

THE RYE WURLITZER ACADEMY

England & Wales · Charity number 1161821

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-05-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE TUITION IN THE ART OF THEATRE ORGAN PLAYING AND PRESENTATION TO YOUNG SCHOLARS FREE AT THE POINT OF DELIVERY.TO EDUCATE YOUNG SCHOLARS IN THE ART OF THEATRICAL PRESENTATION AND THE PERFORMING ARTS IN GENERAL.TO TEACH YOUNG SCHOLARS THE ART AT MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVING THEATRE ORGANS AS A PART OF OUR MUSICAL HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY.TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS THROUGH INTERACTION WITH OTHER LIKEMINDED GROUPS.TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL NETWORK OF SIMILAR ACADEMIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Activities: Rye Wurlitzer Academy is the only project in the world with an ethos of teaching students how to play the theatre organ through providing them with regular lessons on a Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ and giving them an electronic organ for home practise, all for FREE! The Rye Wurlitzer Academy relies solely upon donations, sponsorships and staging of fund-raising events to continue its work

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£42,649	£28,072	-	-
2024-08-31	£14,470	£14,448	-	-
2023-08-31	£11,827	£12,222	-	-
2022-08-31	£16,119	£17,263	-	-
2021-08-31	£16,746	£16,279	-	-
2020-08-31	£17,447	£14,842	-	-

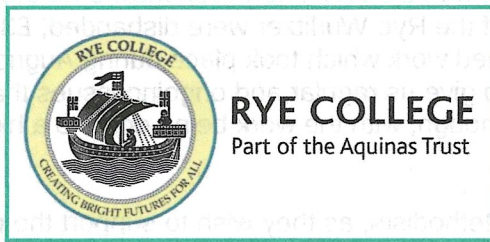
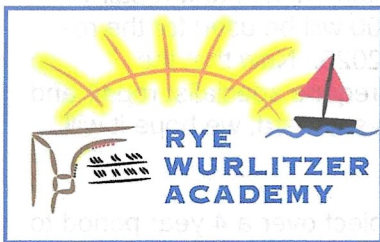
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD FREDERICK MOORE	Chair	2015-05-26
CAROL ELDRIDGE		2017-11-14
Jamyma Hanson		2024-02-06
Timothy John Wardley		2024-02-06

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR PERIOD 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 to 31ST AUGUST 2025

Our year started with a very successful and enjoyable Rye Proms event, which appears to be part of the local social calendar now. All of our fund-raising evenings were profitable and very enjoyable for those who attended. The highlight event was our Wurlitzer 100 Centenary Concert on April 6th, which was attended by over 200 people, including two coaches and the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex as our guest of honour.

We are still not seeing numbers through the door as we did pre-Covid-19, which means the days of having Brass Bands, Big Bands and Male Voice Choirs are not a consideration at this present time, as they will not bring in the extra people necessary to fund the extra expense. We continue to endeavour to create enjoyable evenings whilst giving good value for money. It is lovely to see our students not only playing at some of the events but taking an active part in helping. Since we started in 2009, we have created a family within RWA, and it is pleasing to hear from some of original students how they are progressing through life.

We were fortunate to receive a donation from the Theatre Organ Club of Great Britain of £500 to support the costs of our running some concerts on Sunday and, with this in place, they all made a small profit, were highly enjoyable and attracted different people from our evening events, with some old faces returning. Four concerts were arranged but only three took place, as the organist for our February concert had a bad fall just a few days beforehand and a suitable deputy could not be found at short notice.

The Sussex Keyboard and Organ Club were unable to re-open following the Covid-19 pandemic and following discussions, it was agreed that they would pass us all of their remaining funds, some £20,000, on the understanding that around half of it should go to support likeminded projects and clubs across the country who were keen to continue but struggling financially. Organists Michael Wooldridge and Chris Stanbury produced a list of groups they felt would really benefit from, sometimes, quite modest support and, following discussions with the organisations, funds have been distributed as follows

Scottish Cinema Organ Trust	£1,500
Sleaford & Scunthorpe Music4You	£1,500
Horsham & Bognor MelodyTimes	£1,110 to date
Burntwood Organ Club	£700
Colchester Keyboard Concerts	£500
Cambridge Keyboard Concerts	£500
Nene Valley Organ Club	£500

A portion of these funds is still ringfenced ready for further support in the coming year, as follows:

Leamington Spa relaunch at Fentham Hall	£700 to sponsor two concerts during 2026
Horsham & Bognor MelodyTimes	£1,390

We are also planning a concert on the Worthing Wurlitzer, operated by the Sussex Theatre Organ Trust, with our aim to be to work with this long-established Trust on an event to the benefit of young Wurlitzer players, including RWA and TPOPS students, plus the reigning UK Young Theatre Organist of the Year. £1,000 has been set aside to cover extra running costs and hire for this very special afternoon at one of the UK's most prestigious theatre organ venues, though we hope the final cost may not be quite so high, if we work to promote the event to maximise the audience income.



