



Newbury & District Organists' Association
Annual General Meeting 2026



Secretary's Report for 2025

Our Thursday lunchtime recitals continued throughout the year with numbers attending holding up, sometimes exceeding 40. We were delighted to welcome three new recitalists for 2025 - Andrew Brown, Malcolm Pearce and Ian Hockley. Many thanks to all our recitalists as well as all those who continue to help out on the day and behind the scenes. The full list of performers for the 2025 series was:

January	John Halsey
February	Andrew Brown
March	Chris Totney
April	Christopher Sears
June	Malcolm Pearce
July	Ian Hockley
August	James Paget
September	Stephen Holmes
October	Roy Woodhams
November	Nathaniel Keiller
December	Clive Grant

As always, the Association would also like to express its thanks to the authorities at both Nicholas' church and Newbury Methodist church for allowing us to use their venues for our recitals.

The Association was involved in three *Play the Organ Year* events over the year, beginning with one at Marlborough led by Andrew Brown. We held our own event at St. John's in July where attendees had the opportunity of exploring the inside of the instrument. Finally, Gill Blythman gave an informative recital at St. Lawrence's in Hungerford, demonstrating a wide range of styles that the organ is capable of expressing.

The committee met three times over the course of 2025. Meetings were held at St. John's and on Zoom to give everyone the chance to attend.

The website continues to be updated on a regular basis and details of a few more local organs have been uploaded. I would like to express my thanks once again to Richard Foster for his technical advice.

Association news and local events, including Berkshire Organists' Association recitals, have been included in a monthly e-mail to members. I hope they continue to prove useful.

Christopher Sears
Secretary