

Enfield & District Organists' Association

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** held at
St Mary, Lansdowne Road, Tottenham on
Saturday 25th February 2012 at 5pm.

Present were Terence Atkins (President), Michael Hennin (Hon. Secretary), Robin Coxon (Hon. Treasurer) and 15 members.

Apologies for absence were received from Hilary Bailey, Joyce and Alan Beaumont, Lilian Gibbens, Mark Harris, Linden Innes-Hopkins, John Norman, Andrew Parnell, Eric Pask, Martin Penny, Ted Sharp and Colin Wharton.

Minutes of the last AGM. These had been circulated being previously available via the website. They were approved and signed by Terence Atkins, being proposed by Simon Williams and seconded by Anne Coffey.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

President's Report

In welcoming you all this evening, my thanks go to Fr Morris and Joanne Ryder, the Church Administrator for allowing us to use St Mary's, Tottenham both for this AGM and for the recital to follow. Special thanks are also due to Robert Evans for his hard work for the success of this occasion, not least in bringing along our guest recitalist, David Liddle (whom we also warmly welcome).

The EDOA continues to offer a varied programme of events throughout the year. Some are planned and run by the Association, whilst others are recommended as of interest to the membership. Of the latter, the most significant in 2011 was the bi-annual St Albans International Organ Festival in July. Similarly, members were also encouraged to attend "Ten years of Organists Online" at Bloomsbury Baptist in January (celebratory recitalist: David Liddle); the London Organ Day in March; and the RCO London Organ Forum in November. The good links with our neighbours at CLESO brought an invitation to join them in August for a visit to the Jennings organ at Our Lady of Lourdes in Wanstead.

Of the EDOA hosted events, we were honoured in April to have Stephen Farr give an illustrated talk on Jehan Alain at St Mary Magdalene, Enfield. In May we held an organ workshop at St Francis, Welwyn Garden City, where Roger Carter's skilful and sensitive tutoring ensured nine satisfied 'volunteers' by the end of the morning. In June a small group of us visited the organ of Christ Church, Chelsea and then enjoyed a guided walk in the area. Finally, it had been hoped to hold a second workshop, but numbers were insufficient. However, it is still our intention to hold such church organists' clinics in the future, and meanwhile we heartily thank Roger Carter for the first workshop, so fruitful and successful.

The committee has met four times since the last AGM and I pay tribute to the support and hard work of each member, not least Michael Hennin as Secretary and Robin Coxon as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Rosemary Knight retires, having completed two terms; more on Rosemary in a moment. Lilian Gibbens has completed one term and wishes to stand again. Ted Sharp is retiring after just one term as he is moving away; we wish him well. Linden Innes-Hopkins and Peter Stokes are half way through their first term and Roger Carter half way through his second. We have room for at least one more committee member.

The importance of the EDOA website cannot be overstated and all of us owe a deep debt of gratitude to Rosemary as webmistress. And now Rosemary has generously agreed to also take on the editorship of our Newsletter. No one is more grateful to her, I'm sure, than Robin, whose editorship goes back a good 20 years. In recent times he has been assisted by Paul Minchinton, and we thank both Robin and Paul for all their excellent work with the Newsletter over the years – and our best wishes and thanks go to Rosemary as she takes on the task. I should add that Robin will continue to do the photocopying and posting of the Newsletter – and of course he remains as Treasurer, ensuring amongst other things that our subs remain unchanged for yet another year by a grateful EDOA membership!

Secretary's Report

Michael Hennin reported that nine events had been held over the past year, four hosted by EDOA. He encouraged members to put forward ideas for events and suggestions for new venues. Those with internet access were encouraged to join the members' list.

Treasurer's Report

After an introduction from Robin Coxon the statement of the Association's accounts was adopted being proposed by Robin Coxon and seconded by Jack Beeson. It was unanimously agreed that subscriptions remain at £10, being proposed by Robin Coxon and seconded by David Patrick.

Election of Officers

Terence Atkins (President), Michael Hennin (Secretary) and Robin Coxon (Treasurer) stood for re-election being proposed by Jack Beeson and seconded by Anne Coffey. All were in favour.

Election of Committee

Rosemary Knight retired after her second term. Ted Sharp retired after his first term. Lilian Gibbens was elected to serve a second term being proposed by Robin Coxon and seconded by Roger Carter. Linden Innes-Hopkins and Peter St John Stokes continue their first term. Robert Evans was elected to serve on the committee; he was proposed by Michael Hennin and seconded by Robin Coxon. All were in favour

Election of Independent Examiner

Dorothy Ayre was re-elected Honorary Auditor and thanked for her work, being proposed by Robin Coxon and seconded by Terence Atkins. All were in favour.

Programme of Events

Terence Atkins outlined some forthcoming events for 2012. Members were asked to contribute ideas and suggestions for events.

Any Other Business

A presentation was made to Simon Williams in gratitude for his four years' service as President.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.42pm with thanks to the vicar and church wardens at St Mary, Tottenham. Following this an Organ Recital was given by David Liddle.