

April/May Newsletter

Dear NDOA member,

This bumper edition Newsletter covers both April and May.

AGM

Many thanks to all those who came to the AGM. At the meeting, the following were re-elected:

Chairman: Julian Holloway

Secretary & Webmaster: Christopher Sears

Treasurer: David Oats

Membership Secretary: John Pynn

Committee Members: Gill Blythman, Steve Bowey, Rosemary Evans, Andy Grace, Clive Grant

Cathedral Organ Guides

I have had the following correspondence. Anyone interested, please contact Alison Sidwell directly.

I have a selection (20 approx - some historic) of Cathedral Organ Guides which were collected by my late husband David Sidwell ARCO. Would they be of interest to your members? I would rather not just charity shop them!

Thank-you

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Lambourn Good Friday Concert

A poster for this annual event which takes place on Friday is attached.

Neil Newport

Dave Wright has sent us the following sad news:

One time member of Newbury Organist Society, Neil Newport recently passed away after a long illness. Neil mainly lived in Kintbury and played mainly for fun, but did do a recent recital in Kintbury and services in West Woodhay. He played at Wells Cathedral and Blenheim Palace recently.

We pass our condolences on to Neil's family.

Recitals

Tuesday 7 April, 8pm - St. Lawrence Church, Alton.

Recital by Benjamin Scott (Organist / Tuner, Harrison & Harrison).

Refreshments available from 7.30pm. Admission £12. <https://altonorgansociety.co.uk>

Thursday 9 April, 1.10pm - St. Nicolas Church, Newbury.

Recital by Christopher Sears (St. John the Evangelist, Newbury).

Admission free. Retiring collection.

Saturday 18 April, 3.00pm - St. George the Martyr, Wash Common.

Recital by Gillian Blythman (St. Mary's, Thatcham).

Admission free. Retiring collection in aid of the organ restoration fund at St. Mary's. Refreshments afterwards.

Tuesday 5 May, 8pm - St. Lawrence Church, Alton.

Recital by Ourania Gassiou (Concert Organist, Greece).

Refreshments available from 7.30pm. Admission £12. <https://altonorgansociety.co.uk>

Monday 11 May, 1pm - Reading Town Hall.

Recital by Norman Harper (Former Director of Music at St George's Metropolitan Cathedral, Southwark).

Tickets £5 in advance, or £6 on the door. All payments must be made using a credit or debit card. For programme and to book, visit the [Concert Hall website](#). Refreshments will be available on the Pantry cafe beforehand.

Wednesday 13 May, 7.30pm - Douai Abbey, Woolhampton

Recital by Simon Johnson (Westminster Cathedral)

Tickets £25 (£12.50 for children).

Part of the Newbury Spring Festival. For further details, please visit their website -

<https://www.newburyspringfestival.org.uk>

Saturday 30 May 7.00pm - St. Peter's Church, Cranbourne.

Recital by Toby Wright (NDOA member).

Admission free. Retiring collection. Poster attached.

Happy Easter to you all.

Christopher