

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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**MAY 2013**

## **NOTICES**

**July Newsletter contributions:** please email notices by 16th June to Brian Caswell ([newsletter@organclub.org](mailto: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](mailto:journal@organclub.org)), or alternatively write to him at 330 East 33rd Street 14A, New York, NY 10016, USA.

## **2013 Membership**

Further to the announcements in both January and March Newsletters, we still have around 40 members whose memberships have expired. Renewals are due 1st January annually. Please look at the envelope label - if the label number starts with a "12" then this is the last mailing you will receive, and enclosed in the envelope is your final reminder renewal form. If your financial circumstances are such that you are unable to renew, then please email or write to me - the matter will be treated confidentially.

Please complete all sections on the form that relate to you and any joint member, especially the email address exactly as it is applied. It really is vital that your email address 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). The payment information is on the form.

Thank you to the majority who have renewed - many of you have added donations to your renewals and we are very grateful. I look forward to receiving your renewals - please remember the postman who has to read your writing and make sure the 92 The Hawthorns is clear!

*Mark Jameson ([membership@organclub.org](mailto:membership@organclub.org))*

## **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](mailto:jmiley@iee.org)); 01780 470015.

## CLUB MEETINGS

### **Sunday 5 May to Saturday 11 May - Edinburgh tour**

All places on the tour have now been taken.

### **Thursday 23 May - St James Garlickhythe, London EC4V 2AF**

In a special evening meeting jointly sponsored with the City of London and Eastern Society of Organists (CLESO), Club member **Petra Bjørkhaug**, Organist of Nidaros Cathedral, Trondheim (the “Westminster Abbey” of Norway), assisted by **John Pål Inderberg** (saxophone), will play Norwegian organ music and speak about the £5M redevelopment of the Nidaros organ. The venue is in Garlick Hill, near Mansion House station, and the event starts at 7.30pm. CLESO and Club members free; others £5.00.

### **Saturday 15 June - Derbyshire**

We will visit Repton School and 3 village churches in a beautiful part of rural Derbyshire.

#### **1030 St Peter's, High Street, Chellaston DE73 6TD**

George Sixsmith 1985: 3-rank extension organ (all unenclosed). Manual I 8; Manual II 7; Ped 8.

#### **1200 St Michael and St Mary, Church Square, Melbourne DE73 8EN**

Bevington and sons 1860; re-built Nicholsons of Worcester 1981. Gt 9; Sw 9; Ped 8.

#### **1315 Lunch break in the Melbourne tea rooms (own cost)**

#### **1400 Repton School, Repton DE65 6FH**

Harrison and Harrison 1929. Gt 12; Sw 11; Ch 6; Ped 7.

#### **1530 St Wystan's, Willington Road, Repton DE65 6FH**

Peter Collins 1998. Gt 9; Sw 10; Ped 6.

**Transport:** Our coach will leave East Midlands Parkway station at 1000 following arrival of 0825 train from St Pancras (due at 0952). Return train leaves East Midlands Parkway at 1739, due St Pancras at 1912.

**Parking:** Good parking at the station and at all venues.

**Coffee** will be available at Chellaston, and a cup of tea and biscuits at Repton Parish Church.

**Meeting charge and coach:** £12.

**Bookings:** to John Miley ([jmiley@iee.org](mailto:jmiley@iee.org)) or 07710 403380 by Sunday 9 June.

## **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.

**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.

### **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.

Both these churches are well worth a visit.

### **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.

**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](mailto:markmdjameson@btinternet.com)) or phone 01189 344212 by 16th June, or 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?

## **RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS**

### **Central Hall Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

May 4 Young Organists Festival (in association with RCO St Giles Organ School). Performance at 6.00pm by a selection of young organists, including some of our OCSO members.

Admission for Club members £5.

### **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](http://www.nsos.org.uk/stalbansrecitals.htm)*

### **Victoria Hall, Hanley ST1 3AD**

May 11 at 1200 Ian Tracey

June 8 at 1200 Michael Rhodes

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

*[www.victoriahall-organproms.co.uk](http://www.victoriahall-organproms.co.uk)*

### **Kingsley Park Methodist Church, Northampton**

May 11 at 1000 Philip J Bricher & Mark Beaumont

### **Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EP**

May 25 at 1600 John Scott Whiteley

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

*[http://bloomsbury.org.uk/music/page/organ\\_concerts/](http://bloomsbury.org.uk/music/page/organ_concerts/)*

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

Admission £10 to include buffet and wine.

May 18 Ourania Gassiou (French Protestant Church, London, and Athens Concert Hall)

June tba Anthony Halliday (Melbourne; formerly organist at St Alphage)

### **John Compton plaque unveiling and recital (20th May)**

An Ealing Civic Society green plaque commemorating John Compton will be unveiled by his adopted granddaughter, Suzy Perkins, at his former home at 37 Audley Road on Monday 20th May at 11am.

Compton was the owner of the Compton Organ company, with its factory in Chase Road, Park Royal, which built organs for cinemas, churches and even a few cathedrals. The unveiling will be followed by talks on John Compton and his company, a short recital by Richard Hills on the 1947 “Electrone” Compton organ and a buffet lunch at the **Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road W5 3EB.**

Those wishing to attend the unveiling celebrations should contact: *[info@ealingcivicsociety.org](mailto:info@ealingcivicsociety.org)* by 12 May.

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