

Darlington & District Organists' & Choirmaster's
Association

Annual General Meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 23 - 24

I must begin my report on this last year on a sad note and recall the sad death of Philip Hall one of our members who for a time was Secretary and a good friend to many of us. His funeral in September was at St John's Church Shildon where he learnt to play the organ.

The 23-24 season on the whole has been a good year with successful meetings at Easby Abbey, the local organ day organised by David Carr and the Presidents event at Durham Cathedral and the Talk by Richard Hird on the Father Smith Organ there,

The come and sing was musically a great success with some 34 people taking part however the support by members was very disappointing with only 8 singing and 1 in the audience. Some members did not even advertise the event in their own churches. Considering all the work that went into organising it I would think twice before having another.

The Annual Dinner was as usual a success though this year numbers were depleted by illness and holidays.

The outing to Appleby and Penrith was a great success with a good number taking part and our thanks must go to James Walker an Appleby organist for organising the venues. It was a great pleasure for me to meet up with him again after some forty years.

Thanks to John Thorley for again providing one of his now famous quizzes for tonight's AGM.

I must also record my thanks to our Secretary Frances Kelly. Who sadly is not well enough to be with us this evening who during the last 6 months of being unwell has kept members informed of events and helped keep the show on the road and I am sure we all wish her well.

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Annual Statement of Accounts
June 1st 2023– May 31st 2024

Income	£
Membership Subscriptions <i>BS</i>	860.00
Music sales	5.00
Annual dinner receipts	460.00
Come and Sing receipts	306.80
Total Income	1631.80

Expenditure	£
Meeting Expenses	60.00
Secretary Expenses	20.25
Come and Sing Expenses	364.99
Annual Dinner	457.60
IAO Review	675.00
IAO Capitation	112.00
Total Expenditure	1689.84

Profit (Loss) for year (£58.04)

Assets

	31 May 2024	1 June 2023
Barclays Bank plc	4705.39	4708.18
Less early payment of subscription	-35.00	
Less cheque to be presented	-20.25	
Total	4650.14	4708.18

Operating Profit (Loss) (£58.04)

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**Annual General Meeting - 9th June 2023
All Saints, Blackwell, Darlington**

Present: Paul Tate [Chair], John Thorley, Richard Hird, John & Cathy Harvey, Joan Johnson, Michael Moran, Jeroen Hoogland [new member].
Apologies: received from Frances Kelly [Andrew Christer arr. for the Talk]

The Minutes of the previous AGM held at the same venue on 10th June 2022 were tabled, and were accepted as a correct record.

President's Report: FK's Report for the year was available in her absence (filed with these Minutes). The Association had "sprung back" after Covid restrictions; the President's Evening had gone well; Joe Beech's recital had been a highlight; the visits had introduced us to different churches and organs; the Dinner had attracted decent attendance. Altogether a satisfying year, for which we must thank all those responsible.

Treasurer's Report: JT presented Accounts for the year, explaining that though we'd made a small loss overall, there was nothing be concerned about and reserves were sound. Subscriptions could be held the same. The monies received from the former Cleveland Association were being held separately, and were intended to be used [as Cleveland wished] particularly to help support "training" of the next generation of organists; ideas invited.

Secretary's Report: a short Report focussed on membership matters.

Officers' positions were filled as follows:

President:	Paul Tate [FK becomes immediate Past-President].
Vice-President	unfilled
Secretary	Frances Kelly was willing to continue and was re-elected.
Treasurer	John Thorley re-elected.
Magazine Secretary	Frances Kelly continues.
Webmaster	Richard Hird continues.
Committee	Bill Wood continues. Jeroen Hoogland elected.

Forthcoming events: Provisional items, some still being fixed by the organisers, include:

16th Sept. Picnic at Easby Abbey
President's Evening
Recital at Northgate URC [FK]
Dinner – again at the Black Bull Moulton [FK];
Day Outing tba, perhaps to Appleby and Penrith area [RDH]
AGM and Quiz

Other/new ideas are always welcome. Keep an eye on the Website for latest position; and/or the Facebook group.

AOB: There being no other business raised, the AGM was closed after 20 minutes, and, after light refreshments, a Talk on *The Father Smith organ of Durham Cathedral* was given by Richard Hird.

Richard Hird
from Notes of the meeting.
June 2024

✓ Approved