

Branch Secretary's Report for the 2017-2018 Season

The Branch had 33 members, up one from the previous season.

The first meeting of the season took place on 18 September in the Kirk o' Field Hall, Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 138 The Pleasance.

We met on 34 Monday evenings for combined playing. One-to-a-part groups met in each other's houses.

In addition to our regular conductors, Anne Martin and Peter Wraith, we had guest conductors Annemarie Klein, Murray Campbell, Marg Hall and Margaret McLay.

On the 25 September the annual EGM was held to approve the branch accounts.

On 1 December 12 members from the branch conducted by Anne Martin took part in the Greyfriars Charteris Centre Community Christmas Concert.

Our Christmas Evening was on Monday 11 December, when we played to an audience of family and friends. The conductors from the Branch were Anne Martin and Peter Wraith, and we were joined by members of the Edinburgh Adult Education Evening Class conducted by Marg Hall. £360 was collected for Social Bite.

On 19 February the branch held its AGM.

On 6 March 13 players from the branch conducted by Anne Martin and two one-to-a-part recorder consorts, also from the branch, took part in the Edinburgh Competition Festival. The large ensemble was awarded first place the Wind Ensembles Open Class.

On Sunday, 18 March the Edinburgh Branch, jointly with the Early Music Forum of Scotland, organised a workshop led by Bart Spanhove, Paul Van Loey and Tom Beets of the Flanders Quartet at St. Cecilia's Hall. This event replaced the branch's usual annual SRP Pastoral Visit and was a great success, attracting a number of young players as well as adult members of the SRP and EMFS for a day of ensemble playing and master-classes.

The National Recorder Festival and Conference took place on 14/15 April at Barton Peveril Sixth Form College, Eastleigh, Hampshire. Eileen Finlayson was the Edinburgh Branch delegate at the National Conference on 15 April. The full minutes, reports and accounts of the Conference can be found at

<http://www.srp.org.uk/annual-conference/>

The branch's Summer Evening Concert was on Monday 11 June when we played to an audience of family and friends. The conductors from the Branch were Anne Martin and Peter Wraith, and we were joined by members of the Edinburgh Adult Education Evening Class conducted by Marg Hall. £265 was collected for Fresh Start.

Members from the Edinburgh Branch attended Playing Days in Orkney and Glasgow.

We are grateful to Anne and Peter, for all their hard work, patience and good humour in conducting the branch during the 2017-2018 season.

Eileen Finlayson
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