

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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MARCH 2016

## NOTICES

**The Newsletter:** Now that all membership renewal forms have been sent out by post, distribution of this Newsletter returns to a more usual arrangement. Those that have *chosen* to do so will receive their copy by E-mail, while the remainder will be posted a paper version. AGM paperwork is included with the paper version, while the E-mail Newsletter contains a link to a colour edition of the document, which can be printed out at home. We welcome your comments and suggestions concerning either of these versions.

*Brian Caswell - Newsletter editor*

**May Newsletter contributions:** please email notices by 16th April to:  
Brian Caswell ([newsletter@organclub.org](mailto:newsletter@organclub.org)), or alternatively write to him at  
42 Wymondley Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 9PR.

<p><b>Advertise in the Organ Club Journal!</b> Giving a recital? Organising a concert? Advertise in the journal! Rates and specifications are available from Kevin Grose at (<a href="mailto:journal@organclub.org">journal@organclub.org</a>), or alternatively write to him at 330 East 33rd Street 14A, New York, NY 10016, USA.</p>
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## 2016 RENEWALS

The renewal date of all membership is 1<sup>st</sup> January. Those members due to renew were sent the appropriate form with the January *Newsletter*. If mislaid, there is a 'New member's application form' on our website, but not a renewal form. Banking data is intentionally not included, as we had interference during 2015.

If you are due to renew and your address with the Club is outside of the normal UK Royal Mail postal zone system, then you come under the **overseas payment rate**. When you make your renewal please make the payment in **£ sterling** - £35 for seniors, £40 standard rate and £20 for Juniors. If paying into the bank for transfer to the Club's account using Dollars, Euros or any other currency, please add a **minimum** of £8 to cover the bank's exchange charge for non-sterling payments plus a further sum to cover currency charges.

On the overseas member's form sent out I provided information about special options available only to overseas members. If you need assistance please contact me on:

[membership@organclub.org](mailto:membership@organclub.org) or by phone 0044 1189 344212.

**UK members** – Standard rate £30, Senior £25 [currently aged 60 +], Juniors £10, [all to 18 years, in full time education to 25 years].

Renewals for two years, or a maximum of 3 years, multiply rates. Sorry, no discounts.

If you have set up your renewal on a standing order, please check that you have updated it to the current rates. Otherwise - more work for you, the Treasurer and me!

Thank you to all those members who have already renewed for 2016 or made advance payments, and all those who have added donations to your membership renewals – they really are appreciated! If you update any of your contact information please ensure that I am informed and I will let other Officers, including the *Newsletter* editor, know.

*Mark Jameson (membership@organclub.org) (01189 344212)*

## ORGAN CLUB TIES

We received our stock at the end of January. Designed with the OC logo of St Paul's organ case in gold on a mid-navy blue woven polyester material. The cost is £16 to UK postal addresses, £5 extra for standard international non-tracked posting. Our General Secretary is handling sales – please make cheques, payable to **THE ORGAN CLUB**, and send them to the **Honorary General Secretary: Dennis Scotter**, [dgscotter@gmail.com](mailto:dgscotter@gmail.com) or 28 Silver Street, Wivelscombe, Taunton, TA4 2PB].

## COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Organ Club Constitution requires Officers and committee members to be elected at an Annual General Meeting (AGM). Officers (other than the President) hold office for one year, but are eligible for re-election thereafter. All existing Officers are prepared to serve for another term, but it is open to *any* member to stand for election. If you are considering doing so, **please discuss the matter first with the President in order to clarify the responsibilities and duties** of the post that you are interested in. [**President: Peter Stokes**, [pstjstokes@gmail.com](mailto:pstjstokes@gmail.com), 40, Camlet Way, St Albans, AL3 4TL]

The *Constitution* also requires that each year, two of the eight committee members, must retire. Throughout 2015, one committee position remained unfilled, so there will be vacancies for **THREE** committee members.

The support of **two** members of the Club is needed to nominate a member to serve on the committee. The name of the member and of those nominating him/her, must be made **in writing** to the **Honorary General Secretary: [Dennis Scotter, [dgscotter@gmail.com](mailto:dgscotter@gmail.com) or 28 Silver Street, Wivelscombe, Taunton, TA4 2PB]** by **12th March 2016**, accompanied by the candidate's written consent to serve.

## CLUB MEETINGS

### THE AGM - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016

This will take place at **14.45 in OAKHAM PARISH CHURCH, Rutland, LE15 6AA. Full details and travel guidance are included in the Annual Report paperwork** that accompanies this Newsletter.

