



NEWBURY & DISTRICT ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on

Saturday 22nd February 2025 at 3.00pm at St. John the Evangelist, Newbury

- 1. Present:** Gill Blythman, Hugh Cobbe, Alistair Davis, Richard Foster, Andy Grace, Julian Greaves, Julian Holloway, Nathan Lewis, Frances Lofthouse, Olive Maines, Richard Marsh, David Oats, John Pynn, Alison Reed, James Reed, Christopher Sears, Ann Turner.
- 2. Welcome:** Julian Holloway (Chair) welcomed everyone to the AGM.
- 3. Apologies for Absence:** Steve Bowey, Rosemary Evans, Carolyn & Peter Greenwood, Gillian Lovett, Howard Paynter, Eric Shepherd.
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** These were summarised by the Chairman and duly signed as a true reflection of the meeting. Proposed: Ann Turner; seconded: Andy Grace. Passed unanimously.
- 5. Matters Arising:** None were forthcoming.
- 6. Chairman's Report:** Report was circulated. Ann Turner thanked the chairman for all his work for the association.
- 7. Hon. Secretary's Report:** Report was circulated.
- 8. Hon. Treasurer's Report:** Report was circulated.
 - a) Acceptance of the Annual Accounts:** The accounts for 2024 were accepted. Proposed: Gill Blythman; seconded: Hugh Cobbe. Passed unanimously.
 - b) Subscription Ratification:** The subscription will remain the same in 2025. Proposed: James Reed; seconded: Nathan Lewis. Passed unanimously.
- 9. Hon. Membership Secretary's Report:** Report was circulated. Currently, in addition to the two life members, we have 31 members who have paid their subscriptions for 2025.
- 10. Hon. Webmaster's Report:** No report. Hon. Secretary was updating the website.

11. Election of Officer's and Committee Members: All were elected unanimously. Christopher Sears oversaw the election of Chairman, after which Julian Holloway returned to the Chair.

Chairman: Julian Holloway - Proposed: Ann Turner; seconded: Frances Lofthouse.

Hon. Secretary: Christopher Sears - Proposed: Nathan Lewis; seconded: Richard Foster.

Hon. Treasurer: David Oats - Proposed: Julian Greaves; seconded: Hugh Cobbe.

Hon. Membership Secretary: John Pynn - Proposed: David Oats; seconded: James Reed.

Hon. Webmaster: It was proposed that the Hon. Secretary should continue in the role - Proposed: Andy Grace; Seconded: Gillian Blythman

Committee Members: Gill Blythman, Steve Bowey, Rosemary Evans, Andy Grace, Clive Grant - Proposed: Frances Lofthouse; seconded: James Reed.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner: Roger O' Callaghan was appointed as independent examiner for 2025 - Proposed: Andy Grace; seconded: David Oats.

13. Any Other Business: Julian Holloway informed the meeting that Alistair Davis wished to retire from playing lunchtime recitals and thanked him on behalf of the association for doing so for nearly thirty years. The June slot for this year has yet to be filled. David Oats proposed that we look into purchasing a Sum Up machine to enable us to take card payments at NDOA events. This was agreed by the meeting.

Signed Chairman

Date