

## **South Wessex Organ Society**

### **Annual General Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

#### **Chairman's Report**

The past year has been a good one for SWOS. We have continued our three main activities, namely provision of organ recitals, an annual residential course, and sponsorship of other organ-related concerts. Further developments are being planned for 2025, under the guidance of a new Chairman.

Recitals by young professionals since the 2023 AGM have been given by Benjamin Mills, organ scholar at Salisbury Cathedral, on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023, Ophelia Amar, Royal Academy of Music, on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2024, and by Oriel Chapman, Colyton School, today 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Attendance at these concerts is reasonable, but not enough to cover costs completely.

The Annual Residential Course took place from March 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> and was an outstanding success. There were 20 participants and 6 tutors, studying the Chorales of JS Bach. The mix of talks, concerts, masterclasses and small group tutorials was felt to be exactly right, and the social elements including the dinner were much enjoyed. Financially the course made a small loss.

A new venture was to support a Passiontide concert at Colyton Parish Church on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Historical research by Peter Lea-Cox and colleagues uncovered a setting of the St John Passion by CPE Bach, probably never performed after its initial liturgical use in 1788. The performance at Colyton drew a large audience of nearly 200. Costs (mainly professional soloists and orchestral players) exceeded income at the door by £1,720, but it was felt that this was an appropriate use of funds kindly donated by the Eyre family.

Earlier events in 2023 included two recitals by young professionals (Christopher Too on 25 May and Ophelia Amar on September 17<sup>th</sup>). There was also a summer evening celebrity recital by Sam Bristow which was poorly attended. The Winter Course of 2023, focussed on French Romantic organ music, was very successful and made a surplus to offset losses on recitals.

I have greatly enjoyed my chairmanship of SWOS, and feel that we have created a really interesting Society with much future potential. I particularly thank our Officers, our Committee, and our Secretary for their support.

Richard Godfrey  
2.9.2024

South Wessex Organ Society			
Receipts & Payments 2023	2023	2022	Budget 2023
<b>INCOME</b>			
Membership	£ 565.00	£ 740.00	£ 650.00
Sub in Advance-2023		£ 15.00	
Gift Aid	£ 121.25	£ 130.00	£ 100.00
Winter Course 2022		£ 4,535.00	
Lyme Organ/Concerts	£ 646.11	£ 738.24	£ 600.00
Recital-Bristow	£ 250.20	£ 553.92	£ 500.00
Donations	£ 1,100.00	£ 144.00	
Winter Course 2024	£ 2,260.00		
Bach Event	£ -		
Winter Course 2023	£ 5,032.80	£ 980.00	£ 5,000.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£ 9,975.36</b>	<b>£ 7,836.16</b>	<b>£ 6,850.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Winter Course 2020/22		£ 5,264.20	
Printing & Stationery	£ -	£ 79.29	£ 100.00
Winter Course 2023	£ 5,637.00	£ 40.00	£ 5,000.00
Bach Event	£ 150.00		
Celebrity Recital-Bristow	£ 485.90	£ 533.60	£ 400.00
Lyme Organ/Concerts	£ 755.50	£ 742.10	£ 450.00
Winter Course 2024			
Promotion & Misc & Insurance	£ 640.26	£ 332.41	£ 300.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£ 7,668.66</b>	<b>£ 6,991.60</b>	<b>£ 6,250.00</b>
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>£ 2,306.70</b>	<b>£ 844.56</b>	<b>£ 600.00</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>	<b>£ 10,197.51</b>	<b>£ 9,352.95</b>	
<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>	<b>£ 12,504.21</b>	<b>£ 10,197.51</b>	
<b>Cash</b>			
<b>Bank Accounts- Current</b>	<b>£ 12,504.21</b>	<b>£ 10,197.51</b>	
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### INCOME

Membership down £565 (£740) + GA £121

Concerts - less £109

Bristow Concert less £236

Winter Course 2023 + £335

Donations £1100

Deposit W.C 2024 £2260

### EXPENDITURE

Bach March event £150

Web Hosting £392

Insurance £248

**SURPLUS £1136**