage the event.

PLEASE see the next article regards getting in touch - **action before middle of August required.**

Monday 16th September 7.30pm – Hauptwerk Demonstration by Iain Stinson

Monday 14th October 7.30pm – visit to Christchurch, Birkenhead

Saturday 23rd November 12.45pm – visit to Wesley Methodist, Chester (including a recital by Paul Carr)

We are very fortunate to have an Organists' & Choirmasters' Association in our area and we should do our best to take up the

opportunities that being a member of CNEWOCA offers. As well as the music associated with our organisation, we shouldn't under-estimate the value of the fellowship we are able to share. Sometimes it's not until we're unable to attend that we realise just how much we miss it.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

John

Future meetings **Important notice - PLEASE** **READ - action required if** **you intend to attend meetings** **in 2019**

It was agreed at the AGM that the meetings would take place only if sufficient members indicated that they would try and attend them. Members are therefore requested to let the Secretary know which of the first three meetings they expect to attend by one of the following ways:

1. Going the website www.cnewoca.org.uk and follow the link from the home page to a simple form which you need to complete to indicate which meetings you intend to attend OR-
2. Sending email to the Secretary katriona.moulton@outlook.com say which meetings you expect to attend OR -
3. Sending a note by post to the Secretary, Katriona Moulton, 3 Quarry Hill, Farndon, Chester. CH3 6NR saying which meetings you intend to attend.

Please note that if insufficient people tell us that they are planning on coming to a meeting – then the meeting will probably be cancelled.

This is as a result of meetings being attended by very few members to the extent that it has become embarrassing. One meeting at a church was attended by more church members than association members and the joint meeting between the Liverpool and Chester Associations, where a buffet was provided, was attended by just one person who is a sole member of our association (there were two others in attendance who are members of both associations).

New Chairman

Our new Chairman is Tony Warren who has been Vice-Chairman. We wish him all the best in his new role and we send our

grateful thanks to both John and Angie Evans for their tireless work in connection with the Association over the last five years. We hope they enjoy their retirement!!!!!!!

Information regarding our September and October Meetings

Monday September 16th (note change of date from September 9th) 7:00pm
Presentation and discussion about Hauptwerk. (Host: Iain Stinson).

The Hauptwerk virtual organ system enables an organ console (or keyboard) which sends midi data to play a wide range of organs, live. The system runs on MacOS and Windows computer systems and plays the loaded organ (usually termed "virtual organ" or "sample set") through an attached sound system. A wide range of virtual organs are available for use with Hauptwerk (including from the UK Hereford Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral, St Bartholomew's Armley, St Mary le Bow London, many organs from across the continent, the USA and Australia) and by loading one of these into the computer system they may be played from the attached console. A number of theatre organs are also available. You are invited to come along and hear Hauptwerk for yourself, learn a little about how it can be used and play some of these instruments for yourself. **Advanced registration is essential for this meeting.**

Monday 14th October 2019, 7:30pm Visit to Christchurch Birkenhead to hear and play the three manual Father Willis organ. (Host: Paul Broadhurst)

The Father Willis organ in Christchurch Birkenhead is a very fine instrument and listed by BIOS as a Grade 1 listed instrument. Details may be found at <https://www.npor.org.uk/NPORView.html?RI=R01983>. Paul Broadhurst, the organist at Christchurch has kindly agreed to tell us all about the instrument and to demonstrate the fine sounds of the organ. There will be an opportunity for members to play the organ themselves.

You must inform us if you intend to attend otherwise the event may be cancelled

What's On?

Chester Cathedral

Thursdays at 1.10pm

1 Aug Ian Roberts - Newcastle Cathedral
8 Aug Nigel Ogden - Concert Organist
15 Aug David Holroyd - St Luke Formby
22 Aug Lee Ward - Liverpool Cathedral
29 Aug Charles Wooler - Newcastle Upon Tyne
5 Sep Carl Grainger - France
12 Sep Alexander Palotai - Chester Cathedral
Admission £5.45, Concessions £4.50

St George's Hall, Liverpool

Tues 10 Sep - 12.45 to 1.30pm

Ian Tracey - Liverpool Cathedral
Admission £5.50

Liverpool Cathedral

Saturdays at 12.30pm

27 Jul Daniel Mansfield - Liverpool Cathedral
3 Aug Timothy Parsons - Exeter Cathedral
10 Aug Marc Murray - Bury Parish Church
17 Aug Julie Ann Carr - Southport
24 Aug Tom Bell - Lancashire
31 Aug Brink Bush - Concert Organist
7 Sep Simon Leach - St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh
14 Sep Jason Roberts - St Bartholomew's, New York City.
Admission £1
Bank Holiday Monday 11.15am
26 Aug Lee Ward - Liverpool Cathedral
Admission £5

