

## NEWBURY & DISTRICT ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION



From the Chair

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Friday 26th November 2021

Dear all,

We warmly welcome a new member, Roger Wilkinson, a pupil of NDOA teacher Gill Blythman, who took part in the recent NDOA/BOA Masterclass at St. Matthew, Midgham, which was a very successful event taken by Frederick Stocken. There were 7 students altogether, including 3 under-18s.

Sadly, we lost one of our NDOA Committee Members in October. The Reverend Canon Trevor Maines passed away and a Memorial Service was held for him at St. George's, Wash Common, last Sunday afternoon. He was a very kind person and so supportive of the work of NDOA. Our thoughts are with his family at this time. His grandson, Matthew, is a student member of NDOA who plays at St. Mary's Church, Greenham and has lessons with NDOA teacher, Steve Bowey.

We have had the following Saturday recitals at 12 noon since the last newsletter: Gill Blythman at St. Matthew, Midgham, Rosemary Evans at Newbury Methodist Church and Alistair Davis at St. John, Stockcross. Tomorrow we continue this series with Christopher Sears playing at St. John the Evangelist, Newbury. There is parking available in local roads. This is a wonderful opportunity to get access to this most interesting building. Next month, the last recital in this series will be held at St. Michael & All Angels', Lambourn, given by NDOA member, Stephen Holmes on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December. All proceeds from each of these Saturday recitals has raised money for the church where the recital has taken place to help towards the losses sustained during the lockdowns.

The Thursday recitals have continued as usual with Stephen Holmes in September, Roy Woodhams in October and Jonathan Holl in November. The next Thursday recital at 1.10pm at Newbury Methodist Church will be given by NDOA member, Clive Grant, on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Newbury Methodist Church is a short walk down Northbrook Street from St. Nicolas and is now the regular venue for our December NDOA Thursday Lunchtime Recitals. We will be back at St. Nicolas as usual for the January recital given by John Halsey on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 1.10pm.

The NDOA AGM will be held at St. John's Church, Newbury, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 2-5pm. We hope to book a speaker and there will be refreshments and playing time.

The NDOA Committee have decided that the time is still not yet right to launch another NDOA Bursary Scheme. Instead we will organise another Masterclass later in 2022 similar to the one at St. Matthew, Midgham in October.

However, we have organised an advanced Bach Masterclass, which will be taken by Richard Brasier, concert organist, teacher, chamber musician, accompanist, amateur, editor and recording artist. It will be held at St. Mary, Shaw-cum-Donnington on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 from 11am to 2pm. We will be looking for a variety of different types of pieces by J. S. Bach to make an interesting programme so please get practising and I will be in touch in the New Year with an application form and further details.

Please see below for recitals and other events coming up this year and next in Newbury (NDOA) and Reading (BOA), and other recitals in the local area and by members further afield.

As ever, looking forward to seeing you at an NDOA event,

Best wishes,

Rosemary

**PLEASE CHECK BEFORE ATTENDING ANY RECITAL IN CASE OF CANCELLATION DUE TO GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS.**

**Saturday 27 November**

12 noon. St John the Evangelist, Newbury, RG14 7PY. Lunchtime recital by Christopher Sears. Part of the [Newbury and District Organists' Association](#) Saturday recital series. Admission free. Retiring collection. All proceeds to the church.

**Thursday 9 December**

1.10pm. Newbury Methodist Church. RG14 1AN, NDOA Lunchtime Organ Recital by Clive Grant (Crewkerne, Somerset). Admission free. Retiring collection.

**Friday 10 December**

12.30 - 1.15pm. Minster Church of St Mary the Virgin, Reading. Lunchtime Organ Recital by Jonathan Holl (Windsor). Admission free. Retiring collection.

**Saturday 11 December**

12 noon. St Michael & All Angels', Market Place, Lambourn, RG17 8XX. Lunchtime recital by Stephen Holmes. Part of the [Newbury and District Organists' Association](#) Saturday recital series. Admission free. Retiring collection. All proceeds to the church.

**Wednesday 15 December**

1.05pm. The Welsh Church of Central London, Eastcastle Street, W1W 8DJ. Lunchtime recital by Rosemary Evans. Admission free. Retiring collection.

**Saturday 8 January \*\* BOA Event \*\***

2.30pm. Social afternoon at St Andrew's URC, London Road, Reading, including an illustrated talk on British Organs by Philip Norman. Conditions of entry to St Andrew's are that all attending must be double- or triple-jabbed, and give full address and phone details. Please bring your own refreshments for tea. Those attending must notify the [Programme Secretary](#) Christine Wells (01491 571588) no later than Monday 3 January.

**Thursday 13 January**

1.10pm. St. Nicolas, Newbury. NDOA Lunchtime Organ Recital by John Halsey (Windsor Parish Church). Admission free. Retiring collection.

**Monday 17 January**

1.00pm. Reading Town Hall. Lunchtime Organ Recital by Rosemary Evans (St. Alphage, Burnt Oak, Edgware). Admission £5 if booked in advance, £6 at the door (card payments only). For full details and to book visit [What's on Reading](#).

**Friday 21 January**

12.30 - 1.15pm. Minster Church of St Mary the Virgin, Reading. Lunchtime Organ Recital by John Halsey (Windsor Parish Church). Admission free. Retiring collection.

**Thursday 10 February**

1.10pm. St. Nicolas, Newbury. NDOA Lunchtime Organ Recital by Gillian Blythman (Thatcham). Admission free. Retiring collection.

**Friday 18 February**

12.30 - 1.15pm. Minster Church of St Mary the Virgin, Reading. Lunchtime Organ Recital by Nathaniel Keiller (Windsor). Admission free. Retiring collection.

**Saturday 26 February**

2.00 – 5.00pm. St. John the Evangelist, Newbury. RG14 7PY. NDOA AGM and other events (tba).

**Monday 7 March**

1.00pm. Reading Town Hall. Lunchtime Organ Recital by students from the Royal Academy of Music. Admission £5 if booked in advance, £6 at the door (card payments only). For full details and to book visit [What's on Reading](#).

**Thursday 10 March**

1.10pm. St. Nicolas, Newbury. NDOA Lunchtime Organ Recital by Chris Totney (Director of Church & Community Music, Fulbourne, Cambridge). Admission free. Retiring collection.

**Friday 18 March**

12.30 - 1.15pm. Minster Church of St Mary the Virgin, Reading. Lunchtime Organ Recital by Andrew Prior (London). Admission free. Retiring collection.

**Saturday 2 April**

11.00am – 2.00pm. St. Mary, Church Road, Shaw-cum-Donnington, Newbury. RG14 2DR. NDOA Advanced Bach Masterclass taken by Richard Brasier. Details to follow.