From our share of the funds received, with the RWA now responsible for the maintenance and repair of the Rye Wurlitzer since the Friends of the Rye Wurlitzer were disbanded, £3,100 will be used for the re-leathering of the shutters, much needed work which took place during August 2025. Now that the Wurlitzer is 100 years old, it seems to give us regular and ongoing issues that require specialist repair and this is shown in our financial report, though, with the work being done to a high standard, we hope it will last for the next 100 years!

RWA were approached by the Rye Methodists, as they wish to support the project over a 4 year period to the value of £5,000 and the first year instalment has been received. We were also granted £1,000 from the Charity Fund of Hastings Direct, a new supporter and funds we were very pleased to receive.

We are most grateful to those who continue to support our Sponsor a Student Scheme. We are also delighted with the continued support of local estate Agents Rush Witt Wilson for continuing to sponsor the hire of the hall. A private loan of £2,000 from the previous year has been half repaid with the other half being repaid in January 2026.

We continued to enjoy good relations throughout the year with the Aquinas Trust, who run Rye College, and much appreciate the continuing support of Principal Mr Dom Downs and the Senior Leadership Team. It is anticipated that our "normal" recruitment presentations will continue in the new college year

We are pleased that we no longer have storage costs with Stamford Storage, although our teaching room is a little cramped at the present time.

Once again, the project could not be the success it is without the continued professionalism and commitment of Principal Tutor Michael Wooldridge, who gives much of his personal time to support the whole project and who, in his professional capacity, has continued to work wonders with the students in their lessons. Our e-newsletters continued during the year, when we had sufficient news to tell.

To conclude 2024/25 will be remembered as a year in which we survived and thrived thanks to some unexpected support and donations, together with doing what we do best in bringing high quality learning to our students together with some memorable fund-raising events.

Richard Moore
Chairman & Founder

£1,800	South Chimes Organ Trust
£1,800	St. Andrew's Church
£1,110	Hastings & Bognor Regis Times
£700	Southwood Organ Club
£500	Colchester Keyboard Concerts
£500	Cambridge Keyboard Concerts
£200	North Valley Organ Club

A portion of the funds is still required ready for further support in the coming year as follows:
Leamington Spa (Hall of Festivals) £700 to support the organ during 2025
Hastings & Bognor Regis Times £1,100

We are also planning a concert on the Wurlitzer, organised by the Sussex Theatre Organ Trust with our aim to be in work with the fund established for an event to the benefit of young Wurlitzer players including RWA and TPO's students. The funding UK Young Theatre Organists of the Year £1,100 has been set aside to cover extra touring costs of one for the very special afternoon of one of the UK's most prestigious theatre organ venues. Funding for the hall that may not be due until it we work to promote the event to maximize the public's awareness.





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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

Review of Year to 31st August 2025

This year has seen a substantial increase in both income and expenditure on the previous year. A large donation from The Sussex Keyboard & Organ Fund along with a student bursary from Rye Methodist Church has increased income, although this has been partially off-set by increased tuition costs and the Sussex Keyboard & Organ Fund giving (see more below) .

Income and Expenditure

Income for the year totalled £42.7k compared to £14.5k the previous year. This represents a 193% increase in income.

This is mainly due to a £20.6k donation from the Sussex Keyboard & Organ Fund, arranged through the kindness of their President Michael Wooldridge and son of the Chair, Chris Stanbury. This was given with the restriction that £9.4k will be given in support of other organ groups. The balance of £11.2k is to cover immediate work required on the RWA Wurlitzer, plus ongoing tuition costs. This is in progress.

The first payment of a bursary to support student tuition has been received of £1.3K, from Rye Methodist Church. Income from events was £11.9k, up by £3.8k, largely due to the extra Centenary event held in April 2025.

