

The Organ Club Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2013

NOTICES

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

Australia Tour October 2014

As indicated in the November 2012 Newsletter, the 2014 tour will be to the eastern side of Australia. The itinerary is expected to take in 27 of the principal organs in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, and then returning to Sydney for the journey back to the UK. There will be plenty of time for general sightseeing during the days in each city, together with a coach trip to the Blue Mountains area (including a lunch and house organ at our destination).

Because of the complexity of the tour, arrangements have been made with a travel agent to organise: flights London (Heathrow) to Sydney & return, internal flights within Australia, coach transport from airports to hotels & vice versa, hotels on the basis of room only (twin-bed sharing), and visas at a cost of £3,238 per person. However, for those who wish, there will be an optional three extra days excursion to Brisbane (cost £300 per person), then returning to Sydney and on to the UK. Also it should be possible to participate in some of the tour but not all, if you wish, and appropriate prices will be agreed with the travel agent. You will need to provide money for your own meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), local public transport within the cities and incidentals. Club costs (additional to the above) to include donations to the venues, tour brochure, Blue Mountains trip and the usual dinner are expected to be around £250 (or £285 if you wish to take in the Brisbane excursion). Departure from London will be on Wednesday 01 October 2014 and arrival back will be on Saturday 25 October 2014 (Tuesday 28 October for those on the Brisbane excursion).

Twenty two members expressed interest in the tour as a result of the previous announcement and a more detailed information document and booking form will be sent automatically to those people. If you would wish to receive the

information and booking form, without obligation, please email richardblanch@aol.com or write to him at 1 Chedburgh, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2PU, phone 01707 322166. The deadline for bookings to enable the travel agent to accomplish their tasks is 15 November 2013.

Selby Abbey Organ Appeal

Please consider supporting the restoration of the famous 1909 Hill organ and spread the word to friends and acquaintances. £500,000 is required to rebuild this magnificent organ, much beloved by Fernando Germani and heard the world over through his famous HMV records in the 1960s.

www.selbyabbeyorganappeal.org.uk

David Wakefield

CLUB MEETINGS

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER - Guildford

1000 Guildford Methodist Church, Woodbridge Road GU1 4RG

Mander, 2 manuals and pedal (no swell). The church is closing at the end of August and relocating to combine with St. Mary's (which we are also visiting). We are therefore fortunate to be able to see and hear the organ before it is dismantled to be sold. Coffee available

1130 St Mary's, Quarry Street GU1 3UY

Saxon Aldred (1988). 2 manuals and pedal. The church is the oldest in Guildford.

1300 Lunch. There is a huge variety of eating places and pubs in the town centre.

1400 St Nicolas, Bury Street GU2 4AW

The present Victorian building is the third on the site. Willis (1876, 1926) 3 manuals and pedal. Restored Griffiths and Cooper (2009). I was Director of Music here (1999-2012).

1530 The United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road GU2 4BS

Hill, Norman & Beard, 3 manuals and pedal. Tea will be available.

Transport: It is strongly recommended to travel by train. There are frequent trains from London (Waterloo). Suggest 0900 departure arriving Guildford 0933. Meet Station main entrance 0945. All the churches we are visiting are within walking distance, therefore no coach will be required.

Parking: Will be almost impossible in the town centre on this day, especially because of The Tour of Britain Cycle Race, which is taking place. Guildford High Street is likely to be very crowded.

Costs: £10, including morning coffee and afternoon tea.

Bookings: to John Varney - (jvarneyguildford@icloud.com) (01483 574326) by 14th September at the latest please.

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER - West Yorkshire

We will visit Halifax Minster, two other churches, and a house in the Calder Valley.

1215 St John the Baptist, Halifax (Halifax Minster) HX1 1QL

Harrison & Harrison (1929) with earlier work by Snetzler, Hill, Abbott & Smith. Gt 14; Sw 13; Ch 8; So 7; Ped 10.

1315 Lunch break own arrangements – lunch can be pre-booked at the Ring o’Bells pub next to the Minster if desired.

1400 Church of the Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd HX7 5EA

David Rhodes (1990). Gt 5; Ped 1.

There will also be an opportunity to play the pipe organ in Professor David Baker’s home if time allows:

House of Professor David Baker, Riga Rose, Scout Close, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5JU

Unknown 18th century builder, rebuilt Norman and Beard (1886, 1900); restored Rodney Briscoe (W & A Boggis)(2009).

1500 St Michael, Mytholmroyd HX7 5DS

William Andrews (1912), refurbished and rebuilt Wood of Huddersfield (1980, 1990, 2013) Gt 8; Sw 9; Ch 6; Ped 7.

Transport: Our coach will leave Leeds station at 1140 following arrival of the 0903 train from King’s Cross (due at 1125). Coach departs Mytholmroyd at 1615 for Leeds station. Return train leaves Leeds at 1711 (change at Sheffield), due St Pancras at 2034 (sadly, there are no fast return trains after midday).

Parking: Good parking at or near all venues.

Refreshments: Coffee will be available at Halifax Minster, and afternoon tea at St Michael’s, Mytholmroyd.

Meeting charge and coach: Approx £14, depending on numbers.

Bookings: to Peter Stokes (pstjstokes@gmail.com) (01727 865417) by 13th Oct.

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Full details will appear in the November 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

Sep 21 at 1200 Scott Brothers Duo

Oct 19 at 1200 Philip Rushforth

At the door or in advance £6 (Concessions £5). www.victoriahall-organproms.co.uk

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EP

Sep 28 at 1600 Ourania Gassiou (French Protestant Church, London)

Oct 26 at 1600 David Pipe (York Minster)

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.

Sep 7 Cathy Lamb (Joint Director of Music, Lichfield Cathedral)

Oct 5 Eleni Keventsidou (Rugby School and Kent College, Canterbury)

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

Saturdays at 1930 (admission free with collection)

Sep 28 Peter Stephens (Westminster Cathedral)

St Albans International Organ Festival, St Albans, Hertfordshire

Sep 14 at 1730 at St Albans Cathedral Naomi Matsui (Japan)

Oct 12 at 1730 at St Peter's Church Graham Barber (UK)

www.organfestival.com.

Reading Town Hall

Sep 14 at 1300, 1400 and 1500 demonstrations (Jonathan Holl, David Pether)

Sep 18 at 1300 Cameron Luke (Cheltenham)

Oct 17 at 1930 Stephen Farr (+ talk at 1815 by William McVicker)

www.readingarts.com

Burgh House, Hampstead NW3 1LT

Sep 25 at 1930 Richard Black; piano music by Robert Mansell (member)

£12 (or £45 including dinner) www.robertmansell.com

St Mary and All Saints, Fotheringhay PE8 5HZ

Sep 20 at 1930 Daniel Moulton (admission £8 for Club members)

Westminster Cathedral

Sep 8 at 1645 Paul Derrett www.paulderrett.co.uk/organ_recitals.html

St Andrew's, Rugby CV21 3PT

Oct 15 at 1300 Philip Bricher

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