

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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**MARCH 2014**

## **NOTICES**

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

**Write for the Organ Club Journal!** Kevin Grose, our Journal Editor, would be pleased to receive contributions to the OCJ from members. The OCJ provides continuing coverage of Club events but also can highlight interesting activities of its members. Contributions can be short or long; ideally, not more than 1000 words. Photos (sent as jpg files) to accompany the contributions are welcome. Please email contributions by 1st May to Kevin ([journal@organclub.org](mailto:journal@organclub.org)), or alternatively write to him at 330 East 33rd Street 14A, New York, NY 10016, USA.

## **2014 Tour**

The Australia tour has had to be cancelled as there were not enough applicants to make it viable. To replace the tour, the Committee has decided upon a tour to Southern Lancashire, including Merseyside and Greater Manchester. This is planned for half-term, between the afternoon of Sunday 26 October and the morning of Saturday 1 November. Arrangements are going ahead, and full details will appear in the next Newsletter (May). In the meantime, those who wish to express interest and receive information in due course should contact the President-Elect, [psjstokes@gmail.com](mailto:psjstokes@gmail.com) or 07900 220 816.

## **2014 Membership**

Around 66% of members have now renewed, many with donations added – thank you for your prompt and generous renewals. 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 their new membership number as soon as I have processed the renewal. The renewal form (UK - pink, outside UK mainland - gold) 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. If you are renewing for more than one year, your renewal rate is that which relates to your age on 1st January of the year you are renewing for. If you received a green data update form you need to respond to me only if any of your details have changed – it is vital we have your current email address or telephone number.

*Mark Jameson*

## **Organ Festival at Southbank Centre**

The return of the newly restored Royal Festival Hall organ is being celebrated with a series of events from March to June including world premieres, recitals by three top organists, the Simón Bolívar National Youth Choir of Venezuela, free workshops and much more.

More info at: [southbankcentre.co.uk/organ](http://southbankcentre.co.uk/organ)

## **Organ Club website ([www.organclub.org](http://www.organclub.org))**

The Club website has been completely redesigned, and we are expecting it to go live before the end of February. The new structure has been built by our website manager, Peter Yardley-Jones, and content has been prepared by Kevin Grose and me. Obviously a website is never "finished", and there will be ongoing work to improve the content and keep it updated.

Please have a look at it, and send your compliments and brickbats to Kevin and me (contact details above).

*Brian Caswell*

## **CLUB MEETINGS**

### **SATURDAY 15 MARCH - AGM at St Michael, Cornhill**

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.

### **SATURDAY 26 APRIL - Brighton**

The arrangements for today have been made by our Brighton members, the late Bill Sibbey and Ryan Cannell. Sadly, Bill Sibbey died unexpectedly after a concert in early December.

All the organs have mechanical key action. The Club has not visited The Chapel Royal and St Luke before, while St Mary was last visited in 1990 and St Martin back in 1977.

#### **1020-1120 The Chapel Royal, North Street, BN1 1EA**

‘Father’ Willis, 1883: Gt 8, Sw 10, Ped 2

#### **1145-1300 St Martin, Lewes Road, BN2 3HQ**

Hill 1875/88, BIOS Historic Organ Certificate Grade 1: Gt 10, Sw 10, Ch 6, Ped 3

**1300-1400 Lunch:** light refreshments will be provided at St Martin if you wish; there are a few cafés and a small supermarket in the vicinity

#### **1430-1545 St Luke, Queen’s Park, BN2 9ZB**

Bevington 1889: Gt 11, Sw 10, Ped 3

### **1615-1730 St Mary, Upper Rock Gardens, BN2 1PR**

Bevington 1859, 1878, 1904, D Houlgate 1980, BIOS Historic Organ Certificate: Gt 10, Sw 10, Ch 5, Ped 9

**Travel:** Southern Train from London (Victoria) dep 0906, Clapham Jn 0912, arr Brighton 0957. Bring your Free Bus Pass to enable you to get around. On arrival at Brighton station take the No 7 Bus (destination Brighton Marina), alight at the North Street stop and walk back the few yards to The Chapel Royal. Those too young to have a Bus Pass may wish to do brisk walking but full details of the bus services will be given in the notes (you can purchase a CitySAVER, Brighton Area, ticket valid for one day on boarding a bus for £4.60). For those walking, exit from the station, go straight ahead down Queens Road, and at the clock tower turn left into North Street (not North Road). You will find the Chapel Royal is on the corner with the pedestrianised Princes Place. The return train will leave Brighton at 1819 arriving London (Victoria) at 1910.

**Parking:** There is a multi-storey 24 hours NCP in Church Street, BN1 1US, very close to The Chapel Royal (walk out of the entrance and turn right down Church Street, cross over Bond Street and then turn right into New Road, passing the Theatre Royal and then turn left into North Street).

**Costs:** Meetings Charge: £5, tea £3.50 (at St. Mary).

**Bookings:** to Richard Blanch ([richardblanch@aol.com](mailto:richardblanch@aol.com)), 01707 322166, BY MONDAY 21ST APRIL AT THE LATEST! Please state whether or not you wish to have the tea.

### **SATURDAY 17 MAY- Ealing**

#### **1000 St Barnabas, Pitshanger Lane W5 1QG**

3m 1877 Hill installed in 2011 by Nicholson's

#### **1200 Pitshanger Methodist, W5 1QP**

2m Compton, rewired by Rushworth in 1995.

#### **1245 Lunch break**

There are a number of cafes and a pub in Pitshanger Lane. Then either a walk or E2/E9 bus to:

#### **1400 St Peter, Mount Park Road W5 2RU**

3m Walker 1924/1985

#### **1630 Haven Green Baptist, W5 2UP**

Tea first, then music. 3m Bryceston/Walker/Shepherd Brothers.

**Costs:** £5 day charge plus tea (cost TBA).

**Travel:** to Ealing Broadway, then bus E2 or E9.

**Parking:** by searching in local streets, better Pitshanger area.

Full details and booking arrangements will appear in the May Newsletter.

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

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

Mar 5 at 1300 Chris Bragg (Admission £4.75)

### **St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA**

Mar 20 at 1305 Catherine Ennis (Admission £10)

Apr 24 at 1305 RAM organ students (Admission £10)

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

Mar 1 at 1830 Jennifer Bate (70th Birthday year concert)

Mar 29 at 1600 Tom Bell

Apr 26 at 1600 Huw Tregelles Williams

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 Albans International Organ Festival, St Albans, Hertfordshire**

Mar 22 at 1730 at St Peter's church, St Albans Eric Lebrun

Apr 26 at 1730 at St Saviour's church, St Albans Robert Woolley

Admission free; retiring collection.

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

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

Mar 1 at 1830 David Dunnett (Norwich Cathedral)

Mar 8 at 1830 Nicholas Morris (Queens' College)

Admission free; retiring collection.

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

### **St John's, Notting Hill, London W11 2NN**

May 9 at 1900 Thomas Trotter (inaugural recital on organ newly restored by T.W. Fearn and Son)

Admission £12, concessions £8.

### **Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace KT8 9AU**

Mar 19 at 1945 Christopher Herrick

Admission £12; pre-concert refreshments available.

*[www.chapelroyal.org](http://www.chapelroyal.org)*

### **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)*

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