Expenditure for the year totalled £28.1k compared to £14.4k in 2023/24. The main increase was due to the Sussex Organ Fund giving, mentioned above of £4.7k in this year. There is also an increase in tuition costs due to an increase in the number of students taking lessons and also events costs in relation to the increase in income. Additional costs have been incurred by the refurbishment of the ceiling tiles in the hall to benefit the sound of the Wurlitzer.

The loan received last year of £2.0k has been partially repaid and now stands at £1k owing, due to be paid in January 2026.

Summary

With an income of £42.7k and expenditure of £28.1k, there is an increase in the end of year Bank Balance of £14.6k, resulting in a year end balance of £15.2k.



**INCOME & EXPENDITURE BALANCE SHEET
FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2025**

Registered Charity No: 1161821

INCOME

Donations	27,897.33
Rye Mayor's Fund Donations	0.00
Sponsor-A-Student	1,024.00
Student Bursary	1,368.00
Show - Door Admissions	10,555.20
Raffle	1,195.75
Catering Donations	0.00
Other Donations	118.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	490.57
Sale of Instruments	0.00
Loan	0.00
Other	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	42,648.85

EXPENDITURE

Tuition	12,350.00
Artists Fees	3,625.00
Hall Hire	375.00
SOF Giving	4,685.00
Printing/Stationery	247.65
Organ Removals/Purchases/Storage	1,204.00
Organ Repairs	850.80
Catering	2,129.00
Music Books	0.00
Repairs & Refurbishment	1,469.25
Loan Repayment	1,000.00
Other	135.84
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	28,071.54

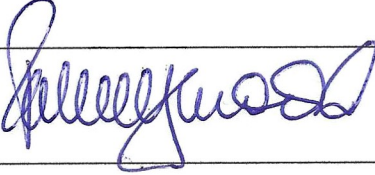
Opening Balance: 01/09/2023	590.72
Plus Income	42,648.85
Less Expenditure	(28,071.54)
Closing Balance: 31/08/2024	15,168.03

Barclays Bank Balance: 31/08/2024	15,168.03
Uncleared Cheques	
Funds Available: 31/08/2024	15,168.03

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature		
Full Name	Mr Richard Moore	
Position (eg, Secretary, Chair, etc.)	CHAIRMAN	
Date	27.011.25	

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CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st SEPTEMBER 2023 to 31st AUGUST 2024

Our year started with a very successful and enjoyable Rye Proms event, which now seems to be a regular fixture in the local social calendar. All our fund-raising evenings were profitable and much enjoyed by those who attended. Funding has been harder to find and achieve due to oversubscribed applications for the trusts that were canvassed but we are pleased with our support from the Sussex Community Foundation.

Numbers attending events have still not returned to pre-Covid 19 levels but we endeavour to create enjoyable evenings, whilst giving good value for money. It is lovely to see our students not only playing at some of the events but taking an active part in helping. Since we began in 2009, we have created a family within the RWA, and it is pleasing to hear from some of original students in how they are progressing through life. We are also pleased to have parental support from many of our more recent students, who also bring along family and friends.

Our Sunday concerts, whilst not as well supported as we would like, held their own in as much as all made a small profit, were highly enjoyable, and people that attended are returning. We were fortunate to receive a donation from the Theatre Organ Club of Great Britain of £500 to assist with running these concerts. Five concerts were arranged and four will be arranged during the next financial year. Our Chairman was given information from an address list of Friends of Rye Wurlitzer members from 2014; it made for grim reading, as most of the members at that time were known to have now passed on or to be of an age or incapacity where they were unable to drive to the concerts. This experience confirmed that we are very much "starting again" in attracting an audience for the Sunday concerts, so, on that basis, we are doing well!

Regular and new donors were thinner on the ground this year, as you will see from our financial report. We are most grateful to those who continue to support our Sponsor a Student Scheme. We are also delighted with the continued support of local estate agency, Rush Witt Wilson, for continuing to sponsor the hire of the hall. A private loan of £2,000 was required to assist with running and teaching costs during the summer months, which we hope to repay before too long.

We continued to enjoy good relations throughout the year with the Aquinas Trust, who run Rye College, and we much appreciate the continuing support of Principal, Mr Dom Downs, and the Senior Leadership Team. It is anticipated that our "normal" recruitment presentations will continue in the new college year. The time between recruitment sessions has led to us paying more than we would have liked for storing instruments this year.

