

The Organ Club Newsletter

JANUARY 2013

NOTICES

March Newsletter contributions: please email notices by 16th February to Brian Caswell (newsletter@organclub.org), or alternatively write to him at 42 Wymondley Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 9PR.

Journal contributions: please email contributions by 1st January to Richard Blanch (journal@organclub.org), or alternatively write to him at 1 Chedburgh, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL7 2PU. Tel: 01707 322166.

Club Secretary

Nominations are sought for the post of Hon General Secretary, which will fall vacant at the 2013 AGM. Nominations should be made in writing to the Hon General Secretary accompanied by the written consent of the nominee. Correspondence to me, please, at 42 St Barnabas Road, London, E17 8JY.

Edward Kemp-Luck (Hon General Secretary)

2013 Membership

Further to the announcement in the November Newsletter, please find with this Newsletter a form labelled "Membership Matters", which is your 2013 renewal form and instructions.

Please complete all sections on the form that relate to you and any joint member, especially the e-mail address exactly as it is applied, with capitals and underscores or hyphens if used. It really is vital that your e-mail is included if you have one and we are kept up-to-date, in case we need to contact you urgently (for example, late changes of times or venues). If you do not have email, please ensure you include a phone number (which you may wish to indicate as ex-directory).

Thank you all for your continuing membership and donations; also your support when possible at meetings. The cut-off date for unpaid membership is the 31st March annually, as defined in the Constitution.

I look forward to receiving your renewals - please remember the postie who has to read your writing and make sure that 92 The Hawthorns is clear!

Mark Jameson

Edinburgh Tour, 5th to 11th May 2013

The November Newsletter announced the Tour. The hotel/coach package is now fully booked. Those local members who wish to join us in their own transport are welcome to do so. If you wish to receive an outline itinerary and

a booking form please contact: The Treasurer, 1 Chedburgh, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL7 2PU, or email/phone: RichardBlanch@aol.com (01707 322166).

The Organ Club Student Organisation

The Organ Club Student Organisation (OCSO) had its inaugural recital at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church on 20th October. Eight OCSO members performed at this event and all those present agreed the event was a huge success. In December, OCSO visited St John's, Duncan Terrace, where Adrian Gunning is organist. Over the next year, OCSO has many exciting events planned and I shall do my best to keep you informed as to how everything is going. Now OCSO is on its feet and beginning to walk, the next challenge is to increase its membership. This will mean, among other things, the possibility of more local events, which I am very keen to promote. We have done our best to recruit members but the best way to increase our membership is to tap into the massive network which is The Organ Club. I urge all members of The Organ Club to strongly encourage any student organists they know to join us. I can assure you they will not regret it, and it will greatly help us improve the service we offer to student members. Thank you in advance for your help and support in this important endeavour.

Daniel Marx, Chairman, OCSO (danmdanm@me.com)

CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday 19 January 2013 - Blackheath

It is some 17 years since the Club last visited the area and this will be our first visit to St Michael, which has a very slender and tall spire known as the Needle of Kent. Three large churches and a fourth that looks like a 'model' Victorian church.

1030 St Margaret, Lee Terrace SE13 5BT

An elaborately decorated interior. Walker 1927/9 (includes some older Bishop pipes), Harrison & Harrison 1999. Ch 16 8 8 4 2²/₃ 2 1³/₅; Gt 16 8 8 8 4 22/3 III 8; Sw 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 8 16 8 4; Ped 16 16 16 16 102/3 8 8 8 16 16 8 4

1215 St Michael & All Angels, 1 Pond Road SE3 9JL

Narrow but very lofty, with galleries on 3 sides, and a splendid, gilded organ case and pipes. Walker 1834, Spurden Rutt 1910 & 1927, Mander 1955. Ch 8 8 4 2 8; Gt 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 8; Sw 8 8 8 8 4 2 III 8 8; Ped 16 16 8 8.

