

The Organ Club Newsletter

JULY 2013

NOTICES

September Newsletter contributions: please email notices by 16th August 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 September to Kevin Grose (journal@organclub.org), or alternatively write to him at 330 East 33rd Street 14A, New York, NY 10016, USA.

Visit to Hamburg, Lübeck and Lüneburg, 26-29 August 2013

In association with the Suffolk Organists Association, we invite members to partake in this visit to the best organs in the area, with recitals, masterclasses and opportunities to hear the organs.

The price for Organ Club members to join the event is £160, with your own arrangements for hotel accommodation and flights.

For further details, contact the President (jmiley@iee.org); 01780 470015.

Congratulations to Student Member, David Loxley-Blount, who has won the 2013 Choir & Organ Composition Competition with his organ work, *Sonus Repercussus*. David says, "The work was inspired by large acoustic spaces ... homophonic passages alternate with contrasting multi-section episodes which vary in character and texture in a quasi-rondo form."

The Competition is organised in partnership with St Albans International Organ Festival, and David's work will be premiered in St Albans Cathedral on Saturday 20th July, during the Prizewinners' Recital.

For further details, see David's website: www.djloxley-blount.co.uk.

CLUB MEETINGS

SATURDAY 20 JULY - Alton, Lasham & Shalden

This will be the Club's first visit to these four churches.

1100 All Saints, Butts Road, Alton GU34 1ND

Victorian building, very limited parking. Hill 1884 with later alterations; 2/15. Gt 8 8 4 4 2 1/3, Sw 8 8 4 II-III16 8 Ped 16 8 4 Demonstration by Gerald Marlow, team organist.

1215 Arrive Lasham - lunch: own or at Royal Oak, next to Lasham Church.

1330 St Mary the Virgin, Lasham GU34 5SD

Designed 1866 by Woodyer in c13 style; replaced a Saxon building. Nicholson organ c1841, restored 2011 Walker. 8 8 8 4 4 2 plus Pedal 16. Demonstration by Neil Wright of Farnborough Abbey.

1445 St Peter & St Paul, Shalden Lane, Shalden GU34 4DX

Designed 1865 by Colson, replacing a medieval building. Short walk needed to reach the building. Walker organ 1873; 1m “pre-Schweitzer era” pedals, not a chamber organ. Restored 1996 & c2010 Walker. 16 8 8b 8t 8tc 4 4 2 Demonstration by Neil Wright.

1545 St Lawrence, Church Street, Alton GU34 2BW

Superb town church with history back to Norman times, Grade 1 listed. Organ by Speechley, 1866, rebuild 1966 Wood Wordsworth & electrics 1993 Martin Cross; 3/58. Demonstration by Tony Willman, Director of Music.

Transport: Our coach will leave Alton station at 1045 following arrival of 0923 train from London Waterloo (due at 1037). Return train leaves Alton at 1745, due Waterloo at 1910.

Parking: Alton Station (£2); can be busy.

Costs: Approx cost £14; final cost depends on the numbers taking part.

Food: Lunch can be booked in advance (menu available), but you will be paying the Royal Oak directly. Tea/coffee may be available at first and last churches.

Toilets: in pub at Lasham, none at Shalden.

Booking: to Mark Jameson (markmdjameson@btinternet.com)(any time to 17th July) or phone 01189 344212 from 5th to 17th July. I propose to gather lunch requirements and advise Royal Oak to save time on the day.

NB Sunday 21st July is the date of the big Alton bus rally linked to the Watercress railway - why not make it a weekend in the area?

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST - The Nene Valley

A day in the lovely countryside beside the River Nene, visiting two newly installed small organs, partaking of a fine lunch, and a recital by our friend and member, Albert Frey, the Organist of Füssen, Bavaria.

1045 St Rumbold, Church Lane, Stoke Doyle PE8 5TH

Nigel Church; 1 manual and pedal.

1215 St James, Thurning PE8 5RF

Richard Bower; 1 manual and pedal; set high above the chancel arch.

1345 The Village Hall, Main Street, Glaphorn PE8 5BE

Three-course lunch including wine.

1600 St Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, Warmington PE8 6TE

Recital by Albert Frey, Organist of Füssen, Bavaria.

Grant Degens and Bradbeer (1973); 2 manual and pedals; transferred from Cranleigh School.

Transport: Our coach will leave Peterborough station at 1025, following the arrival of the 0930 train from Kings Cross (due at 1015). Return train from Peterborough at 1832, which should arrive at Kings Cross at 1928. Please note that these are East Midlands trains. If you would like a cheaper option, stopping at all stations on route, the 0836 Capital Connect train arrives Peterborough at 1006, and the 1846 from Peterborough gets to Kings Cross at 2001.

Parking: is available at the north side of Peterborough station.

Coffee will be available at Stoke Doyle.

Lunch: A three-course lunch (£15) prepared by the President's personal caterer will be available at Glaphorn Village Hall to include wine, beer or soft drinks. The menu will be as follows: Stilton & broccoli soup; Victorian chicken pie with vegetables (vegetarian option, Mushroom Stroganoff); Raspberry Crème brûlée; Coffee.

Meeting charge and Coach: £15

Bookings: to John Miley (jmiley@jee.org) or 01780 470015 by Friday 2 August giving details of lunch requirements.

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER - Guildford

The churches will include **St Mary's, Quarry Street**, **St Nicolas, Bury Street**, and **The United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road**.

Full details will appear in the September Newsletter.

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).

Suggested minimum donation £3.

www.nsos.org.uk/stalbansrecitals.htm

Victoria Hall, Hanley ST1 3AD

July 13 at 1200 Jordan Meakin

Aug 17 at 1200 Kevin Morgan

At the door or in advance £6 (Concessions £5).

www.victoriahall-organproms.co.uk

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EP

July 27 at 1600 Benjamin Sheen (Juilliard School, New York)

Admission free; retiring collection. Light refreshments served after the concert.

http://bloomsbury.org.uk/music/page/organ_concerts/

St Alphage, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware HA8 0DN

Admission £10 to include buffet and wine.

July 6 Ghislaine Reece-Trapp (Organ Scholar, Christ Church, Oxford)

St John the Evangelist, Duncan Terrace, Islington, N1 8AL

Saturdays at 1930 (admission free with collection)

July 20 Adrian Gunning (St John the Evangelist, Islington)

Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury CT1 2EH

July 12 at 1800 Daniel Marx

Admission free; retiring collection.

All Saints, Church Square, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1AE

July 17 at 2000 Justin Waters

Aug 21 at 2000 David Wilks

Admission £5 at the door; refreshments served afterwards.

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

July 30 at 1310 Ed Kemp-Luck

Admission free; retiring collection.

St Albans International Organ Festival, St Albans, Hertfordshire

July 11-20 A series of recitals by distinguished members of the 2013 Competition Jury (Thierry Escaich, Kalevi Kiviniemi, Kei Koito, Stefan Engels, Alan Morrison) and by young organists on the organs of St Albans Cathedral, St Peter's Church and St Saviour's Church.

Full details of the Festival including booking arrangements and concert programmes can be found at *www.organfestival.com*.

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