Once again, the project could not be the success it is without the continued professionalism and commitment of Principal Tutor Michael Wooldridge, who gives much of his personal time to support the whole project and who, in his professional capacity, has continued to work wonders with the students in their lessons. Our e-newsletters continued during the year, when we had sufficient news to tell. To conclude 2023/24 will be remembered as a year in which we survived and continued doing what we do best in bringing high quality learning to our students together with some memorable fund-raising evenings.

Richard Moore - Chairman & Founder





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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Review of Year to 31st August 2024

This year income and expenditure are both up on the previous year. Income is up due to increased event income along with a cash flow loan and Expenditure is up on most lines of spend, see detail below.

Income and Expenditure

Income for the year totalled £14.5k compared to £11.8k the previous year. This represents a 22.3% increase in income.

Income from events was £8.1k, up by £2.6k. However, donations were down by £0.7k, at £3.6k and Sponsor-a-student income by £350, at £0.8k, this was due to problems with the bank account during the year.

Due to cash flow problems a loan of £2.0k was given by a trustee, which still needs to be repaid at the end of the financial year.

Expenditure for the year totalled £14.4k compared to £12.2k in 2022/23. There was an increase in most lines of expense, except catering, where a small saving was made. There was a slight increase in Tuition costs along with an increase in Artist fees of £1.1k. The other main increase was in the storage costs of organs at £2.1k, up by £420. This will no longer be the case as the organs have been moved or disposed of.

Summary

With an income of £14.5k and expenditure of £14.4k, there is no major movement in the end of year Bank Balance of £591.



**INCOME & EXPENDITURE BALANCE SHEET
FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2024**

Registered Charity No: 1161821

INCOME

Donations	3,574.75
Rye Mayor's Fund Donations	0.00
Sponsor-A-Student	784.00
Show - Door Admissions	7,081.00
Raffle	1,024.00
Catering Donations	1.00
Other Donations	0.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	0.00
Sale of Instruments	0.00
Loan	2,000.00
Other	5.00
TOTAL INCOME:	14,469.75

EXPENDITURE

Tuition	8,100.00
Artists Fees	2,025.00
Hall Hire	750.00
Accommodation	0.00
Printing/Stationery	259.94
Organ Removals/Purchases/Storage	2,100.00
Organ Repairs	320.00
Catering	892.75
Music Books	0.00
Other	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	14,447.69

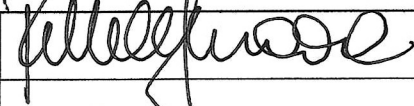
Opening Balance: 01/09/2023	568.66
Plus Income	14,469.75
Less Expenditure	(14,447.69)
Closing Balance: 31/08/2024	590.72

Barclays Bank Balance: 31/08/2024	590.72
Uncleared Cheques	
Funds Available: 31/08/2024	590.72

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MR. RICHARD MOORE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	
Date	25.03.2025	

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CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR PERIOD 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022 to 31ST AUGUST 2023

Our year started with a very successful and enjoyable Rye Proms Night, with Sally-Ann Hart M.P. as our distinguished guest, who enjoyed herself so much that she returned for our Christmas Concert as well and is full of admiration for the aims, objectives and results we have with the RWA, a credit to all the team.

Funding has been a little harder to find and achieve but we are always pleased to receive regular support from the Sussex Community Foundation and The Rye Fund.

We are still not seeing the same numbers coming through the door for our events as we did pre Covid-19, something we have in common with many venues, but we endeavour to create an enjoyable evening and give good value for money. It is lovely to see our senior students not only playing at some of the events but taking an active part in helping. Since we started in 2009, we have created a family within the RWA and it is pleasing to hear from some of original students in how they are progressing through life. We are also pleased to have parental support from our more recent students, who also bring along family and friends.

During the earlier part of the year we were advised by the Friends of Rye Wurlitzer (FORW) that they were calling it a day. I founded FORW in 1990 and ran it until resigning in 2016 to focus more on RWA. The time warp of Covid-19 meant that their management committee could not foresee numbers returning for their Sunday afternoon concerts throughout the year, their numbers had already been on the decline pre-March 2020, and also some of their team were struggling with health issue, all combining to make it time for them to stop. I could not see this project that I had seen develop and grow just stop, especially it was through FORW that I refurbished our Wurlitzer, so we tried a Sunday afternoon concert in July with Michael and John Mann, a very popular Theatre Organist. This concert had an audience and we made a profit, so we plan to arrange four Sunday concert over the coming 12 months. Time will tell, and I do not see any possibility of returning to audiences of 200 to 300 as we did in our heyday, but one can only hope for enjoyable afternoons that allow people who can't attend our Friday evenings to come along and that make a profit.

