

The Organ Club Newsletter

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NOTICES

The Newsletter: From now on, you should receive either the paper or the digital edition in accordance with your choice. Please let us know if you wish to change your preference. We continue to welcome your comments and suggestions.

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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.

Advertise in the Organ Club Journal! Giving a recital? Organising a concert? Advertise in the journal! Rates and specifications are available from Kevin Grose at (*journal@organclub.org*), or alternatively write to him at 330 East 33rd Street 14A, New York, NY 10016, USA.

Club meeting June 2016

A visit to West Somerset is planned for Saturday 18 June 2016. The visit will start with a vintage coach from Taunton railway station at about 11 am and will visit organs in Taunton, West Buckland, Brompton Regis and Wiveliscombe, arriving back in Taunton at about 7 pm. Actual times will depend on train connections.

Members who might wish to stay longer in the area are asked to indicate whether they would be interested in attending a free recital in Wiveliscombe starting at about 7 pm with coach transport back to Taunton afterwards and/or extending the visit to Sunday, going by steam train to Minehead with a possible organ visit there and returning to Taunton in the late afternoon, by coach, to visit St John's in Taunton.

Please advise Dennis Scotter (*dgscooter@gmail.com*) of interest in (1) the basic visit; (2) the recital; (3) the Sunday extension.

OCJ Back Numbers

John Sayer has decided to dispose of back numbers of the Club Journal, viz March 1970 to May 2003. Free to collect from Ripon, or a £5 contribution towards postage. If you are interested, please contact John at *johnsayer46@btinternet.com*.

CLUB MEETINGS

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER - EASTBOURNE

The original plan was to visit Hythe and Folkestone. Unfortunately, the unmissable west-end organ at Hythe Parish Church was recently damaged in a lightning strike. It is hoped to enjoy this visit next year instead. Through the kind efforts of our member, Dr Brian Steer, organist of St John's, Meads, we are to visit Eastbourne's three most impressive organs.

1130 St John's, Meads BN20 7NQ (corner of Staveley Road and St John's Road)

Meads is a pleasant part of Eastbourne. St John's was built in the 1950s after the bombing of the previous building, only the tower of which remains. The Willis organ came from a church in Scotland and was rebuilt by H,N&B in 1977 (III 30).

1415 All Saints, Grange Road BN21 4HE

An impressive church with an organ which was installed in 1929 after a fire. It is a fine example of an H&H instrument in almost original condition (III 38).

1600 St Saviour and St Peter, South Street BN21 4LR

This magnificent red-brick Anglo-Catholic church by G E Street has a fine organ at the west end by Walker, enlarged by Males (III 50).

Travel: From London Victoria 0916; arrive Eastbourne 1044. A short walk to Bus 3 or 3A from Eastbourne Town Centre, Terminus Road (Stop M) to St John's Road – thereafter walking. The last church is about 10 minutes walk to the station.

Costs: £5 meeting charge.

Bookings: to Peter Stokes (01727 865417) (*pstjstokes@gmail.com*) by Mon 16 November.

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER - EAST LONDON

A chance to visit two significant and contrasting modern organs in Roman Catholic churches together with another opportunity to see the important instrument in St Anne's Limehouse.

1030 Wanstead, Our Lady of Lourdes, 51 Cambridge Park Road E11 2PR

A much praised new organ (2012) by Robert Jenning (II 18). The visit will be followed by time for lunch in Wanstead and public transport travel to Limehouse.

1400 Limehouse St Anne, Commercial Road E14 7HQ

An opportunity to make up for the interrupted earlier visit to this most significant organ. An early C compass English organ, it partners nicely the wonderful Ducroquet instrument, visited recently at Vitré, in remaining as it

appeared in the Great Exhibition (1851). Gray & Davison (III 34) restored by William Drake (2006).

1545-1715 Poplar, St Mary and St Joseph, Canton Street E14 6EZ

This is the Nigel Church organ, built in 1981 and transferred by Richard Bower from Newcastle RC Cathedral in 2013 (II 21).

Travel: The first church is about 5 minutes walk from Wanstead Central Line station. There are places to eat on Wanstead High Street nearby. Full travel directions to Limehouse and Poplar will be in the visit notes.

Costs: £5 meeting charge.

Bookings: to Peter Stokes (01727 865417) (pstjstokes@gmail.com) by Mon 7 December.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

The following meetings are being planned (meetings are normally held if possible on the third Saturday of the month):

January 2016 London, including the restored organ at Spitalfields.

February Masterclass with Daniel Moulton in Guildford.

March AGM in Birmingham.

Further information will appear in the January Newsletter.

RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EP

Nov 28 at 1600 John Kitchen (Edinburgh City Organist)

Jan 30 from 1300 Bloomsbury / Organists Online Organ Day;

Theme: Metamorphoses - Partitas, Passacaglias, Variations and.....

RCO Organ School, Joshua Stephens, Richard Brasier.

Presentations and Displays.

Admission free until 1800

Buffet at 1700 £5

Celebrity Recital at 1800 (£5)- John Scott Whiteley

Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX

Nov 12 at 1930 Gerard Brooks (Central Hall, Westminster) (£10)

King's College Chapel, Cambridge CB2 1ST

Nov 7 at 1840 Daniel Hyde (Magdalen College, Oxford)

Nov 14 at 1840 James Vivian (St George's Chapel, Windsor)

Nov 21 at 1840 Tom Etheridge (King's College)

Nov 28 at 1840 Ashley Grote (Norwich Cathedral)

Admission free; retiring collection.

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

St John's Hyde Park, Hyde Park Crescent W2 2QD

Nov 21 at 1930 James O'Donnell (Westminster Abbey)

Opening recital of rebuilt 1865 Hill organ, including newly commissioned concerto for organ and orchestra. Tickets (free of charge, thanks to Heritage Lottery Fund support) can be booked from betty.stjohnshydepark@gmail.com

Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans AL1 3XG

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

Nov 3 Philip Prior (St Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall)

Nov 10 Linden Innes-Hopkins (St John's, Boxmoor)

Nov 17 Peter Stokes (St Albans, Hertfordshire)

Nov 24 Robin Coxon (St Francis of Assisi, Welwyn Garden City)

Dec 1 Tim Roe (Holy Trinity, South Kensington)

Dec 8 Nicholas King (Hemel Hempstead)

Dec 15 John Wearmouth (Leighton Buzzard)

Victoria Hall, Hanley ST1 3AD

Nov 21 at 1200 St Cecilia-tide Organ & Choral Prom

David Burrowes (conductor), Barbara Walton Singers, Tom Corfield (organ), & Ray Johnson (narrator)

At the door or in advance £7.50 (concessions £6)

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