

LEEDS ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 2018 UPDATE

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(<http://leedsorganists.wixsite.com/loaweb>)

Annual General Meeting & Luncheon

Saturday 3rd February 2018

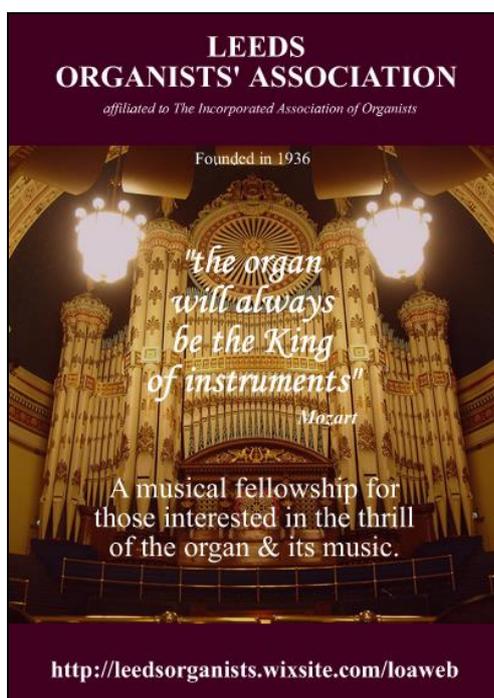
Our new year activities commenced on a wintry day with the AGM, once again at the splendid Sand Moor Golf Club. A goodly number of members attended with Gordon Appleton presiding, and he gave a warm welcome to those present.

Prior to the meeting the agenda plus Minutes of the 2017 AGM, Treasurer's report and Secretary's report were circulated. The following is a summary of what transpired. In reading the Apologies item Gordon reported that Tim Gray and John Smith were unable to attend because they had been admitted to hospital; our concerns for them and their families were expressed. Minutes of the last AGM were read, approved and matters arising dealt with.

In his remarks the Treasurer said that whilst our reserves are healthy there was an overspend in the year mainly because costs of activities have increased. As subscriptions had not increased for many years, the committee felt the need in revising them to £25, £20, £10 respectively so that income covers expenses.

The Secretary reported on the year's activities and then outlined the 2018 programme which can be found on our website. And David reminded the meeting that he would definitely relinquish his role at the end of this year. Our President then expressed his appreciation for a very successful year and thanked the officials for their support. He also paid tribute to those who had given such excellent presentations and to the various churches who had given us willing hospitality. Referring to the programme, Gordon drew special attention to the IAO Yorkshire Organ Day in York on the 21st April; a very rewarding day in prospect!! (*Programme/booking form on the website*). After approaches by the BIOS for a donation to the maintenance of the National Pipe Organ Register (NPOR), the committee suggested a figure of £50; this was approved.

Following Dr Stewart's comments last year for the need to recruit new (young) members, a new attractive promotional card about the Association was introduced to members. It clearly states who we are and what we do. The main purpose is for members to use them as an aid to encourage potential members to join us ~ go forth and multiply! The cards are available from the Secretary.



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Our Members share an enthusiasm for the organ & its music & are keen to help & encourage others to do so.

We invite you to come along to any of our events where you will find a warm welcome.

Varied monthly programme of meetings
Events include recitals, visits, talks, etc

Membership includes players of all levels of ability
Some members are not organ players at all!

Modest annual membership subscription
Non-members are welcome at all meetings

For further information & details of our recent & upcoming events

<http://leedsorganists.wixsite.com/loaweb>

It was a delight to welcome new members Messrs. Darius Battiwalla and Scott Senogles. Thanks were expressed to retiring Past-President Dr Dee; Gordon then proposed the election of Dr Philip Wilby as President-Elect which was approved unanimously. The election of Officers, Auditor and Committee members was concluded and details are on the website.

We then moved to the dining room for the carvery luncheon provided by Ian Harrison assisted by Wendy and Joan – a huge thanks to them for an excellent meal and first-class service.

After the loyal toast Gordon then welcomed and introduced our guest speaker Dr Moore, and his fiancée. Dr Moore is well-known as having served for 25 years as Master of the Music at York Minster. His talk covered a distinguished career from school, college, parish and cathedral, indeed a lifetime journey 'In Quires and Places where they sing'. We were treated to his experiences in the many important places he has served, such as Eton College, Canterbury and Guildford cathedrals culminating in his York appointment. His fascinating talk, peppered with anecdotes moved from the serious to the hilarious, too detailed to give here! Clearly his address was much appreciated by those present, and on behalf of everyone Gordon expressed our grateful thanks that he was able to join us and for his most appropriate and enjoyable talk to round off a superb event.

Finally, our grateful thanks also must go to John Smith for his contacts with Sand Moor Golf Club and to the club authorities for allowing us the use of their superb premises.

With regret we report that John Smith died on Tuesday 12th February in Wheatfields Hospice. The funeral will take place at Bramhope S. Giles on Friday 2nd March at 12.15pm. We send our heartfelt condolences to Joy and family at this sad time, 'Requiescat in pace'.

Diocese of Leeds Organists' Training Scheme

Mr David Pipe reports that excellent progress is being made with potential players coming forward for tuition. Of particular interest is that LOA member, Giles Taylor, is the first recipient of the RCO's new CAM award scheme at Stage 3. Giles says that his success was through the excellent tuition he received from the DoLOTS. Many congratulations to Giles and now to future successes!!

Recital news

Regarding local & national organ recitals, the season is in full flow and as many members will know, full details are readily available on organrecitals.com

A pertinent question ~ will they come again?

'but now there is an increasing realisation amongst many players,
that the crucial thing is not to play for oneself,
but principally for the enjoyment of others'

Louis Vierne said 'You must entertain people'

(David Briggs writing in Cathedral Music issue 2/17)

NEXT MEETING

Monday 26th March 2018 at 1pm

Leeds Town Hall

Final details will be circulated to members