Regular and new donations were slightly thinner on the ground this year, as you will see from our financial report. We are most grateful to those who continue to support our Sponsor a Student Scheme. We are also delighted with the continued support of local Estate Agents, Rush Witt Wilson, for continuing to sponsor the hire of the hall.

We continued to enjoy good relations throughout the year with the Aquinas Trust, who run Rye College, and much appreciate the continuing support of Executive Principal Barry Blakelock and the Senior Leadership Team. It is anticipated that our "normal" recruitment presentations will continue in the new college year.

Once again, the project could not be the success it is without the continued professionalism and commitment of Principal Tutor Michael Wooldridge, who gives much of his personal time to support the whole project and who, in his professional capacity, has continued to work wonders with the students in their lessons. Our e-newsletters continued during the year, when we had sufficient news to tell our 300+ supporters to this medium.

To conclude, 2022/23 will be remembered as a year in which we survived and continued doing what we do best, bringing high quality learning to our students together with some memorable events, which help both to raise funds and spread the word.

Richard Moore - Chairman & Founder





TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

Registered Charity No: 1161821

Review of Year to 31st August 2023

This year income has fallen a little short of expenditure, and both income and expenditure are down on the previous year. Income is down due to extra donations during 2021-22 from the Rye Mayor's Fund and Expenditure is down mainly due to a reduction in teaching days throughout the year.

Income and Expenditure

Income for the year totalled £11.8k compared to £16.1k the previous year. This represents a 26.7% decrease in income.

Income from events was £5.5k and donations were £4.3k, up by £0.7k on the previous year, although obviously there were no donations this year, from the Mayor's Fund, resulting in the £4.4k reduction in income.

Expenditure for the year totalled £12.2k compared to £17.3k in 2021/22. This decrease is due mainly to a reduction in Tuition cost. Event costs were slightly down on last year, mainly due to savings on Artists costs, although this was partially offset by an expected increase in catering costs.

Summary

With an income of £11.8k and expenditure of £12.2k, we have a £0.4k shortfall for the year, resulting in an end of year Bank Balance of £569.



**INCOME & EXPENDITURE BALANCE SHEET
FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2023**

Registered Charity No: 1161821

INCOME

Donations	4,284.00
Rye Mayor's Fund Donations	0.00
Sponsor-A-Student	1,134.00
Show - Door Admissions	4,684.00
Raffle	784.00
Catering Donations	0.00
Other Donations	0.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	935.56
Sale of Instruments	0.00
Other	5.00
TOTAL INCOME:	11,826.56

EXPENDITURE

Tuition	7,750.00
Artists Fees	1,240.00
Hall Hire	250.00
Accommodation	0.00
Printing/Stationery	83.80
Organ Removals/Purchases/Storage	1,680.00
Organ Repairs	160.00
Catering	1,058.00
Music Books	0.00
Other	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	12,221.80

Opening Balance: 01/09/2022	963.90
Plus Income	11,826.56
Less Expenditure	<u>(12,221.80)</u>
Closing Balance: 31/08/2023	<u>568.66</u>

Barclays Bank Balance: 31/08/2023	568.66
Uncleared Cheques	0.00
Funds Available: 31/08/2023	<u>568.66</u>

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CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR PERIOD 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021 to 31ST AUGUST 2022

Our year started "back to normal" with a proms night event, featuring the Rye Bay Crew, our first event at the college since February 2020, after which the Covid-19 pandemic took over. The organ was fortunately fine until the end of the show, when a major wind leak occurred, which resulted in the Wurlitzer being out of Action until August 2022 due to the severity of the fault and its position in the chamber, which made it difficult to repair, along with the need to gain access to the hall and the availability of the technicians.

Funding for the RWA was greatly assisted by the Right Worshipful Mayor of Rye Cllr Rebekah Gilbert J.P., who chose our charity, along with another, as her Mayoral Charity for her series of fund-raising events. Sadly, her first year of office was affected by Covid-19 but from her five events, A sponsored Walk, A Night at the Opera, A sponsored Head Shave, A Black Tie Gala Dinner and a Scratch messiah, a total of £6,500 was raised.

