

**President's Message
March 2012**

Annual General Meetings are rarely looked forward to with breathless and eager anticipation, but in the EDOA we have every reason to be grateful for the enticements on offer: an excellent organ recital and an invitation to a convivial meal. In the lovely church of St Mary's, Tottenham, the ever-helpful Father Morris could not have been more welcoming. We were honoured to have David Liddle as our recitalist on the magnificent, historical instrument there. His performance is reviewed elsewhere, but suffice to say that one always treasures the privilege of hearing David play. We are most grateful to Robert Evans for arranging for David to be with us. It was encouraging that a goodly number of non-members came along especially to hear David.

At the start of the meeting we were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Pam Pask, and our thoughts are with Eric, who was a founder member and the first president of the EDOA.

The Minutes of the AGM can be found in their rightful place, but I should like to repeat here some of the thanks which were deservedly made. Ted Sharp is having to move away after only one term on the committee and he is thanked for all he has contributed. In his place Robert Evans is welcomed with gratitude. Robin Coxon has edited this newsletter for almost 20 years, but has now handed over this task to Rosemary Knight. Robin, who continues as treasurer, not to mention chief photocopier and newsletter distributor, cannot be thanked enough for all his hard work. Rosemary is already responsible for the EDOA website and now she has taken on the Newsletter, for which we are extremely grateful. Paul Minchinton is also thanked for both having assisted Robin and being willing to help Rosemary as required. Finally, a presentation was made to Simon Williams in expression of our warm thanks for all his hard work as president until last year. I should like to add a personal word of thanks to Michael Hennin, our indefatigable secretary, for his constant support and not least for ensuring that the chairing of the AGM was not too wayward.

Next year, 2013 (we were reminded at the AGM) is the 50th anniversary of the start of the EDOA. Some ideas are already in mind for how this might fittingly be celebrated, but if you have any thoughts of your own about marking our golden jubilee, do please make them known.

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