

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.'

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Phillip J Herbert

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

The Benevolent Fund recital in February at St Catherine's Parish Church Burbage raised a total of £165 for the IAO Fund. Many thanks to David Crick, Ian Imlay and our Bursary Student Colin Middleton for playing a range of excellent music. I have received some positive feedback from both visitors and parishioners alike.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The **March** meeting will take place on **Saturday 16th**. Thanks to our member Karl Barton who has arranged the first venue at **Trinity Methodist Church on Narborough Road Leicester** for 1.30pm. The church car park is accessible from Hallam Crescent East off the Fullhurst Avenue junction with Narborough Road. For those members with satnav the post code is LE3 2RD.

After this we proceed to **St Anne's Parish Church Letchworth Road** (off Hinckley Road) for 3.00pm.

The **AGM** will be held on **Saturday April 27th** at 10.30am in **St Margaret's Choir Room** (see the notice within this newsletter).

May's meeting will be a visit to churches in the **West Lindsey** area of Lincolnshire that will be on the same weekend as the **Churches Festival** on **Saturday May 11th**. The details are being finalised and will be available at the AGM or in the May Newsletter. Please make an entry in your diaries for this visit, as the Hon Sec went along last year for a "look see" and discovered one or two delightful churches and pipe organs.

RECITALS AND CONCERTS

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

March 14th - Sebastian Carrington

April 11th - Iain Harvey

May 9th - David Crick

September 12th - Michael Overbury

June 13th - Peter Crump Memorial Concert

July 11th - Thomas Keogh

August 8th - Philip Bricher

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH MELTON MOWBRAY - LUNCHTIME RECITALS 1.00PM

on the recently restored Sir Malcolm Sargent Memorial Organ

March 12th - Brian Varley (St Andrew's Church Bishop Auckland)

March 26th - Michael Overbury (formerly Director of Music Worksop Priory)

April 9th - Edward McCall (Director of Music Ratcliffe College)

April 23rd - Simon Headley (formerly Assistant Director of Music Leicester Cathedral)

May 14th - Anne de Graeve (a former Director of Music, St Mary's Melton Mowbray)

May 28th - Ian Orr (Organist Emeritus St Thomas' Church South Wigston)

Nicky Booth - Piano (Staffordshire)

June 11th - Stephen Power (Director of Music Brecon Cathedral)

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If any members have any ideas/proposed venues for a meeting please contact the Hon Sec so that these can be included in the 2019/20 program.

Post script from the Hon Secretary :

It is with some regret that I have to announce that I will not be standing for re-election at this year's AGM after some 15 years being your Hon Sec. As many of you know, I was appointed organist at St Catherine's Parish Church Burbage last year, and this has proved to be a very busy place that I am happy to be a part of. However, being in a classic car club with my motor industry background, has also involved me in providing technical support for the membership, and being made a director of the spares company owned by the club. This means that I have to give up something and unfortunately this has to be the Hon Sec role, because I cannot now give enough time to focus on the admin that I would wish to.

I would like to thank all of the members and committee for their support during my tenure and hope that someone will step forward at the AGM to assume the role. The change over needs to be seamless to ensure that my replacement receives a good deal of support in taking on the role, and I will assist this in any way I can.