Our concert presentations at Hailsham had started and students were featured in September 2021 with Jamyma Hanson giving a solo concert along with a cameo spot by Robert Eldridge, in December 2021 seven students performing in concert with teacher Michael Wooldridge, and then other students made cameo appearances along with other artistes in early 2022.

Fund raising events continued at Rye, with a successful Christmas Concert as far as performances by the students and content but sadly a hesitation by the main age group that support us, and over 30 people not attending on the night at the last minute, it did not help our proceeds. This hesitation to return to live events since the pandemic has continued with events in 2022, including at all the reliable favourites from the past, A Fish and Chip Jazz Supper with Liane Carroll, Supper with the Shadows in April, and a Variety Show with Andy Eastwood in July were all consistently down on pre-Covid attendances and, whilst all were profitable, they did not generate the audience and income we would normally expect of them.

Our senior student Jamyma Hanson was engaged to perform in a number of concerts, including at the UK's largest keyboard and organ festival at Pakefield, the Horsham and the East London and Essex Organ Clubs, and on the Worthing Wurlitzer, which is renowned as one of the world's finest instruments.

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We continued to enjoy good relations throughout the year with the Aquinas Trust, who run Rye College, and much appreciate the continuing support of Executive Principal Barry Blakelock and the Senior Leadership Team. It is anticipated that our "normal" recruitment presentations will continue in the new college year.

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Our e-newsletters continued during the year, when we had sufficient news to tell our 300+ supporters to this medium.

To conclude 2021/22 will be remembered for a year in which we survived and continued doing what we do best in bringing high quality learning to our students, it was the least we could do in continuing "strange times".

Richard Moore
Chairman & Founder





TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

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Review of Year to 31st August 2022

This year it has been good to hold events once again, following the Covid 19 Pandemic, and income from these have been almost back to normal. Although donations from trusts and foundations have been low, donations from the Rye Mayor's Fund and income from the sale of instruments has more than off-set this shortfall and the resulting total income is back in line with that before the pandemic. However, after many years without an increase, cost of tuition has increased and although all other expenditure is as expected, overall costs have increased, resulting in a shortfall of income to expenditure.

Income and Expenditure

Income for the year totalled £16.1k compared to £9.5k the previous year. This represents a 69.5% increase in income.

Income from events was £5.9k but donations were only £3.6k, down by £4.2k on the previous year. However, donations from the Mayor's Fund of £4.4k and sale of instruments totalling £1.2k along with £1k from the sponsor-a-student scheme, brought income back up.

Expenditure for the year totalled £17.3k compared to £10.7k in 2020/21. This increase is due mainly to higher Tuition costs, as a result of a return to in-person lessons and an increase in fee rate, along with expected event costs.

Summary

With an income of £16.1k and expenditure of £17.3k, we have a £1.1k shortfall for the year, resulting in an end of year Bank Balance of £964.



Registered Charity No: 1161821

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE BALANCE SHEET
FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2022**

INCOME

Donations	3,625.05
Rye Mayor's Fund Donations	4,413.89
Sponsor-A-Student	1,008.00
Show - Door Admissions	5,027.00
Raffle	875.60
Catering Donations	0.00
Other Donations	20.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	0.00
Sale of Instruments	1,150.00
Other - Sale of Organ	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	16,119.54

EXPENDITURE

Tuition	11,535.00
Artists Fees	1,700.00
Hall Hire	375.00
Accommodation	0.00
Printing/Stationery	74.00
Organ Removals/Purchases/Storage	2,610.00
Organ Repairs	0.00
Catering	897.97
Music Books	0.00
Other	70.69
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	17,262.66

Opening Balance: 01/09/2021	2,107.02
Plus Income	16,119.54
Less Expenditure	<u>(17,262.66)</u>
Closing Balance: 31/08/2022	<u>963.90</u>

Barclays Bank Balance: 31/08/2022	963.90
Uncleared Cheques	
Funds Available: 31/08/2022	<u>963.90</u>

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CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR PERIOD 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020 to 31ST AUGUST 2021

Our year started and continued in the strange times of the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic, with it being impossible to arrange any fund-raising events.

