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While many of us will by now have been double-vaccinated against the worst effects of Covid, the outcome for this winter season still looks uncertain, with talk of a need for a third 'booster' jab, particularly for the elderly and vulnerable.

This newsletter is therefore mainly a confirmation of the events already announced in the previous edition, with additions and a postponement.

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BOA events, autumn 2021

(all events subject to any Covid restrictions in force at the time)

Please note that the 'live' recital planned for Saturday 11th September by Thomas Keogh at Broadway URC, Walsall, has been postponed until next year.

Saturday 25 September

IAO Midlands Organ Day, Northampton, from 10am

A revised version of this event, postponed from 2020, is planned for this year. It is in two parts, from 10am until 5pm, then an evening recital from 7pm to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Walker organ in St Matthew's Church. Please check the Northampton association's website for booking arrangements & costs:

<http://www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/midlands-organ-day/>

Saturday 2 October

IAO AGM, St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, 2.00pm

The business meeting, in the Grimshaw Room, will be followed by a short recital in the cathedral, expected to start no earlier than 2.45pm.

Those attending the AGM should please wear a face-covering and be prepared, on request, to show evidence of double-vaccination (your NHS blue card will suffice) or a recent negative Covid test.

And in the evening...

Recital by Paul Hale, St Margaret's Olton, 7.30pm

This is your chance to hear the restoration by Henry Groves & Son of the 1900 Norman & Beard organ. BOA member Eddie Guard invites us. Admission £10. Click [HERE](#) for a location map: postcode B92 7JS.

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Saturday 13 November

BOA AGM at St Margaret's Olton, 10.30am

A return visit to St Margaret's for our AGM, a short recital by award-winning organist Callum Alger and then an opportunity for members to play the restored organ themselves.

Monday 13 December

Organ Studio, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, 6.00pm

An opportunity to hear the new Flentrop organ during the organ department's end-of-term concert. Members may need to register in advance for entry to this event: details will follow later.

Details of the above events appear on our website:

<https://www.bhamorgan.org.uk/boa-meetings.html>

News in brief



BOA member ASHLEY WAGNER is to be congratulated on winning joint second prize at the online **IAO/RCO organ competition**, which took place in July. If you missed the performances (of all six finalists), they are still available via <https://iao.org.uk/competition/>.

We have been notified of the sad news that long-standing BOA



member CARL HICKMAN recently died at the age of 85. His funeral is on Thursday 9th September, 11.30am, at St Peter's RC Church, High Street, Bloxwich, [WS3 3LA](#).

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Notices

Paul Carr's regular series of *Sunday Afternoon Organ Music* on the first Sunday in every month is now alternating each month between an online and a 'live' event.



His *Thursday LIVE* series from St Chad's Cathedral with Professor David Saint will become a monthly 'live' event again from 7th October.

For details of both series, please visit

<https://www.paulcarr.co.uk/sunday-afternoon-organ-music/>

and <https://www.paulcarr.co.uk/thursday-live/>