

March Newsletter

Dear NDOA member,

This month's newsletter begins with a message from the Chairman:

Thanks to all members who came to the AGM last Saturday and voted for the various officers and committee members. I was particularly pleased that two young players, James and Nathan, actively participated in the meeting, and to welcome Andy Grace to the committee.

We heard an excellent recital by David Pether and enjoyed chatting to him after the AGM.

Looking forward, after ensuring that the Lunchtime Recital Series continues to provide members with some skilled recitalists and a diverse selection of pieces, Play the Organ year is at the forefront of our proposed activities for the coming year along with more playing visits.

The first events are being organised for us by Andrew Brown at St George's, Preshute and at Marlborough College on 31st May 2025. Details on how to apply to attend will be circulated shortly.

The next is being planned at St John's, Newbury probably in June.

Julian

AGM

At the AGM, the following were 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

Subscriptions

The majority of members have now paid their subscription for this year. If you haven't, here is a gentle reminder!

Recitals:

Monday 3 March, 1pm - Reading Town Hall.

Recital by Benjamin Chewter (Metropolitan Tabernacle Baptist Church, London).

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.

Tuesday 4 March, 8pm - St. Lawrence Church, Alton.

Recital by Tim Ravalde (Chichester Cathedral).

Refreshments available from 7.30pm. Admission £10, or season membership ticket £60. Concessionary rates for students. <https://altonorgansociety.co.uk>

Thursday 13 March, 1.10pm - St. Nicolas Church, Newbury.

Lunchtime recital by Chris Totney (St Benet Fink, Tottenham).

Admission free. Retiring collection.

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Please find attached a copy of the recent Council meeting summary notes.

Best wishes,
Christopher