

The Organ Club Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2014

The Newsletter

At the AGM, members asked the Committee to consider sending the Newsletter by email. I'm intending therefore to prepare a digital version of this edition and send it to all those members for whom we have email addresses. If trials are successful, we expect to discontinue sending the paper edition to those who opt for the digital. There are no plans to abandon the paper edition, although members should be aware of the increasing burden of postal costs on Club funds.

Please send me corrections and additions to our email circulation list, and of course your comments on the new version when it appears.

Brian Caswell (newsletter@organclub.org)

NOTICES

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

Monthly Meeting Visit Notes and Reviews

Members preparing Visit Notes should email them to Colin Brookes, our Treasurer, for printing (*colin@colinbrookes.net*), and also to Kevin Grose (details above) for inclusion in the Journal. Reviews and photos of meetings should also be sent to Kevin. Please provide a list of the photos with details of people and places shown.

Membership matters

Members are reminded that our Membership Secretary, Mark Jameson, is responsible for collating all information relating to members. Membership matters and changes of personal information should therefore be sent or at least copied to Mark (membership@organclub.org) (01189 344212).

Raise Your Game! and Set Your Sights!

James Parsons and Simon Williams (RCO Academy at the Royal College of Organists) are arranging two one-day courses for young organists age 9 to 19: *Raise Your Game!* (inspiration day for beginners to grade 6+) and *Set Your Sights!* (a taste of the organ scholar experience). Both courses end with a chance to play the organ at St Paul's Cathedral. Saturday 15th November 2014 (0930-1900).

Further info at www.rco.org.uk.

CLUB MEETINGS

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER - LEIGHTON BUZZARD TO WOBURN

1055 All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1AE

The 1989 Harrison & Harrison organ replaced one damaged beyond repair by a fire in 1985. It has mechanical action and an unenclosed Choir division.

Great 16 8 8 4 4 2 IV 8 Swell 8 8 8 4 4 2 IV 16 8 8 4

Choir 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 1³/₅ IV 8 8 Pedal 16 16 8 8 4 IV 16 4

1220 Priory Records, 3 Eden Court, Eden Way, Leighton Buzzard LU7 4FY

1255-1415 Sacred Heart Church, 5 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1HZ

The Peter Collins organ of 2002 has:

Manual 8 8 4 4 2 II Pedal 16 coupled permanently to the manual

1440 St George of England Parish Church, Toddington LU5 6QJ

The 1932 Hill Norman & Beard organ's first home was the Odeon Cinema, Knightsbridge; its home since 1957 has been St George's.

Great 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 8 Swell 8 8 8 8 4 4 II 16 8 8

Choir (enc) 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 8 (unenc) 16 8 4 Pedal 32 16 16 16 8 8 4 16 8 4

1620 St Mary's, Woburn MK17 9QZ

The 1904 Norman & Beard organ has been cleaned and overhauled periodically; the specification remains:

Great 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 8 Swell 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 16 8 8 8

Choir (enc) 16 8 8 8 4 4 2 8 8 Pedal 32 16 16 16 8 8 16

Travel: Leighton Buzzard is served by Southern Trains Croydon - Milton Keynes, and London Midland Euston – Birmingham. Our coach will leave the station after the arrival of these trains:

0854 from Birmingham New St due 1033; 0954 from Euston due 1036; 1013 from Euston due 1042; and 0910 from E Croydon due 1045. At the end of the day, it will return in time for the 1824 to E Croydon, the 1836 to Northampton, the 1842 to Birmingham New St, and the 1846 to Milton Keynes.

Parking: Leighton Buzzard Station (£5) - there are 667 spaces!

Food: Lunch in Leighton Buzzard - own arrangements (it is intended that a lunch-break is taken before the coach leaves Sacred Heart Church - further guidance on the day). Tea/coffee & biscuits at the last church.

Costs: £5 meeting charge plus £10 for those on the coach.

Bookings: to Robin Coxon (robin.coxon@ntlworld.com or 01707 324011) by **Monday 10 November**, indicating whether you wish to book a seat on the coach.

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER - NOTTING HILL

1015-1130 St Peter's Notting Hill, Kensington Park Road W11 2PN

Installed 1905-13 by J. W. Walker & Sons (London). Restored 2009-10 by T. W. Fearn. 3 manuals and pedals, tubular pneumatic action.

1145-1300 St John's Notting Hill, Lansdowne Crescent W11 2NN

Built 1794 by William & Robert Gray for Holy Trinity Clapham. Transferred to St John's in 1846. Enlarged and fitted with Barker Lever action by George Hele of Plymouth in 1885. Restored and relocated 2012-14 by T. W. Fearn. 3 manuals and pedals.

1300-1400 Lunch at St John's (£5 per person)

1430-1545 St George's Campden Hill, Aubrey Walk W8 7JG

Willis, 3 manuals and pedals.

1600-1720 St James Norlands, St James's Gardens W11 4RB

Installed 1895-6 by J. J. Binns of Leeds. Relocated 1906 to West Gallery. Restored 1996 by Bishop & Son of London and Ipswich. 3 manuals and pedals.

Travel: Notting Hill Gate, Holland Park or Ladbroke Grove underground stations. Some on-street parking available in the area but check restrictions.

Costs: £5 meeting charge; £5 lunch.

Bookings: to Peter Stokes (psjstokes@gmail.com) (01727 865417) by **Monday 8 December**.

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY - WANSTEAD

Full details will be in the January Newsletter.

RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

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

Nov 7 at 2000 *Wings* – 1927 silent film with organ accompaniment by Donald MacKenzie

Admission £5.

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EP

Nov 29 at 1600 Daniel Moulton

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

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

King's College Chapel, Cambridge CB2 1ST

Nov 1 at 1830 Tom Etheridge (King's College)

Nov 22 at 1830 Christine Brandes (sop); Jonathan Dimmock (organ)

Nov 29 at 1830 Richard Gowers (King's College)

Admission free; retiring collection.

www.kings.cam.ac.uk/events/organ-recitals.html

Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans AL1 3XG

Tuesdays 1230–1315 (light refreshments 1200–1220, and after the recital).

Nov 4 Philip Drew, Holy Spirit Church, Southsea

Nov 11 Mervyn Hogg, Ruislip

Nov 18 Robin Coxon, St Francis of Assisi, Welwyn Garden City

Nov 25 John Wearmouth, Leighton Buzzard

Dec 2 Michael Smith, Standon & the Mundens with Sacombe

Dec 9 Linden Innes-Hopkins, St John's, Boxmoor

Dec 16 Nicholas King, Patron, New School of Organ Studies

Dec 23 No recital

Dec 30 No recital

Suggested minimum donation £3.

www.nsos.org.uk/stalbansrecitals.htm

Partick Methodist Church, Glasgow G11 6SN

Nov 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1500 Gordon S Frier

Admission free.

Glasgow University Memorial Chapel G12 8QQ

Nov 12 at 1305 Gordon S Frier

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