

BRADFORD ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

February 2023

PRESIDENT'S EVENT

**The President invites you to St. Peter's Church, Addingham
Saturday, 18th February at 2.15 pm**

This meeting is always a mystery as it is the president's choice, but I am sure that we shall have a very interesting and entertaining afternoon with Anthony.

As usual the meeting will end with refreshments. As refreshments will be a bit different on this occasion, I should be grateful if I could have an idea of the numbers to expect.

Addingham is a lovely venue and has a good parking area so do come along and support Anthony on his special day.

Sheila

Reports

Joint event January 15th

50 people met at the cathedral for the 'Come and Sing Evensong' on January 15th. This was a joint event involving the Cathedral Music Trust, the Royal School of Church Music and Bradford Organists' Association.

Unfortunately, only a few of our members were able to attend owing to their Sunday commitments, but those able to be there had an interesting and enjoyable time.

After Evensong a member of each organisation spoke about the work they undertake.

Our President, Anthony Gray, gave an interesting talk about the BOA and encouraged people to join us.

Thank you Anthony.

Sheila

January 21st Recital by Anthony Gray

This was a very enjoyable recital at St. Joseph's, which was of particular interest to me, because for a period of a few years I played the organ for Services and Weddings when the organist was not available.

I understood the difficulties involved in giving a recital on this instrument, owing to the absence of thumb pistons and composition pedals to aid stop changes, but Anthony

coped with this situation without any obvious problems, and I very much appreciated his performance. The Great Trumpet is rather weak, and difficult to use as a solo stop, but, otherwise, the instrument gives a good sound.

The "request programme" was interesting with a range of compositions in an historic sequence, starting with Charpentier and working through to Francis Jackson, including

a nice tuneful Prelude by Anthony Gray!

The atmosphere in St. Josephs is comfortable, with a good decorative condition, nicely clean (with a good acoustic), and not cold, in spite of the severe outside temperatures. No doubt the slippery pavements prevented many members from attending, which was a great pity because they missed a very good event.

Graham Rayner.

Secretary's notes

Please alter the September date in your Syllabus card. The third Saturday is the 16th not the 19th as in the Syllabus.

Amendments to the Directory.

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Sad news

Geoffrey Popple died in December last year.

Geoffrey was a member of BOA for many years and will be remembered by many of our members.

He was a regular attender at meetings and until ill health prevented him, he went to the weekly recitals at the cathedral.

He resigned his membership at that point and later moved into a Care Home.

Geoffrey made the mount for our organ pipe which is usually a feature of our meetings.

Sheila