



BAO NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello again, and a happy new year to you all. I hope that Christmas went as well for you as it did for me. As a Rainaud's sufferer, this current cold spell definitely does not suit me but it could be a lot worse; at least the weather is dry and sunny!

Since the last newsletter we have had three fine events. The Eileen Bolt recital, which was postponed from 2022 due to a rail strike, finally took place on September 23rd. Joel Colyer's programme drew a degree of negative criticism from a few quarters but in my view it was interesting, varied and well played.

Five weeks later came the annual dinner. This time it was held at the Bridge House hotel, Longham, due to our previous venue having been demolished to make way for a block of 59 apartments. The turnout was appallingly low. Despite calls to make the dinner a little less formal, a mere 13 attendees came along. This time there was no official Guest of Honour, so three of our long-serving members, Peter Lattimer, Danny Campbell and the late Paul Fearnley each gave interesting anecdotal talks on their respective organ-playing careers. Our November event should have been a skittles' evening versus the Dorset Organists' Association but it had to be cancelled due to an administrative error by the booking staff at the Coach and Horses, Wimborne. It was replaced by an enjoyable social evening, for those who had already paid for the skittles' event, at the lovely home of Brenda Price.

Our trustees are currently finalising the events' programme for 2024, which begins with the Annual General Meeting at East Cliff U. R. C. on February 17th.

Our April visit to Boldre excepted, attendances at the other events in 2023 were disappointingly low. Hopefully these figures will be improved upon this year.

Charles Thomas

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2024, 2.30PM
EAST CLIFF UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AW
(opposite Bournemouth Station)

The business of the meeting will be followed by light refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) and a service of Evensong. ***ALL WELCOME!***

Nominations for President-Elect 2025 are invited. Please let Margaret Clarke know of any nominations prior to the meeting - of course, check with the nominee(s) first that they are prepared to stand!

Only limited parking is available at the church; please arrive early to find a parking space - possibly in nearby Asda, or come by train (Bournemouth)!

A volunteer choir is required for the service of Evensong - please let Brenda Price know if you are able to lend a voice - the more, the better!

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. In Memoriam
3. Minutes of AGM held on 18th February 2023
4. Matters Arising
5. Hon Secretary's Report
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report
7. President's Summary
8. Election of Officers: Hon. Secretary; Hon. Treasurer
9. Election of Trustees
10. President 2024
11. Annual Dinner
12. Any other business
13. President's Address

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOURNEMOUTH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF ORGANISTS HELD AT EAST CLIFF URC ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT: 25 members

APOLOGIES: David Beeby, Julian Davies, Brian Sturtridge, Sean Tucker

IN MEMORIAM: Peter Jones, Eric Letts, Barbara Griffiths, Richard Seal

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The adoption of the minutes of the virtual Annual General Meeting held on 26th February 2022 was proposed by Jenny Wright, seconded by John Radford and carried.

HON SECRETARY'S REPORT: Margaret Clarke summarised the year's events which while enjoyable had received only a low level of support and expressed the wish for greater support during the coming year. She recorded thanks to Alan Aldis and Timothy Rice both very long-standing trustees who were not standing for re-election.

HON TREASURER'S REPORT: Brenda Price noted that we had ended the year with a deficit accounted for partly by lack of support. She proposed an increase of the subscription to £15 with effect from 2024. This was seconded by Paul Fearnley and carried. She reminded the meeting that any additional donations received would also be subject to Gift Aid. She advised the meeting that anyone whose subscription had not been received by 31st July would be struck off and would have to re-apply for membership. Brenda proposed the adoption of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022. This was seconded by Chris Greenwood and carried.

PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY: Charles Thomas reiterated that events had been enjoyed by those who had attended.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Honorary Secretary – Margaret Clarke, proposed by Brenda Price, seconded by Steve Robson and carried.
Hon Treasurer – Brenda Price, proposed by Sue Rawlinson, seconded by Timothy Rice and carried.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES: The re-election of Paul Fearnley, Clifford Frisby and Steve Robson was proposed by John Radford seconded by Jenny Wright and carried. The election of David Beeby, Tim Drew and Sean Tucker was

proposed by Brenda Price, seconded by Paul Fearnley and carried.

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT 2024: No nominations had been received and despite an appeal to the floor none was forthcoming.

OTHER BUSINESS: Attention was drawn to the forthcoming Young Organists Event on 20th May at Wimborne Minster and members were requested to distribute leaflets. It was suggested that anyone requiring transport to this or any other event should contact the officers for assistance.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: Having been in this position previously Charles Thomas confined himself to recounting how his interest in the organ had come about before he got the opportunity actually to play one.

COMING EVENTS - BAO

All events are subject to alteration or cancellation; please check with the BAO website for the latest information: www.iao.org.uk/bournemouth

April Organ Crawl - TBC

May TBC

Sat 14 Sep Eileen Bolt Memorial Recital - Jeremy Wan (Guildford).

Nov Quiz.

OTHER EVENTS

In case of cancellation: Please check with the venue before travelling.

