

The Organ Club Newsletter

MARCH 2013

NOTICES

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

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2013 Membership

May I remind those who have not renewed so far that the renewal date was 1st January? All members with email addresses are acknowledged with your 2013 membership number as soon as I have processed the renewal. The renewal form was issued with the January Newsletter but if you have mislaid it, you can download a copy from the Organ Club website or phone me on 01189 344212 or email me (membership@organclub.org).

Your membership number is quoted above your address on this Newsletter envelope. If it starts with "12", then your 2013 subscription has not been paid.

Please note that post-dated cheques are not accepted.

I would like to thank all those members who have renewed and especially those who have added donations to their subscription.

Mark Jameson

OCSO Young Organists Festival, Saturday 4 May

Held at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, this is a performance event for young organists in association with the RCO St Giles Organ School. Organised by Gerard Brooks, performers will practise from 3.00pm with a public concert at 6.00pm. OCSO members are being given first choice with a limited number of players.

Admission is free for players; public admission (£5) is from 5.30pm.

If you are interested in taking part in this event, please reply to me, and let me know the piece you would like to play.

John Miley (jmiley@iee.org); 01780 470015.

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.

CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday 9 March - AGM at Llandaff

Full documentation for the meeting is contained in the accompanying Annual Report booklet. If you are attending the AGM, please remember to bring the booklet with you.

Attendance at the AGM is of course open to all. Booking for the lecture/recital and tea closed on 31 January.

Saturday 20 April - Central London

We will visit a concert hall and 2 churches in Westminster.

1100 St John's, Smith Square SW1P 3HA

Organ by Klais 1993. Rp 8 8 8 4 2 2 11/3 II IV 16 8; Gt 16 8 8 8 4 4 22/3 2 V V 8; Sw 8 8 8 4 4 22/3 2 13/5 1 IV 16 8 8 8 4; Ped 32 16 16 102/3 8 8 4 IV 16 16 8.

1400 St Stephen's, Rochester Row SW1P 1LE

Organ by J J Binns 1903, originally from St Thomas's Leith, moved and rebuilt by Andrew Cooper Organ Builders 2012. Sw 8 8 8 8 4 III 8 8 8; Gt 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 8; Ped 32 16 16 8 8 16.

1600 St Michael's, Chester Square SW1W 9EF

Organ by J W Walker 1994. Sw 8 8 8 4 4 2 11/3 4 16 8 8; Gt 16 8 8 4 4 2 IV V 8; Ped 16 16 8 8 4 16.

Travel: St John's, Smith Square, is a 10-minute walk from Victoria or St James Park stations.

Lunch: There are plenty of pubs, cafés and restaurants in the area between Smith Square and Rochester Row.

Meeting charge: £5.

Bookings: to John Miley (jmiley@iee.org) or 07710 403380 by Monday 15 April.

Sunday 5 May to Saturday 11 May - Edinburgh tour

All places on the tour have now been taken.

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

Mar 5	Nicholas Hare, St Albans
Mar 12	David Warner, St Nicholas, Barton-le-Cley
Mar 19	Michael Frith, Brentwood
Mar 26	NSOS Students
Apr 2	Debbie Barnes (Bassoon) with Don Gibbons (Piano)
Apr 9	Terence Atkins, Chipping Barnet Parish Church
Apr 16	Travis Baker, St Mary's, Putney
Apr 23	Justin Miller, St Albans Cathedral
Apr 30	Alan Childs, St Mary's Hitchin

Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London SW11 5TN

Mar 11 1830-2100 A presentation in support of the continuing restoration of the Hope-Jones organ, and an opportunity to hear the sections which have already been restored. Food is to be served. The event is free, but with a collection for the organ fund.

Although tickets are not required, numbers are needed for catering purposes, so if you wish to attend please contact Kane Moore (020 7326 8235; *artisticdirectors@bac.org.uk*).

Battersea Arts Centre (the old Battersea Town Hall) is about half way up Lavender Hill (on the left-hand side) from Clapham Junction. Several bus routes go up the hill past it from the Junction, or it's an 8-minute walk.

The organ restoration forms part of a major refurbishment of the building, which will involve removing various 1950s-60s accretions to return it to nearer its original Victorian design. Funding is promised from Lottery/English Heritage, but requires matching funding - so it is hoped that enthusiasts will give the event good support!

Judith Howard

Victoria Hall, Hanley ST1 3AD

Mar 2 at 1200 Nigel Ogden

Apr 13 at 1200 Thomas Heywood

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

www.victoriahall-organproms.co.uk

St Margaret's, St Margaret's Way, Leicester LE1 3EB

Apr 11 at 1300 Philip J Bricher

Refreshments available; retiring collection.

King's College Chapel, Cambridge

Mar 9 at 1830 Peter Stevens (Assistant Master of Music, Westminster Cathedral)

Admission free; retiring collection.

(www.kings.cam.ac.uk/events/organ-recitals.html)

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EP

Mar 23 at 1600 Carl Jackson (Director of Music of the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace)

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

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

St Barnabus, Ealing W5 1QG

The St Barnabus Organ Festival will take place on Sunday October 6th, from 2.00pm to 10.00pm, with about ten organists giving mini-recitals. More details will follow later in the year.

The first organ festival was held in 2012 to celebrate the installation by Nicholsons of the Hill organ of 1851/1877 from St Jude's, Southsea.

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