Fortunately, we were thrown a lifeline through the Hailsham Organ Club, where Michael Wooldridge had performed a couple of years ago and, on that occasion, he invited Jayden & Freya Vicarey along to perform. They were very well received. Sadly, membership at Hailsham declined and a decision was taken by the serving officers to close their club. They were so impressed when they saw the Vicareys that they voted the RWA would benefit from remaining funds. In discussion, it was felt that rather than stop the life blood of live organ music for the remaining members, half of the surplus was received by RWA and the remaining amount was ring-fenced to continue concerts in Hailsham, with an agreement that RWA students would be featured in some of them, thereby providing a platform where they could appear in order to gain performance experience other than just at Rye. The re-launch was hampered by various covid lockdowns but concerts started in August 2021, with the RWA's Jamyma Hanson and Robert Eldridge scheduled to play the concert in September 2021, and up to seven students planned to give the Christmas concert. RWA students will continue to appear there from time to time, alongside visiting professional players. The donation we received from Hailsham of £3,500 has provided a much-needed lifeline in a year with no income from our usual fund-raising events.

Like the majority of professional entertainers, none of our students have been able to perform during the year but, fortunately, events are now being arranged.

We continued to strive not to let the pandemic beat us in the teaching department and, with continuing support from Rye College, we delivered virtual lessons until May 2021 when we resumed face to face tuition at the college.

Fortunately, regular, and new donations continued to be received throughout the year from a variety of people and from other organisations, as you will see from our financial report; all are appreciated, whatever their value. I would like to thank our regular donors through our Sponsor a Student scheme for their continuing support. All support during this year was invaluable, with all our fund-raising events cancelled, and we finished the year with a surplus.

We continued to enjoy good relations with the Aquinas Trust, who operate Rye College, and welcomed the support in this current year of Executive Principal Barry Blakelock and the senior management team. Sadly, a small recruitment presentation only attracted four new students, perhaps understandable when students had only just returned to college life and were focusing on core subjects and their new college routine. It is hoped that our "normal" recruitment presentations will resume in the new college year.

Once again, the project could not be the success it is without the continued professionalism and commitment of Principal Tutor, Michael Wooldridge, who gives much of his personal time to support the whole project and who, in his professional capacity, has continued to work wonders with the students in their lessons.

E-Newsletters continued during the year when we had sufficient news to tell our 300+ supporters to this medium. In May we did manage to hold a Family Day at the East Sussex National, with socially distanced time slots throughout the day, at which our students were able to play the largest Wurlitzer in Europe, which was enjoyed by players, parents and in some cases, grand-parents listening.

To conclude, 2020/21 will be remembered as a year in which we survived despite the pandemic, and in which we continued doing what we do best, bringing high quality learning to our students, which it was the least we could do in continuing "strange times".

Richard Moore - Chairman & Founder





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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

Review of Year to 31st August 2021

This year due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, income has been severely affected, as no events have been able to go ahead. This resulted in a shortfall of income against expenditure. Income has been entirely from donations, and these have ensured that a teaching programme for students was able to continue.

Income and Expenditure

Income for the year totalled £9.5k compared to £17.4k the previous year. This represents a 54.6% decrease in income.

There was no income from events and although donations remained the same as 2019/20, this was due largely to a one-off donation from Hailsham Organ Club.

Expenditure for the year totalled £10.7k compared to £14.8k in 2019/20. This decrease is due mainly to lower Tuition costs, as a result of on-line lessons at the start of the year and a lack of event costs for Hall Hire, Artist Fees and catering, as previously mentioned.

Summary

With an income of £9.5k and expenditure of £10.7k, we have a £1.2k shortfall for the year, resulting in an end of year Bank Balance of £2,107.



**INCOME & EXPENDITURE BALANCE SHEET
FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2021**

Registered Charity No: 1161821

INCOME

Donations	7,860.00
Sponsor-A-Student	1,008.00
Show - Door Admissions	0.00
Raffle	0.00
Catering Donations	0.00
Other Donations	0.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	643.41
Sale of Instruments	0.00
Other - Sale of Organ	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	9,511.41

EXPENDITURE

Tuition	7,730.00
Artists Fees	0.00
Hall Hire	100.40
Accommodation	0.00
Printing/Stationery	35.99
Organ Removals/Purchases/Storage	2,770.00
Organ Repairs	0.00
Catering	0.00
Music Books	17.85
Other	38.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	10,692.59

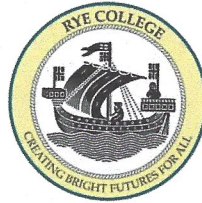
Opening Balance: 01/09/2020	3,288.20
Plus Income	9,511.41
Less Expenditure	(10,692.59)
Closing Balance: 31/08/2021	<u>2,107.02</u>

Barclays Bank Balance: 31/08/2021	2,107.02
Uncleared Cheques	
Funds Available: 31/08/2021	<u>2,107.02</u>

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR PERIOD 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019 to 31ST AUGUST 2020

This has been a year which started with many hopes and aspirations for a well-planned fund-raising programme of events and also opportunities to perform, particularly for senior student Jamyma Hanson. Half-way through it dramatically changed due to a world-wide pandemic, something that no-one had ever experienced in their lifetime, including long periods of national lockdown and a 'new normal' that completely changed how we operate.