Hamilton St Methodist Church

Sunday 20th August 3.00pm

Charity Concert by John & Angie Evans
Admission Free - Donation to Charity

St Asaph Cathedral

Wednesdays at 7.30pm

7 Aug Lee Ward - Liverpool Cathedral
4 Sep Carl Grainger - France
Admission £6

Bangor Cathedral

Tuesdays 1.10pm

10 Sep Richard Lea - Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
Admission Free - Retiring Collection

St Alkmund's, Whitchurch

Tuesday 6 August at 12 noon

Paul Carr - Birmingham
Admission details unknown

St Werburgh Chester

Fri 2 Aug 7.30 - Paul Carr - Birmingham
Admission Free/Retiring Collection

Organ Recitals Nationwide

details on www.organrecitals.com

Shrewsbury Abbey

Wednesdays at 1pm

Wed 7 Aug Richard Pilliner - London
Wed 14 Aug Carl Grainger - France
Thursday 15 Aug at 7.30pm
Nigel Pursey - Shrewsbury Abbey
Admission Free/Retiring Collection

Holy Trinity Llandudno

Tuesdays at 1pm

6 Aug Charles Jones - Holy Trinity
13 Aug Norman Rimmer - Holy Trinity
20 Aug John Keys - Nottingham City Organist
27 Aug John Hosking - Southport
Admission Free/Retiring Collection

St Chad's Shrewsbury

12.40pm

Tues 6 Aug Richard Pilliner - London
Fri 16 Aug Paul Carr - Birmingham
Tues 3 Sep Alexander Woodrow - St Alphege, Solihull
Fri 20 Sep Richard Walker - St Chad's
Admission Free/Retiring Collection

St Giles Wrexham

Mondays at 12.30

2 Sep Carl Grainger - France
16 Sep Keith Morgan - Beckingham
28 Oct Colin Porter - Mossley Hill Parish Church
Admission free/Retiring Collection

St Mary and Christ Church

Llanfairfechan

Sat 27 July 2pm - Iain Stinson - All Saints Thornton Hough
Admission Free/Retiring Collection

John Hosking's new CD

Sunday 8th September 2020, 7.00pm in St. Asaph Cathedral there will be a concert and CD launch of "The St. Asaph Experience" Admission is £5 in aid of the Friends of St. Asaph Cathedral and CDs will be available for sale along with a drinks reception at £10 each following the concert.

John Hosking - *organ*, Olivia Hunt - *soprano*, Xander Croft - *violin*, Bethan Griffiths - *harp*

St James - New Brighton

As our contribution to Wirral Heritage Open Days, and Borough of Culture 2019, we are offering experienced organists the opportunity to come and fill half-hour slots from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 14th September.

The Church will be open to visitors and the event will be advertised, so we expect a changing audience throughout the day. Please do stay, meet and listen to fellow organists, partake of complimentary refreshments, and view our beautiful

church. You will need to arrange your slot in advance, so that we can publish a schedule. Please do this by contacting Richard Wilberforce at richwen48@btinternet.com or on 07535 661318.

Welcome to Chester - Alexander Palotai

This has been taken from the Salisbury Cathedral website:-

Salisbury Cathedral's Organ Scholar, Alexander Palotai, has landed the coveted job of Assistant Organist at Chester Cathedral. He takes up his new role in September.

Chester Cathedral is famous for its weekly organ recital series, one of the longest running and most extensive series of organ recitals in the country, so for Alex the job represents a great opportunity to hear other organists play and to perform as well.

Like Salisbury's lovely Father Willis, Chester Cathedral's Grand Organ is regarded as one of the finest instruments in the country; something Alex can look forward to when he joins the music team there, which is headed by Director of Music Philip Rushforth and Assistant Director of Music Andrew Wyatt.

In his new role he will accompany the Cathedral Choir, take part in the weekly organ recital series, help with the training of the choristers and probationers, and assist with outreach projects.

Alex Palotai said:

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Salisbury, and I am thrilled to be joining the music department in Chester Cathedral in September. I am particularly looking forward to accompanying the liturgy on the Cathedral's famous 19th-century organ, and to taking part in the weekly organ recital series; the longest-running of its kind in the country."

Alex began playing the organ aged 13, when he was tall enough to reach the pedals. A former Chelmsford Cathedral chorister, he held the post of Junior Organ Scholar at the Chelmsford Cathedral from 2011 until 2013, when he won the inaugural Sir David Willcocks Organ Scholarship to Clifton College and became Organ Scholar at Bristol Cathedral.

Alex was one of the first class of organists to be taught in the Royal Academy of Music's Junior Department and went on to study music at Oxford, winning an organ scholarship to Worcester College. He graduated in 2018 and joined Salisbury Cathedral's music department in the September of that year.

Newsletter Contributions

Contributions for the Sep newsletter are required by end of August. Please write to Bob Jones at 3 Appleton Road, Chester CH2 1JH or (preferred) e-mail at bob.jones25@btinternet.com or telephone 01244 315089 or 07701 052304.