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A concert, competition and random cheer

We haven't sent a newsletter for a little while — partly because we've been rather busy helping redesign the new website for our sister site, nzorgan.com. (Have you had a look yet?)

Meanwhile, here in New Zealand, we've been juggling Mother Nature's occasional temper tantrums — floods, fallen trees (sometimes by request!), and also her generosity. We are currently living, breathing, and practically swimming in feijoas and figs.

But life rolls on. In this edition we've got a competition, exciting news about the upcoming King's Birthday concert at the Christchurch Town Hall, new arrivals in our organ gifts store, and the usual collection of random — alright then, quirky — links to weird and wonderful things, mostly musical... though not always. So stay with us for a pleasant escape from the outside world for a few minutes.

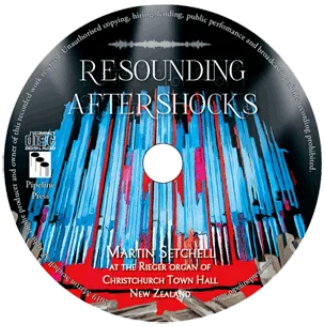
It's almost here!

The King's Birthday Annual Christchurch Town Hall Organ Concert

On **Monday June 1 at 2pm** you can come and celebrate the holiday weekend with a special concert by organ curator **Martin Setchell**, presented as part of the New Zealand Organ Association Festival.

Expect a colourful and entertaining programme showcasing the full power and beauty of the Town Hall organ — from thunderous climaxes to moments of quiet magic.

Free admission (koha appreciated). And this year, no pre-registration is needed — simply walk in and enjoy. This is your perfect chance to hear one of New Zealand's great musical treasures in action.



What's on this CD?

Your chance to win!

Win a copy of Martin Setchell's *"Resounding Aftershocks"* CD, recorded when the organ in the Christchurch town Hall was **re-opened** in 2019. Reply to this email with the answer to the question: **"What year was the Christchurch Town Hall Rieger pipe organ first installed?"** Be sure to put your name,

and email address so we can find you if you win! The competition closes on **June 1st**, (the day of Martin's concert in the town hall!).

Messing about with jigsaws

Need a wee break from life? Try solving our new online jigsaw this month. It's a flashback to February 2019 and the exciting lead up to the reopening of the Christchurch Town Hall. Complete the easier puzzle (112 pieces) to find the answer to the question "Who is the organist?"

New gifts for organists

Especially for beginners

New mug design in our **Zazzle** "Gifts for organists" online shop
Perfect for a struggling organists - or any organist

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Pipes are everywhere

A popular, unique design for an organist shower curtain and many other designs for the home. Check it out!

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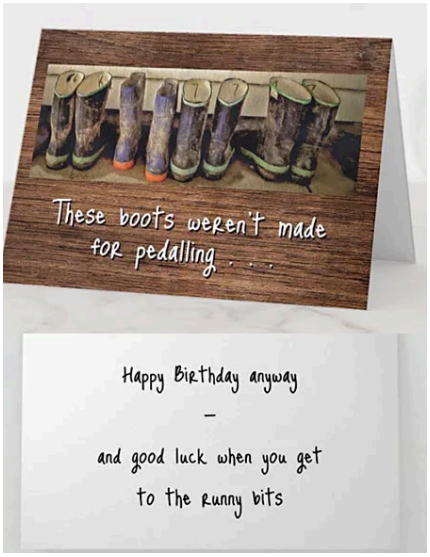
Cooking style

Yes, organists can do many things - and cooking is one of them. This punning apron will create a stir (sorry)



Boots for pedalling??

Birthday card which will immediately strike a chord with any organist. Pedalling with gumboots? Nah. . .

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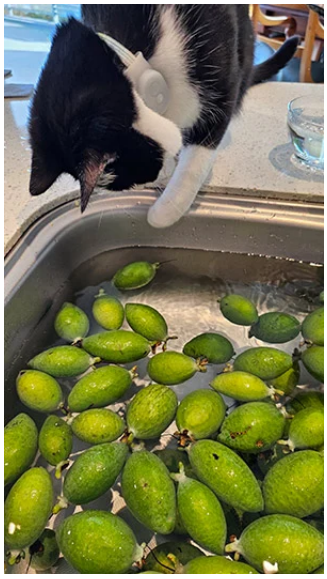
From the swellbox



Feijoa season = free entertainment for Dudley who can indulge in his passion for water play

- Rick Beato explores the profound **influence of JS Bach** on musicians
- Exploring colour palettes for the new nzorgan website, I found a helpful website **Coolors** (no, that's not a typo) that would be useful for anyone making palette choices for anything: clothes, home redecoration etc.
- Are you a reluctant organist? **Help is here**, from someone who understands the problems! Another section from a classic website is **The Lady Organist** which is also a valuable learning companion.
- Mini-games anyone? They might be small but can be tricky. **Crosswordle** and **Queens Ultimate**

- For **Gilbert & Sullivan** and **Alistair Cooke** (think radio presenter, not cricketer) fans: the **memorable Martyn Green**, who delivered brilliant patter songs with apparent ease, in the first episode of Cooke's famous tv Omnibus Series. Also in Cooke's Omnibus Series are such gems as the 5 episodes from Leonard Bernstein on the "Art of Conducting".
- And finally, for those who struggle to use AI, here is **Philippe Frelon** to present yet another hilarious short video aimed at every kind of musician. Philippe is a Swiss pianist who could well have a sideline as a comedian. **Here he is teaching ChatGPT** to play the piano. It doesn't go well.

Until next time - remember the concert on Monday, June 1st, at 2pm. See you there!

Jenny

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