Our year of events started well in September, with a which was well attended and profitable Rye Proms night. We were honoured that our Christmas concert was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex and his wife, who had a thoroughly enjoyable evening with Michael Wooldridge and some of our students at the mighty Wurlitzer, joined by the Kent Police Male Voice Choir. Supper with the Shadows in February 2020 produced a record profit of over £1,300. We hoped this strong trend would continue with a Variety Show in March, a Rye Mayor Making Concert in May and our popular student concert in July, planned in readiness for the Young Theatre Organist Competition to which we had high hopes for six of our students but alas, these latter events had to be cancelled.

Student Jamyma played her first headlining concert in Bognor Regis in January, with Robert Eldridge performing a cameo appearance. She had other appearances planned at Worthing, Somerset, Banstead and Norfolk – all cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We were not going to let a pandemic stop us teaching the students, so with support and permission from the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) at Rye College, we commenced giving virtual lessons via Microsoft Teams in April and this continued on a twice a month basis to the end of our year and subsequently will continue for the time being. Whilst not all felt able to continue in this way, perhaps due to the absence of suitable home technology, poor home internet speed or their family situation, we are pleased to have kept the interest of a strong cohort, including three new recruits who have progressed very well in a short space of time.

Fortunately, regular, and new, donations continued to be received throughout the year from a variety of people and organisations, as you will see from our financial report, and all are very much appreciated, whatever their value. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking those who regularly donate to our Sponsor a Student plan. With all our fund-raising events cancelled, support during this period has been invaluable. In fact, we finished the year with a healthy credit balance, the best for some years, but this is sadly due to our reduced quantity of teaching; events into our new year are also cancelled, so this only provides a much-needed cushion to support ongoing teaching.

We continue to enjoy good relations with Rye College, part of the Aquinas Trust, and welcomed the support in this current year of Executive Headteacher Barry Blakelock and his team. In fact, part of our 2016 short film about the RWA was used in a presentation to the new intake students, as they prepared for moving up to Rye College.

The project could not be the success it is without the continued professionalism and commitment of Principal Tutor Michael Wooldridge, who gives much of his personal time to support the whole project and who, in his professional capacity, has continued to work wonders with the students in their lessons. Our publicity at events during the first part of the year always looked so vibrant and different for each event and bear no cost whatsoever to our budget, due to the designs of Michael Wooldridge and the generosity of local print house, Adams of Rye. Our E-Newsletters have continued throughout the year, sent to some 300 supporters around the UK and overseas.

To conclude, 2020 will be remembered for wonderful support in strange times, virtual teaching to our students and a period where we all adjust to the 'new normal.'

Richard Moore - Chairman & Founder





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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE BALANCE SHEET
FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2020**

INCOME

Donations	7,733.50
Sponsor-A-Student	1,092.00
Show - Door Admissions	5,487.00
Raffle	931.10
Catering Donations	80.25
Other Donations	39.50
Gift Aid Reclaim	1,084.00
Sale of Instruments	1,000.00
Other - Sale of Organ	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	<u>17,447.35</u>

EXPENDITURE

Tuition	9,025.00
Artists Fees	1,800.00
Hall Hire	495.00
Accommodation	0.00
Printing/Stationery	66.99
Organ Removals/Purchases/Storage	2,518.67
Organ Repairs	0.00
Catering	888.00
Music Books	47.94
Other	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	<u>14,841.60</u>

Opening Balance: 01/09/2019	682.45
Plus Income	17,447.35
Less Expenditure	<u>(14,841.60)</u>
Closing Balance: 31/08/2020	<u>3,288.20</u>

Barclays Bank Balance: 31/08/2020	3,288.20
Uncleared Cheques	
Funds Available: 31/08/2020	<u>3,288.20</u>