Chester & North East Wales
Organists' & Choirmasters' Association

Newsletter – May/June 2023

Dear Member,

The June newsletter is included with the May edition to ensure that you have everything you need in good time for the AGM on 10th June.



Our visit to St Asaph Cathedral on 17th April

Paul Booth made us very welcome and gave a most interesting talk about his work as Musical Director. This photo shows the new choir stalls made by a local craftsman, which have had to be extended to accommodate growing numbers following Paul's considerable efforts in promoting the choir in schools across the diocese.

Paul also gave us a history of the organ, backing this up with a display of historical documents from the cathedral's archive. He claimed not to be much of an organist but then demonstrated the instrument with some excellent playing.

The route up to the organ loft was a little precarious but it was worth it to play such a beautiful instrument.

More photos of the event may be viewed on our website.



Our next meeting

On **Monday 15th May at 7.30pm** we meet at **Stanley Palace, Watergate St, Chester CH1 2LF**. Mike Edwards will give us an illustrated talk on organ design. The nearest parking is at the Linenhall car park on Nicholas Street, CH1 2NX.

Our June meeting



On **Saturday 10th June at 2.00pm** we meet at **All Saints, Gresford LL12 8RW**. There is ample on street parking nearby. We will start with our AGM, which will be held across the road in Church House. This should last about 30 minutes, then we will have tea & biscuits and move across to the church to hear and play the Hill three manual organ.

What's On

Organ Recitals at St Asaph Cathedral:

Wednesday 7th June	Ian Tracey, Organist Titulaire of Liverpool Cathedral
Wednesday 5th July	Jonathan Pilgrim, Brecon Cathedral
Wednesday 16th August	Ian Higginson, Gloucestershire
Wednesday 6th September	Jon Barton, Shrewsbury Cathedral

All recitals commence at 7.30pm.

For further information please contact: Cathedral Office - 01745 582245,
Cathedral Song School - 01745 584053, Director of Music - directorofmusic@stasaphcathedral.wales

Chester Cathedral recitals – Thursdays 1.10pm:

11 May	Hans Heilscher (Wiesbaden, Germany)
18 May	Alexander Lanigan-Palotai (Chester Cathedral)
25 May	Philip Rushforth (Chester Cathedral)

If you have items for the Newsletter, please send them to: newsletter@cnewoca.org.uk

Chester Cathedral recitals (continued)

1 June	Graham Eccles (St Asaph)
8 June	Alexander Lanigan-Palotai (Chester Cathedral)
15 June	Alexander Lanigan-Palotai (Chester Cathedral)
22 June	Philip Rushforth (Chester Cathedral)
29 June	Graham Eccles (St Asaph)

MUSIC @ WESLEY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Tuesdays at 12.45pm - no need to book. *Retiring Collection.*

9 May	Philip Sharp (piano)
16 May	Elizabeth Kenwood (oboe), Peter Reasbeck (piano)
23 May	Nina Savicevic (piano)
30 May	Deva Wind Quintet
6 June	Roth Guitar Duo
13 June	Jeremy and Brian Heald (piano duet)
20 June	Laura Jellicoe (flute), John Gough (piano)
27 June	Emily Stewart (soprano), Lauren Turner (piano)

Saturdays at 12.45pm - no need to book. *Retiring Collection.*

20 May	Paul Carr (organ)
17 June	Brian Heald (organ)

FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2023 | 7.45PM MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

A concert, at St Werburgh's Church, Chester, celebrating the sounds of the evening, with British music from the Renaissance to the twentieth century.
Chester Cathedral Nave Choir Conductor - Alexander Lanigan-Palotai, Organist - Graham Eccles
Free with retiring collection

Sunday 21st May at 3.00pm, Hoole Methodist Church

"The ORGAN is SINGING" features arrangements of Popular Songs, including: The Holy City, Jerusalem, Ave Maria, Bless This House, Stein Song, Music of the Night, Nights in White Satin, Softly as I Leave You, Three Times a Lady, and Beside the Seaside.
The concert and refreshments are FREE, however, donations towards the continuence of these popular Sunday Afternoon Concerts would be much appreciated.
For further details contact John 07939 645688

12th May at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Handbridge

This concert in the Music by the Bridge series, given by The Vale Royal Singers, will last an hour and will be followed by refreshments in the parish centre.
No tickets are required, but donations towards the Choral Scholarship fund are welcomed.

The AGM

Included with this newsletter:

1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM – please note that these remain draft minutes until they have been approved on 10 June 2023.
2. Agenda & Nominations Form

The Treasurer hopes to be able to produce accounts of some form for you to view on the day.

There will be matters under discussion for which we would value your opinions as a member, so please attend if possible. If you are unable to attend, please send your apologies to the General Secretary at the address on the nominations form.

If you have items for the Newsletter, please send them to: newsletter@cnewoca.org.uk