

The Organ Club Newsletter

JANUARY 2015

Participation is open to OCSO, St Albans IOF and Organ Club members. It is suggested that you consider for the class (and consequently for the recital) **either** a romantic piece, including the possibility of it being prepared with an assistant (a useful skill to acquire for both parties), **or** a piece by Bach.

Martin Stacey is organist of St. Dominic's, a composer and a recitalist. He is also the founder of the widely acclaimed Annual Festival of New Organ Music. For more information see www.martinstacey.com

Travel: The church is about 15 minutes walk, or a short bus ride from London Overground stations at Hampstead Heath and Gospel Oak. It is a similar walk from Belsize Park on the Northern Line. The 24 bus from central London passes the church.

Costs: £5 meeting charge.

Bookings for Participants only: to John Miley (jmiley@iee.org) (01780 470 015)

Bookings for Observers: to Peter Stokes (psjstokes@gmail.com) (01727 865417) by **Monday 16 February**.

SATURDAY 21 MARCH - AGM - GRANTHAM

The 2015 AGM will be in the afternoon of 21 March at the magnificent church of St Wulfram, Grantham. The AGM recital will be given there by Paul Derrett. Full details will be in the March Newsletter.

MAY MEETING - ADVANCE NOTICE

The May visit has had to be arranged for the 23rd rather than the 16th. Although the visit will be centred on Melton Mowbray, including a visit to Peter Collins' workshop, the coach will pick up and drop off members at Leicester station.

RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

St Margaret's, Leicester

Jan 8 at 1300 Philip Bricher

St Andrew's, Rugby

Feb 24 at 1300 Philip Bricher

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EP

Jan 31 from 1300 Bloomsbury Organ Day - "Britannia!! - a survey of the organs and organ music of the British Isles". Recitals, presentations, displays and a buffet. Celebrity recital at 1800 by Jane Watts.

Full info at: www.organistsonline.org/britannia

*** Visit the Club's website: www.organclub.org

*** Follow the Club on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheOrganClub

The Newsletter

The Committee has decided that all members will receive this edition of the Newsletter by post together with a membership renewal form. You will see that you are asked to specify on the form whether you wish to receive future editions of the Newsletter in printed or digital form. From the returns, we shall prepare what we hope will be the definitive database of email addresses for Newsletter distribution.

I shall also prepare a digital edition of this Newsletter for those on my current email database.

There are no plans to abandon the paper edition, although members should be aware of the increasing burden of postal costs on Club funds.

Thanks to those members who emailed me following the November issue. We continue to welcome your comments and suggestions.

Brian Caswell (newsletter@organclub.org)

NOTICES

March Newsletter contributions: please email notices by 16th February 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 May 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).

“Schnitger and Schnitzels”

Following the runaway success of the 2013 Club-sponsored study visit to Hamburg we are arranging another visit this year (24-27 August 2015). This is a unique opportunity for members to hear and play the fine organs in Hamburg, Lüneburg and Lübeck. Student members will be able to take part in recitals and masterclasses on the historic and modern organs in North Germany, under the expert guidance and leadership of Organ Club Vice President, James Parsons, and William Saunders, Director of Music at Holbrook School, Ipswich.

The cost will be £120 for Club members wishing console time, and £100 for observers. You will need to book your own flights and hotel accommodation but there are very reasonable rates with Lufthansa and Easyjet. Student members will be accommodated at Hamburg Youth Hostel, which was found to provide excellent accommodation in 2013.

For full details, please contact Past President, John Miley, preferably by email (jmiley@iee.org)

CLUB MEETINGS

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY - BARNET

We had originally intended to visit Wanstead in January. Unfortunately a visit to Our Lady of Lourdes church with its fine 2012 Robin Jennings organ is impossible on account of building work in the church. This will be rearranged for a later date and has now been replaced by a visit to another North London suburb.

1100 St. John's United Reformed Church, Somerset Road, New Barnet EN5 1RH

An architecturally interesting church with a fine 1971 Peter Collins organ.

Great 8 8 4 4 2 III 8 Positive 8 4 4 2 2 1½ 8 Trem

Pedal 16 8 8 4 2 1 16

1400 St Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, Hadley Green Road, Barnet EN5 5PZ

A Foster and Andrews organ from Church Fenton, Yorkshire, which was moved here by Henry Groves in 1992. This is a medieval church in a lovely setting.

Great 8 8 8 8 4 4 2½ III 8 Swell 8 8 4 8 8

Pedal 16 8 8 4 16

1600 St. John the Baptist, Wood Street, Barnet EN5 4BW (Barnet Parish Church)

Hill / Rothwell / Mander – a fine organ in a large Butterfield building, which encompasses the medieval church.

Choir 8 4 2½ 2 1⅓ 1½ Great 16 8 8 4 4 2½ 2 IV III 8

Swell 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 II 16 8 8 8 Trem

Travel: The first church is near New Barnet train station (frequent trains from Kings Cross). From High Barnet (Northern Line) it is a 20 minute walk or a short bus ride 84,107, 307, 326. The visit can all be done on the 84 bus route, on which Oyster Cards cannot be used.

Food: ample time has been allowed to go to High Barnet town centre, where there are shops, restaurants, pubs etc – even a most interesting museum. This also allows time for the agreeable 15-minute walk to Monken Hadley (or travel by bus).

Costs: £5 meeting charge.

Bookings: to Peter Stokes (01727 865417) (pstjstokes@gmail.com) **by Monday 12 January.**

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY - MASTER CLASS

at the Priory Church of St. Dominic, Southampton Road, NW5 4LB with Martin Stacey

This is an afternoon and evening meeting. The participants will have the opportunity to share the evening recital.

1415 to 1630 Master Class

1630 to 1715 Recital by Martin Stacey

1715 to 1930 Supper / dinner time (there is a considerable variety of eating places within easy reach)

1930 Recital by participants – a splendid chance for Club members to hear the prepared pieces in performance. You are warmly invited to join an informal discussion over the road afterwards.

Participants will have a chance to practice before the class.

The organ which so admirably serves this impressive and attractive Gothic Revival church was built by Henry Willis in 1883.

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