JANUARY			* VENUE
25	12.30pm	Recital - Simon Earl (Christchurch Priory)	CP
FEBRUARY			
1	12.30pm	Recital - Thomas Moore (St Matthew, Northampton)	CP
8	12.30pm	Recital - Anthony Gritten (Royal Academy of Music)	CP
15	12.30pm	Recital - Geoffrey Morgan (Christchurch Priory)	CP
22	12.30pm	Recital - David Beeby (Christchurch Priory)	CP
29	12.30pm	Recital - Roger Judd (Concert Organist)	CP
MARCH			
7	12.30pm	Recital - Sam Barber (Brentwood School)	CP
14	12.30pm	Recital - Peter King (Organist Emeritus, Bath Abbey)	CP
21	12.30pm	Recital - Margaret Phillips (Concert Organist)	CP

APRIL

6 11.00am Recital - Ian Runnells (Bedford) SS

MAY

4 11.00am Recital - Michael Whytock (St. Mary of Eton, London) SS

JUNE

1 11.00am Recital - Simon Earl (Christchurch Priory) SS

JULY

6 11.00am Recital - Sean Tucker (St. Stephen's, Bournemouth) SS

* *VENUES:*

CP Christchurch Priory, Quay Road, Christchurch BH23 1BU

SS St. Stephen's Church, St. Stephen's Way, Bournemouth BH2 6JZ

Admission FREE - Retiring collection at both the above venues!

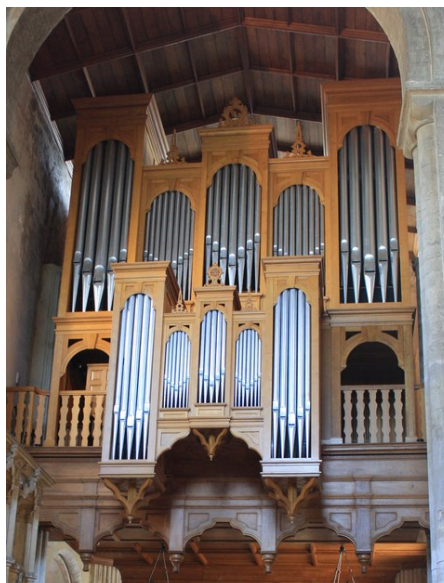
“MARKET DAY MUSIC” CONCERT

On August 14th last year (2023), I had the pleasure of attending a “Market Day Music” concert at Christchurch Priory. It was given by a dynamic father and daughter duo, Kieran (piano) and Lauren Marshall (flute), Kieran having been a former beneficiary of the Association’s bursary scheme.

They played a varied and interesting programme, beginning with a lilting Sicilienne by Philippe Gaubert. Two sonatas followed, firstly the E major (BWV 1035) by J. S. Bach and then the “Joueurs de Flute” – Opus 27 by Albert Roussel. Both of them contained contrasting but tuneful movements. The programme ended with “Storm” by Herman Beeftink, a most evocative piece in G minor – and appropriate, given the grey, damp, blustery weather that day! A frenetic opening section was followed by a calm middle passage, portraying the eye of the storm before reverting to the boisterous opening theme. Very effective, and a stylish conclusion to a most enjoyable performance.

It is to be hoped that this “Market Day Music” initiative will be repeated in future summer breaks between the summer and autumn organ recital series.

Charles Thomas



RIP - PAUL FEARNLEY

Sadly, Paul Fearnley, our long-time Trustee and member of the BAO passed away suddenly on the 8th November 2023.

On the 14th December 2023, some of us that have known Paul for a long time attended the service of Thanksgiving for his life at All Saints' Church, Branksome Park, where we learnt he was not only a member of the BAO but



also the Freemasons, Cornish Shrimper Owners Association, Parkstone Yacht Club, the Wine Club and CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale).

Looking back over our records, the first mention of Paul was when he became a committee member in March 1997, although he probably had been a member some time before then – that means he was on the committee for 26 years – that's some service. We will be forever grateful for his input in our association. Paul also deputised at many churches around our area including St Mary's on Brownsea Island.

He accompanied us on all our weekend Organ Crawls abroad and he could be relied on to help us choose from the wine list and he certainly knew which beer was best.

He will be sadly missed.

Brenda Price

RIP - JOYCE ROLLS

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Joyce Rolls. Her Funeral will be held on Monday 29th January, starting at 1pm at Victoria Park Methodist Church, Edgehill Road, Winton, Bournemouth BH9 2QG. It is suggested that attendees wear bright colours, red and pink having been Joyce's favourites. A wake celebration will follow the service in the church hall to which all are invited.

A tribute to Joyce will appear later.



*A reminder of brighter times in the summer of 2023
from the church tower at Kingston.*

Just to remind you ...

**Membership Subscriptions for 2024
of £15.00 were due on the 1st January 2024.**

Annual Subscriptions are now £15, as agreed at the last AGM.

**Very many thanks to those who have already paid.
Cheques, payable to "Bournemouth Association of Organists",
can be sent to :**

**Brenda Price
6 Plassey Crescent
Bournemouth
BH10 5JS**

**Or you can pay on-line:
Bournemouth Association of Organists
Sort Code : 77-50-36
Account No. : 19881868**

**If you have a Standing Order,
please remember to update the amount payable!**

Or you can bring a cheque to the AGM.

Thank you!

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