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New Fund Ready to Support Organists

A new memorial fund which supports the teaching and learning of the organ is ready to make its first round of grants. The Brereton Memorial Fund was founded this year in memory of Philip and Gwen Brereton and their untiring work for the IAO, RCO and local organists' associations.

The official launch of the Memorial Fund took place in October 2001 at Rochdale Town Hall. Over 200 people, including the Mayors of Rochdale and Oldham, gathered to hear the magnificent Town Hall Binns organ of 1913. Dr Francis Jackson, Johannes Geffert, Keith Hearnshaw and Gordon Stewart were the recitalists who played a wonderful mixed programme of organ favourites.

The Official launch of the Fund and donations made over the last year have raised the Fund's total to over £4000 and the Fund will make its first round of grants in April 2002.

This year the Fund will support a local project to provide a permanent memorial to Philip and Gwen in their home town of Rochdale. Next year the Fund will provide at least 2 bursaries to assist organ students with the cost of attending the 2002 IAO Congress in Paris. Applications to the Fund for student bursaries to Congress should be made by end of February 2002.

Applications and all other enquiries should be made to Judith Brereton, 2 King's Square, York, YO1 8BH. For further information and all enquiries tel (01904) 653696, fax (01904) 619597 or email judithbrereton@onetel.net.uk

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