

Leicester & District Organists' Association

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Mission Statement: 'To promote the love of pipe organs and all types of organ music throughout Leicester and Leicestershire region and beyond, being fully inclusive of players and non-players alike.'

Hon Secretary:

Phillip J Herbert

President 2017/18:

Christine Luckcuck

Hon Treasurer:

Carole W Herbert

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

SYNOPSIS OF THE AGM

The Annual General Meeting took place on Saturday April 29th 2017 at 2.00pm in the Choir Room at St Margaret's Parish Church Leicester. There were 13 members present and 12 apologies for absence. The following is a synopsis of the minutes taken at the meeting:

Matters Arising from the minutes concerned the present condition of the Concert organ in DeMontfort Hall. It was reported at the meeting that after a recent DMU function that the organ was OK for concerts. However, there were still concerns about the Relative Humidity which was still way below the recommended figure of 55-65%. It was suggested that there should be another Open Day at DMH, but there are already parties of school children given a "look behind the scenes" during term time. Also a forthcoming concert by the Cathedral Choir at DMH on July 6th, would determine if there was an opportunity of getting good audience numbers, even though the Hall charges had increased owing to Raymond Gubbay Ltd being given the responsibility of booking acts for the season's shows, because the Hall had made a financial loss when it was done "in house".

The retiring President, Christine Luckcuck, said that the bursary scheme had supported a number of talented students. This was obvious at the recent Sunday evening concert at Mountsorrel Methodist Church, when Roxy Summerfield's students had given a really excellent concert, including Annie McChrystal who had been awarded a scholarship to study the organ at a Sussex College.

The Hon Sec said that he was disappointed at the few members who turn out for meetings, but very pleased to see the 'regulars' who almost always attend. The joint meeting with the North Staffs was quite successful, and generated a lot of interest with the churches visited on the day, St Margaret's, Bishop Street Methodist Church, St Peter's Highfields and Stoneygate Baptist Church. He reported that the May meeting would be in support of the West Lindsay Churches Festival, two weekends where 58 or so country churches were being opened up to allow organists to play the instruments and see their church interiors. A very good idea that should be extended to Leicestershire. The Benevolent Fund Concert at the Parish Church of the Assumption, Hinckley had raised £115 that had been sent to the IAO Treasurer.

The Hon Treasurer said that the current account was running at a loss owing to the fall in membership to 38. She did not think that raising the membership fee was the answer as this would lead to a

further loss (in membership). Also, the LDOA should have in-place a contingency plan to cover the demise of both the Hon Sec and herself. To this end, she said that as David Crick was a Trustee of the EDCMF, he had agreed to be a signatory on the No1 account also.

The Hon Sec thanked Peter Chamberlin for auditing the accounts once again, in his usual efficient manner.

The Ernest & Dorothy Chester Memorial Fund had sponsored just two students in the past twelve months, who have lessons from Roxy Summerfield and Bill Tomkins (who is organist of Lutterworth Methodist Church). Both students took part in the Benevolent Fund recital in February. The Hon Sec was informed by Bill Tomkins that as the Methodist Organ rebuilt by Richard Young recently, had received lottery funding, there was finance available to train young musicians. It was decided to have some discussion with a view to combining the interests of both the EDCMF and LMC for mutual advantage of supporting young students. This would take place in the coming months. The Trustees would have the right to refuse or approve any proposed link up.

The table below contains details of the elected officials at the AGM:

OFFICE	NOMINEE	Proposer	Secunder	Voting
President	Christine Luckcuck	Michael Tookey	Les Longmire	U
Vice-President	Vacant			
Jnr Vice-President	Vacant			
Immediate Past President	Christine Luckcuck	Ex-officio	Ex-officio	
Hon Secretary	Phillip Herbert	Michael Tookey	Paul Griffiths	U
Hon Treasurer	Carole Herbert	Michael Tookey	Peter Chamberlin	U
Auditors/Accounts Examiners	Peter Chamberlin	Phillip Herbert	Les Longmire	U
Membership Development	Michael Tookey	Carole Herbert	Peter Connelly	U
Committee until 2018 AGM. These retiring candidates may be re-elected en bloc.	John Garratt Mike Cattell Ian Imlay	N/A	N/A	
Committee until 2019 AGM. Voted en bloc at 2017 AGM.	Les Longmire Michael Tookey + 1 other	Peter Connelly	Paul Griffiths	U

The table above reflects the actual 2017/18 list of members who have been voted in at this year's AGM.

In February 2018, our annual Benevolent Fund recital takes place at Lutterworth Methodist Church on Saturday 24th at 3.00pm. As usual, I am looking for 'volunteers' to take part. I think we will also have another bursary student as well. So, if two or three members could let me know that would be excellent.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The **September meeting** takes place on **Saturday 9th**. The first venue is **All Saints Shawell** at **2.00pm**. Take the **A426** through Lutterworth, at the 'Meteor Roundabout' take the second exit left and continue

on towards Cotesbach. Then at the A5 roundabout, take the first exit left, signposted Shawell. Arriving in the village turn right into **Main Street**, past the White Swan pub, then straight on at the Bullaces Lane junction into **Church Lane**. Follow this lane and eventually drive around a right hand bend, and park on the left and walk up to the church.

At **3.30pm**, we are due at **Lutterworth Methodist Church**, to see and play the instrument recently restored by Richard Young, who will be on hand to give a short presentation about the work carried out. From Shawell, retrace route back to the A426, and take the 2nd exit at the **Meteor Roundabout** signposted Lutterworth Town Centre/Leicester. On the High Street, look out for the Pharmacy on your left, and take the next left which is **Church Street** (one way). After **150 yards** or so, turn **sharp right** into **George St**. At the end of this street **turn left into Coventry Road**, and immediately get into the **right hand turn lane** ready to turn right into **Bitteswell Road**. Lutterworth Methodist Church is on the left after the Wycliffe Memorial.

The **October meeting** is on **Saturday 14th** which is the **Anniversary Recital at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral**. Please be aware that this commences with **Evensong at 3.00pm**, and be in your seats no later than 2.45pm.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, there will not be a meeting in November, as this cannot be arranged in time before this newsletter goes to print. However, there will be a meeting arranged in mid-January instead. Details will be in the January newsletter.

RECITALS AND CONCERTS

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS AT ST. MARGARET'S Parish Church Leicester

Sept 14th - Simon Lumby
Oct 12th - Anna Jane Davies & Mike Ashley (Lute & Soprano)
Nov 9th - Thomas Keogh
Dec 14th - Simon Headley

RECITALS AT THE ALBERT HALL NOTTINGHAM Sundays at 3.00pm

10 September *The Jim Lodge Recital* Malcolm Riley (Staplehurst)
8 October Luke Bond - (St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle)
22 October *Anniversary Recital* - Anne-Caroline Prénat (Switzerland)

Monday Lunchtime Recitals at Leicester Cathedral at 1.00pm

4th September - David Price - Organ
18th September - Ricardus Consort - Vocal Ensemble
2nd October - Anne de Graeve - Organ
16th October - Tim Emberson - Bass
6th November - Sebastian Thomson - Organ
20th November - Loughborough Endowed Schools String Ensemble
27th November, 4/11/18th December - Advent Meditations with poetry & readings - Simon Headley - Organ
