

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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**NOVEMBER 2013**

## **NOTICES**

**January Newsletter contributions:** please email notices by 16th December 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 January 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.

## **Australia Tour 1-25 October 2014**

Further to the information in the September Newsletter, members are of course free to make their own arrangements with respect to transport and hotels, either through Oundle Travel (01832 273600) or with any other agent of their choice. We will make available the timetable of visits, and members will be free to join us just for these. Please let me know by 15 November by email ([jmiley@jee.org](mailto:jmiley@jee.org)) if you would like to join the visits but make your own arrangements.

*John Miley*

## **Here Is Joy!**

This CD of new Christmas choral music released on Priory features the Choir of St Michael's, Cornhill, directed by Past-President Jonathan Rennert. St Michael's will be the venue for the Club AGM in March 2014, and Jonathan Rennert is to give the AGM recital on the historic organ restored in 2010 by Nicholsons.

## **Five-hour charity concert**

Our member Carol Williams, San Diego Civic Organist and Artistic Director of the Spreckels Organ Society, will be performing a 5-hour charity concert on Sunday 1st December from midday to 5pm. The concert will take place at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park, San Diego. All the donations at this event will go to the American Red Cross.

This will be the first webcasting of the Sunday concerts at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. You will be able to watch the concert live at the website: [www.sosorgan.org](http://www.sosorgan.org). Note that the above times equate to 8.00pm to 1.00am GMT.

## **CLUB MEETINGS**

### **SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER - Hampstead (OCSO entertains)**

#### **1030 University College School (UCS) Great Hall, Frognal, Hampstead NW3 6XH**

J.W. Walker. Two manuals and pedals. Martin Stacey (and perhaps a couple of his pupils) will be giving the demonstration and there will be a chance for members to play.

#### **1200-1400 Lunch (own arrangements)**

There are plenty of places to eat on Finchley Road (near UCS) or at Temple Fortune (near Free Church).

#### **1400 Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb NW11 7AG**

Norman and Beard (1912, rebuilt 2003); three manuals and pedals. Lutyens church. Jonathan Gregory will be giving the demonstration. Tea will be available after a chance to play.

#### **1600 OCSO entertains at St Jude-on-the-Hill, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb NW11 7AH**

Father Willis, Hill Norman & Beard, David Wells. Three manuals and pedals in a fine acoustic where lots of recordings have been made. Lutyens church.

Organ Club Students Organisation (OCSO) members will be giving a joint recital here. Your support would be very much appreciated.

**Transport:** UCS is served by Hampstead Station (Northern Line) or Finchley Road (Metropolitan and Jubilee Lines) and Finchley Road and Frognal Station (London Overground). Buses 13, 46, 82, 113, 268, C11, C12 and 603 stop nearby. The 82 bus goes along Finchley Road (near UCS) and takes you to Temple Fortune, from where it is a 10-15 minute walk to Free Church. St Jude's is just across the square from Free Church.

**Parking:** There is some on-street parking in Hampstead but there are various parking restrictions and limited space. You can use the Free Church car park for the afternoon.

**Costs:** £5 per person; tea is an additional £3.

**Bookings:** If you have internet access, please register at <https://organclub.eventbrite.co.uk/> This will make collecting details a lot easier.

Otherwise, please call Daniel Marx on 07884400208. Deadline for registration is 10 November.

## **SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER -**

We will visit three significant instruments in North and Central London.

### **1000-1130 Union Chapel, Compton Terrace, N1 2UN**

“Father” Willis 1877/8, restored Harrison & Harrison 2012: Gt 12 SW 12 Ch 8 Ped 5.

### **1215-1330 St Cyprian, Clarence Gate, Glentworth Street NW1 6AX**

Spurden Rutt 1931, restored Michael Broadway 2000: Gt 11 SW 12 Ch 8 Ped 10.

### **1330 Lunch**

Own arrangements; there are numerous pubs, cafés and coffee-shops in the area.

### **1430-1600 Royal Academy of Music, Marylebone Road NW1 5HT**

Kuhn 2013: Gt 11 Sw 13 Solo 11 Ped 10. We are the first public organisation to visit this new organ.

**Travel:** The Union Chapel is an easy 5 minute walk from Highbury and Islington station (Victoria Line and Overground). Turn right out of the station, walk down Upper Street (using the pedestrian crossing to get to the left-hand side) and the chapel is on the left in about 300 yards, easily visible from Upper Street. We will use public transport from the Union Chapel to St Cyprian's - full instructions will be given in the visit notes on the day.

**Meeting charge:** £5-00.

**Bookings:** to David Wakefield ([david.wakefield3@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.wakefield3@ntlworld.com)), 020 8874 9400 by Monday 9 December, please.

## **SATURDAY 18 JANUARY**

Full details will appear in the January 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](http://www.nsos.org.uk/stalbansrecitals.htm)

Nov 5 John Wearmouth (All Saints', Leighton Buzzard)

Nov 12 Roy Meek (St Augustine's, Limbury)

Nov 19 Nicholas King (St John's, Boxmoor)

Nov 26 Peter StJohn Stokes (St Albans)

Dec 3 Robin Coxon (St Francis of Assisi, Welwyn Garden City)

Dec 10 Mary Cook (St Albans)

Dec 17 Paul Dewhurst (St Giles', Pontefract)

Dec 24 No recital – next recital Jan 7

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

Nov 16 at 1200 Donald Mackenzie

At the door or in advance £6 (Concessions £5). [www.victoriahall-organproms.co.uk](http://www.victoriahall-organproms.co.uk)

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

Nov 30 at 1600 Norman Harper (St George's Metropolitan Cathedral)

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

Jan 25 from 1300 Annual Bloomsbury Organ Day, including at 1800 recital by Jane Parker-Smith

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

### **St Albans International Organ Festival, St Albans, Hertfordshire**

Nov 9 at 1730 at St Albans Cathedral Daniel Hyde (UK)

[www.organfestival.com](http://www.organfestival.com).

### **Reading Town Hall, Reading RG1 1QH**

Nov 20 at 1300 Michael Harris (St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh)

[www.readingarts.com](http://www.readingarts.com)

### **St Mary-le-Bow, London EC2V 6AU**

Nov 7 at 1305 Sue Heath-Downey

Admission free; retiring collection.

[www.rbc-choir.org.uk/sue-heath-downey](http://www.rbc-choir.org.uk/sue-heath-downey)

### **King's College Chapel, Cambridge CB2 1ST**

Nov 2 at 1830 George Baker (Dallas, Texas)

Nov 9 at 1830 Tom Etheridge (King's College)

Nov 16 at 1830 Peter Barley (St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick)

Nov 23 at 1830 Andrew Dean and Albert Cano Smit

Nov 30 at 1830 Douglas Tang (King's College)

Admission free; retiring collection.

([www.kings.cam.ac.uk/events/organ-recitals.html](http://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/events/organ-recitals.html))

### **Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff CF5 2LA**

Nov 8 at 1930 Robert Quinney (Peterborough Cathedral)

Opening recital of the newly completed Nicholson organ.

Admission £10 (£8) available on the door.

### **St Nicolas, Newbury RG14 5HG**

Nov 14 at 1310 Jonathan Holl

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