

Past Events

EDOA Members' Recital Saturday 28th September 2024



The Peter Collins organ at St John's, New Barnet

Photo supplied by Richard Harvey

Music spanning nearly four-hundred years – that's what we were treated to on Saturday 28th September when five members took part in our annual recital. On this occasion we heard the 1971 Peter Collins organ at St John's United Reformed Church, New Barnet.

Student member Joel Colyer started the proceedings with a nice rendition of Buxtehude's *Ciacona in E minor* followed by *Lantana* from Percy Whitlock's *Plymouth Suite*.

At 14 years old, Matthew Porter is our youngest member. He ably played *Cantabile in C* by JH Knecht followed by *Aria* by Brian Solomons, a most attractive pair of pieces and well suited to the instrument.

Next up was St John's organist Richard Harvey with two chorale preludes by 20th-century Czech-Swedish organist and composer Bedřich Janáček: 'Built on the Rock the Church doth stand' and 'O Jesu Christ, Thou Fount of Grace'. This was followed by *Toccata on Kingsfold* by David Blackwell.

EDOA President Terence Atkins chose three pieces from *Five Portraits for Home Organ* by the wonderful William Lloyd Webber: 'Carol (Lyric Piece)'; 'Justine (Romance)'; 'Mandy and Dula (Burmese Blues – Variant)'.

To finish, Jonathan Gregory played two short trios by Rheinberger and concluded with, appropriately in his centenary year, C. V. Stanford's *Prelude in F* and the *Postlude in G minor* (from opus 101).

It was a nice occasion appreciated by all. Our thanks to Richard Harvey and St John's for allowing us to visit.

Afterwards, eight of us went up the road to enjoy an evening meal at Fresh Fry Fish & Chips – good food and good company. Do join us next year!

Michael Hennin