1430 Our Lady Help of Christians (St Mary), Cresswell Park SE3 9RD

On the spacious west gallery a neo-classical instrument by Freiburger Orgelbau 1978. Hw 8 8 4 2 (1¹/₃) IV; Echo 8 4 (2²/₃) 2 II; Ped 16

1600 All Saints, The Heath SE3 0TY

In a prominent position on the edge of the heath. Wm Hill 1859 & later, Lewis 1915, Walker 1958, Percy Daniel 1969, Mander 2003. Ch 8 8 8 4 2 1¹/₂ 8 8; Gt

16 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 1³/₅ III; Sw 8 8 8 8 4 2 1 III 8 16 8 4; Ped 16 16 16 8 8 5¹/₃ 4 4
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Travel: Trains from Charing Cross at 0909 (arr 0929), 0932 (arr 0952), 0939 (arr 0959) calling at Waterloo East and London Bridge on the way to Gillingham/Dartford. From Cannon Street at 0924, calling at London Bridge, arriving 0941. From Victoria 0909, arriving 0934. Exit from Blackheath station and turn right. If you want a bus, use the pedestrian crossing to get to the other side of the road, the bus stop (E) is a few yards further on (routes 54, 89, 108), alight at St Margaret's Church/Brandram Road (stop C), frequent service, journey 12 minutes. If you wish to walk (10-20 mins), stay on the same side of the road as the station exit and proceed up the steep incline of Blackheath Village/Lee Road. Turn right into Lee Terrace and continue along it for about half a mile. By Church Terrace use the lights-controlled pedestrian crossing to get to the other side of the very busy road. Access the church through the crypt entrance on the south side down a ramp/some steps.

Car parking: suggest you use the 'Station' car park, run by Apcoa, cost £5 all Saturday, access from Hurren Close off Baizdon Road (SE3 9LE, no access from the station); advice on location/alternatives can be given when you book.

Lunch: can be obtained from various establishments in Blackheath centre.

Tea: will be available at All Saints, cost about £3.50. Meetings charge: £5.

Bookings: to Richard Blanch (richardblanch@aol.com or 01707 322166) by Tuesday 15 January for the day and indicating if you want tea.

Saturday 16 February - Masterclass at St George's, Hanover Square, London

1100 The Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street London W1K 2PA

William Drake organ: Gt 11; Sw 10; Ped 3. The visit here has been arranged by our OCSO member, Alex Hamilton. There will be a demonstration, and members will be able to play.

1230 Lunch break. There are many cafe's (and good hotels!) in the area

1400 St George's, Hanover Square, London W1S WFX

Masterclass with James Parsons. Students will use the new Richards, Fowkes and Co organ: Gt 12; Sw 13; Ch 10; Ped 11, and the Goetz and Gwynn Handel organ: 1 manual 7 stops.

1530 Tea break using Oxford Street cafes

1600 Recital on the new organ by Director of Music, Simon Williams.

Travel: Both churches are in the village of Mayfair in Central London. The nearest Underground stations are Bond Street and Green Park and every venue is within walking distance.

Costs: The only cost is the meeting charge of £10 to include the recital. There will be no charge for students taking part in the Masterclass. If you

would like to play in the class, please let John Miley know by email (bwv608@aol.co.uk) as soon as possible with details of the piece you would like to play.

Bookings to John Miley at the above email address or telephone 01780 470015 by Sunday 10 February. Please note, John is abroad until the end of January but emails will be received and replied to.

Saturday 9 March - AGM, Llandaff Cathedral

By kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, the 2013 AGM will be held in Llandaff Cathedral. The programme will be:

1300-1345 AGM held in the nave.

1400-1530 Lecture/Demonstration/Recital of the new Nicholson IVP 76 organ to be given by the cathedral organists and Andrew Moyes and Guy Russell of Nicholson's.

1530-1700 Tea and members playing.

1800 Choral Evensong with the men and boys choir for those who are able to stay.

The AGM is open to all at no cost and I hope as many members as possible will wish to attend. The lecture/recital will cost £5 and tea in the cathedral £5.

As the cathedral requires firm numbers of attendees, please notify me using the enclosed form by **31 January 2013** if you wish to attend. Enclose a cheque for the lecture/recital and tea or pay online quoting AGM and your name as the reference, to the Club's Account 00655171 at Barclays, 114 Fenchurch Street, London, sort-code 20-31-52.

The rail timetable for 9 March is not yet available, but currently the 0945 train from Paddington arrives Cardiff Central at 1146. Buses 25, 33, 33A & 62 go from Central Station to the Cathedral, taking about 20 minutes. Return trains leave at 1730, 1750 and 1830, arriving at Paddington 2014, 2031 and 2114.

There is a selection of pubs, cafes and coffee shops adjacent to the Cathedral for lunch as well as a varied choice close to Central Station.

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RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans AL1 3XG

Tuesdays 1230–1315 (light refreshments 1200–1220, and after the recital).

www.nsos.org.uk/stalbansrecitals.htm

St Alphege, Montrose Ave, Burnt Oak, Edgware HA8 0DN

10th Anniversary of the organ. Admission £10 to include buffet & wine
Feb 2 at 1930 Margaret Phillips