

The Organ Club Newsletter

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NOTICES

The Newsletter: All members are being sent the paper edition of this issue so that the appropriate membership renewal form can be included. On your form, please state whether you wish to receive either the paper or the digital edition. Let us know if you wish to change your preference during the year. There are no plans to abandon the paper edition, although members should be aware of the increasing burden of postal costs on Club funds. We continue to welcome your comments and suggestions.

Brian Caswell (newsletter@organclub.org)

March Newsletter contributions: please email notices by 16th February at the latest to the usual address (*newsletter@organclub.org*).

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.

2016 Membership

Membership renewals are now due, unless you have prepaid (for which grateful thanks!). Check the number on the envelope label. If it starts with “15” you should receive a renewal form with this Newsletter. I am pleased to advise that the membership rates for the 2016 calendar year are unchanged, despite some of our outgoings having increased sharply. Our UK standard membership rate for 2016 is £30; senior £25; junior £10. All non-UK addresses have a £10 surcharge to cover extra mailing costs. If you wish to pay for more than one year (maximum three), please ensure you pay the correct rate, especially if you reach 25 years or 60 years during the payment period. The renewal date is 1st January. Any queries to me, please (01189 344212) (*membership@organclub.org*).

It is vital that we have your up to date contact information, so please keep me informed of any changes.

Mark Jameson (membership@organclub.org)

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 (dgscotter@gmail.com) of interest in (1) the basic visit; (2) the recital; (3) the Sunday extension.

Items from the late Colin Langman

I am in the process of listing books, Club journals (c1955-1996), magazines, and organ builder's leaflets, mainly from Colin's estate. I then intend to circulate the list to those interested, offering the material for sale at a discount, and for the benefit of the Club. If you are interested, please contact me, preferably at (membership@organclub.org), or by text or voice on (07802 715634).

Mark Jameson

Ties with Organ Club emblem

Following requests from members, we have ordered a batch of ties in dark navy with a gold emblem (the St Paul's organ case). The sale price to members will be £16.00 including postage. Requests to me please.

Mark Jameson (membership@organclub.org)

Martin Goetze: Celebration of his Life and Works

There will be a celebration of the life and works of Martin Goetze, our dear partner and colleague, in words and music, but mostly music on 20 February 2016 at 3.00pm at St Botolph, Aldgate EC3N 1AB.

Tim Roberts will play music by John Worgan, who was organist at St Botolphs and a musician famous in his day. Tim will bring his new CD of the organ works of Worgan, which he has dedicated to Martin's memory. Also playing will be Chris Farr, who was organist at St John and St Philip, The Hague, our first new organ for which Martin was also responsible. And David Butterworth, organist in Nottingham and a frequent and welcome visitor to our workshop will also play. The performances will take about an hour, and there will be tea and cake afterwards.

Dominic Gwynn

DVD of 2015 Club Tour - Channel Islands and Brittany

Club member Keith Rawlings took videos of the churches and organs the Club visited on the tour. He is prepared to make the videos available on DVD (about 7 hours). If you are interested, please contact Keith (01932 844376).

CLUB MEETINGS

SATURDAY 16 JANUARY - CITY OF LONDON

This is a worthy start for The Organ Club's 90th Anniversary Year. An exciting day, in and just outside the City of London, begins with the most splendid surviving 18th-century English organ in the dramatically baroque Christ Church. As an interesting contrast we go to see a restoration of an organ of the same period in one of London's loveliest churches returned to the City by Noel Mander. Finally we visit the fine new organ in St Mary-le-Bow.

1100 Christ Church, Spitalfields, Commercial Street E1 6LY

IIP 37; Richard Bridge 1735, restored by William Drake 2015. The visit will start with a short recital by Gerard Brooks. This instrument features a short compass Swell and an original Pedal organ from GG.

1400 St Vedast, Foster Lane EC2V 6HH

IIP 39; Built by Harris & Byfield for a City church in 1740, moved to a church in Fulham, moved back here and rebuilt by Mander 1962. This is a most successful early attempt at recreating an 18th-century organ in the light of the mid 20th-century.

1545 St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside EC2V 6AU

IIP 32; Kenneth Tickell's fine 2010 organ in the most impressive case by Laurence King from the post-war restoration of the church.

Travel: Christ Church Spitalfields is about a 10 minute walk from Liverpool Street or Aldgate Underground stations. St Vedast is close to St Paul's Underground Station (Central Line westbound from Liverpool Street); alternatively Bus 100 from Wormwood Street to St Paul's. St Mary-le-Bow is a 4 minute walk from St Vedast.

Lunch: It is suggested that you find lunch in Spitalfields as there is unlikely to be much open on a Saturday around Cheapside. There are however some possible eating places to the west of St Paul's Cathedral.

Costs: £10 meeting charge (to include recital).

Bookings: to Peter Stokes (01727 865417) (psjtstokes@gmail.com) by Mon 11 January.

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY - MASTER CLASS IN GUILDFORD with Daniel Moulton

John Miley has arranged for Daniel Moulton, one of the world's great organ teachers, to conduct a Masterclass for several OCSO students on the 3 manual Willis organ at St Nicholas Church, Guildford. The class will commence at 2pm and following tea, Daniel will demonstrate the organ, after which members will be free to play.

1400 Masterclass

1615 Tea

1640 Demonstration of the organ by Daniel Moulton

1700 Members time to play

Travel: There are frequent trains to and from Guildford from London Waterloo. St Nicholas Church is in Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW, a five minute walk from Guildford station.

Costs: £10 meeting charge (including tea).

Bookings: to John Miley (01780 470015) (jmiley@iee.org) by Sun 14 February.

SATURDAY 19 MARCH - AGM - OAKHAM

The AGM will be in Oakham and the AGM recital, on the Kenneth Tickell organ at All Saints, will be given by Henry Fairs, who is Head of Organ Studies at Birmingham Conservatoire and Organist to the University of Birmingham.

It was originally hoped that this event would be in Birmingham but, as it is perhaps the busiest weekend of the year for concerts, none of the best venues was available. We are delighted to be going to Oakham and especially as we will have the privilege of a recital by Henry Fairs.

Further information will appear in the March Newsletter.

RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EP

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

Reading Town Hall, Reading RG1 1QH

Jan 20 at 1300 Jonathan Holl (£5; 0118 960 6060)

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