



# E-NEWS ON THE WING

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After waiting an extra two years, I am very excited about seeing many of you at ICAM and visiting Paris. It will be the first time for Jim and I to be there together (and he has never been -- unless you count changing planes at Charles de Gaulle airport). We will be taking extra time after the meeting and visiting the Burgundy region on a small barge. When we return, it is back to work on the New Orleans conference!

Take care,  
Fran Laue



We were so happy to hear from Sue Hudson mid-Summer. Sue received our newsletter and wrote back to us at [asmawing@gmail.com](mailto:asmawing@gmail.com).

*Here are some excerpts from Sue's email...*

It is always lovely to hear from you all. I was so sorry not to join you in Reno this year, but hope we might meet up in Paris in September. Thank you for including me in the news of the Wing meetings this year so I could read about all your activities during the AsMA Conference.

We enjoyed quite a number of holidays, especially a week in France on a musical holiday in a beautiful little French village in April.

We have had an exciting few months celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays. We had parties with friends and family.

Then, the biggest celebration we had was going to Buckingham Palace for a Garden Party.

Martin was given an honour (BEM) In the Queen's Honour's list so we were invited to the Palace Garden Party. The Honour was because Martin co-founded the Holmes Chapel Music Society 50 years ago and for services to music.

About 5000 people are invited to any one Garden Party. We were instructed to wear smart day clothes – ladies a day dress with a hat and gentlemen a lounge suit. We had to travel by tube to the nearest station to the Palace and walk from Hyde Park corner along by the Palace wall to the main Palace gates. Our ID was carefully checked and then we were free to enjoy the gardens, two military bands and sumptuous food including cakes and ice-cream.

The highlight was when the Royals came down from the Palace. The 4 main Royals at our Party were Prince William and Kate and Sophie and Prince Edward.

We were very close to them on several occasions. Kate looked fantastic, as always.



*Sue Hudson and her twin sister, Rachel celebrating their 80th birthday.*





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Holmes Chapel Music Society has been a big part of both our lives; during the lockdown I compiled a history of the Society and would love to send you a copy if you give me your address.

We had a very special 50th Season with 9 super concerts and finally on May 21<sup>st</sup> had our last concert with Sir Mark Elder coming with 10 members of the Hallé Orchestra.

After that because so many of our committee and helpers are no longer able to help run the Society we decided to call it a day and close the Society.

It is very sad, but Martin and I are continuing for at least another year with help from Sponsors, and have 5 more concerts planned for next season.

So now we both send our best wishes and hope you are well and enjoying life!

We look forward to seeing you in Paris in September!!

Warm wishes,

Sue and Martin Hudson

