

The Organ Club Newsletter

JULY 2014

NOTICES

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

2014 Tour - South Lancashire and Merseyside

There are still some places available on this year's tour, but you are encouraged to book soon. The tour is to South Lancashire, Merseyside and Manchester. This is a fairly compact area with an absolutely splendid collection of fine buildings and organs. The particular economic conditions here have left a rich legacy of Victorian organs, many of which have remained in near original condition.

The visits will begin in the afternoon of Sunday 26 October and end in the afternoon of the following Saturday (1 November). There is unlikely to be a complete day off as there is so much to see.

We are intending to stay for bed and breakfast in the Premier Inn in the Albert Dock, Liverpool, which is an imaginatively restored area on the edge of the town centre, with restaurants, cafés and galleries including Tate Liverpool (www.albertdock.com). Visits planned include the three cathedrals in the area, Liverpool Anglican (Willis/Wells V 152), Liverpool Metropolitan (Walker IV 88), and Manchester (H&H IV 89). The town hall organs are particularly interesting and we are planning to visit St George's Hall in Liverpool (IV 121), Rochdale Town Hall (Binns IV 53) and the famous Cavaillé-Coll in Warrington (III 49). We are planning an architectural tour of Rochdale Town Hall and there will also be a visit to Port Sunlight, with its Willis II organ (IV 41) and the Lady Lever Gallery. The Theatre Organ Heritage Centre and Museum at Eccles will also be visited along with many parish churches of historical, architectural and musical importance, and we will enjoy a celebratory dinner.

The total cost of the tour will be around £590 per person in a shared room and £830 for single occupancy. For those wishing to take the tour but use their own accommodation, the price will be around £200. There is car parking available near the hotel.

For an outline itinerary and booking form, please contact The Treasurer, Colin J Brookes, 83 Castle Road, Hartshill, Nuneaton CV10 0SG (colin@colinjbrookes.co.uk or 02476 398 940). *Peter Stokes*

Visits after the October Tour

Because of the change to the 2014 plans, the Committee has had to concentrate on making the arrangements for the tour and we regret that we have not yet had time to finalise the meetings programme for the following months. There will be another Committee meeting in July and we hope to publish further information in the September Newsletter.

RFH Organ Symposium - Sat 2 August

The Southbank Centre in collaboration with the British Institute of Organ Studies and the Royal College of Organists is presenting an all-day symposium on Saturday 2nd August. The design, craftsmanship and music of the Royal Festival Hall's organ will be examined.

The symposium brings together an international cast of performers and experts, including Dame Gillian Weir and Professor Lionel Rogg, as well as a recital by Margaret Phillips.

For further details, visit www.southbankcentre.co.uk.

CLUB MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY - Royal Festival Hall

Bookings for this visit are now closed. Any enquiries regarding details of the visit to David Wakefield (david.wakefield3@ntlworld.com), 020 8874 9400.

Would those who have booked please meet in the main bar of the RFH on Level 1 by 1900.

Please also note that there was an error in the last Newsletter - the meeting charge is £5.

SATURDAY 19 JULY - North Warwickshire and Tamworth

1130 St Editha, Polesworth

3m Taylor, rebuilt by Roger Fifield 2010 - Roger intends to be present.

1300-1400 Lunch break

There are no convenient cafes in the area, so the coach will stop at the M42 Motorway Services.

1430 Church of our Lady, Merevale

This interesting church, an Anglican parish church, was the Gate Chapel of Merevale Abbey (founded in 1148). The glory of the church is the medieval stained glass, which is amongst the most important Cistercian glass in the country. This includes the famous Jesse Window of 1330-1340, which was probably originally in the Abbey Church. The organ of 1777 is by Snetzler.

1600-1700 St Editha, Tamworth

Delightful 3m Harrison.

Travel: Tamworth is well served by rail, and you are recommended to travel by rail to **Tamworth station** if at all possible. The coach will leave Tamworth station at 1100.

It is a short walk from St Editha, Tamworth, back to the station.

Parking: Tamworth station car park has 250 spaces and costs £4.50 for Saturday parking (Pay & Display).

Parking at the churches is not straightforward. If you want to drive, it is essential you tell Colin of your intention when you book, and he will then send you an information sheet.

Costs: £5 meeting charge plus £10 coach.

Bookings: to Colin Brookes (colin@colinjbrookes.co.uk), 02476 398940, BY THURSDAY 10 JULY AT THE LATEST!

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST - Farnham, Upper Froyle and Odiham

1030-1200 St Andrew's, Upper Church Lane, Farnham GU9 7PW

First mention of an organ was in 1552. Large 3 manual organ rebuilt with new cases completed in 2013 by Principal Pipe Organs with John Norman as adviser, and case design by Ptolemy Dean. Gt 14, Sw 10, Ch 10 (2 from Gt), Ped 13.

1205-1305 United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham GU9 7QU

1906 Henry Jones 2m renovated 1986 Bishops and rebuilt 2005/6 by James Richardson. Gt 7, Sw 9, Ped 4.

1305-1400 Lunch break - many small cafes around, or places to eat a packed lunch.

1430-1530 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Upper Froyle

Next to Froyle Park Hotel, GU34 4LA, formerly Treloar School. The church is of very considerable interest. The organ was originally by Gern in 1902, altered in 1950, it was replaced by a 3-rank Walker in 1963. In 2003 Nicholson's added to/rebuilt the instrument. Gt 9, Sw 10 and Ped 5; sunken console in the chancel, pipes on west gallery.

1600-1720 All Saints, The Bury, Odiham RG29 1ND

After a number of rebuilds, Goetze & Gwynn in 2011 built a new organ. Gt 10, Sw 8, Ped 4.

Travel: By rail: 0900 departs London Waterloo, arr Woking **0924**; change trains; dep Woking **0930** arr **Farnham 0955**. A coach will meet this train, and will leave soon after 0955. We aim to be back in time for the **1758** arr Waterloo **1857**.

Parking: Parking, particularly at Upper Froyle, is likely to be difficult. You are advised to park for the day at Farnham station (£2) and use the coach.

Catering: Own lunch arrangements. No arrangements have been made for tea.

Costs: £5 meeting charge plus £10 coach.

Bookings: to Mark Jameson (membership@organclub.org) (preferred, otherwise 01189 344212 or 07802 715634) **BY TUESDAY 12th AUGUST AT THE LATEST!**

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER - Bristol

The visit to Bristol will include Bristol Cathedral, Christchurch, and St Mary Redcliffe. Full details will appear in the September Newsletter.

RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

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

July 4 at 1900 Oliver Brett (St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney)

July 18 at 1900 Edward Kemp-Luck

Admission free; retiring collection.

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EP

July 26th at 1600 Anne Page

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

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

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

Saturdays at 1930 (admission free with collection)

July 19 Jonathan Dimmock (former Westminster Abbey organ scholar, now in USA)

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/stalbanrecitals.htm

St Peter & St Paul, Park Avenue South, Abington NN3 3AB

July 20 at 1500 Philip Bricher

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