The day will **start at 11.45** with a visit to the organ at **Oakham School Chapel LE15 6AA** (near All Saints Church) [*1992 Collins III 31*]. The AGM will then provide an opportunity for members to meet with Officers to consider the Club's activities over the past year and its plans for the future. The committee will present **Professor David Baker** as their nominee for the Presidency from January 2017. The formal meeting will be followed by a recital given by **Henry Fairs** on the Church's fine 1995 Tickell organ.

### CLUB MEETING APRIL 2016

#### Visit to Saturday Little Venice -16<sup>th</sup> April – Improvisation: Real Music or Ephemeral Trivia?

This will be a day of two contrasting instruments and churches. We will start with the neo-classical Collins organ in the lovely eighteenth century church of St. Mary and then cross the Regents Canal to the richly and romantically Victorian St Mary Magdalene and its large Compton organ.

In addition to the usual organ demonstrations and members' playing time, to take full advantage of these two contrasting instruments the President, Dr Stokes, will give his talk/demonstration

This explores the vital role of improvisation on the art of the organist and considers its relationship with composition of different periods and styles. It will take advantage of the qualities of both organs in relation to the styles which suit them best. Visit notes and a talk handout will be provided.

**1100 – 1300: St Mary, St Marys' Square, Paddington Green, London W2 1LG**

[*P Collins 1978: II 18*]

**1430 – 1630: St Mary Magdalene, Rowington Close, London W2 5TT**

[*Compton 1932: III 75*]

**Lunch:** There are lunch places in nearby Edgware Road. The churches are a 15 minute walk apart.

**Travel:** Paddington Green is about a 10 minute walk from Paddington train station and about a 5 minute walk from either of the Edgware Road LT stations (Bakerloo Line or District, Hammersmith & City Lines. Please note - no District, Hammersmith & City or Metropolitan lines east of Kings Cross)

**Cost** £5 meeting charge

**Bookings:** to Peter Stokes (01727 865417) ([pstjstokes@gmail.com](mailto:pstjstokes@gmail.com)) **by Monday 11 April.**

#### **CLUB MEETING MAY 2016**

**Visit to Southwell Minster, Church Street, Southwell, Notts. NG25 0HD - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

We will visit this delightful small town which houses the historic Minster and Cathedral of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

Member **Paul Hale**, the Rector Chori (the ancient title of Organist and Choirmaster) retires in July. Paul was responsible for the design and building of the two large organs there: the 3 manual Nave organ with 44 stops, and the 4 manual Screen organ with 51 stops by Nicholson. There is also a chamber organ in the Nave, a box organ in the Choir, and a 2 manual organ in the song school. Paul will demonstrate all of the organs, and there will be time for members to play them. **The outline schedule** for the day is:

**10.30am** Coach will leave Newark Northgate Station

**Arrive 11am - Coffee, 12.30pm -Lunch** (can be pre ordered), **4.15pm Tea.**

**Choral Evensong at 5.45pm** with specially chosen music, and a big voluntary, to be played by Simon Hogan (Assistant Director of Music). The coach will leave Southwell after Evensong at approx. 7.15pm, to catch the 8.02pm train from Newark. **It would be helpful to have an early indication of attendance for lunch and tea, as well as for the coach.**

Please contact **Eric Shepherd**. Email: [eric@shepherd0001.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:eric@shepherd0001.fsnet.co.uk) Tel: 020 8958 2461

There will be more details in the next Newsletter.

#### **CLUB MEETING –JUNE 2016**

**Visit to West Somerset, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Members may join this event on either or both days. Members staying overnight on Saturday must make their own arrangements for accommodation. To be picked up for transport, members must be able to get to the centre of Wiveliscombe or Taunton on Sunday. Members who would like to stay at the *White Hart* in Wiveliscombe should contact me as soon as possible. If planning a holiday around this event, *Exmoor Gate lodges* and *Manor Mill cottages* offer self-catering accommodation in the area. For caravan enthusiasts, the *Waterrow Touring Park* is conveniently situated. The **planned schedule** is as follows:

## Saturday 18 June

**11.00** The vintage single deck **coach**, capacity 35, will collect members at **Taunton Railway Station** (exit on platform 2).

**11.15 The Unitarian Chapel**, Mary Street, **TA1 3PE**. [*Osmond (1912) 2P16*]

**12.45-13.30 Time for lunch**

**13.30 Board the coach** for the journey to Brompton Regis.

**14.30 The Blessed Virgin Mary**, Brompton Regis, **TA22 9NL** [*T.C.Lewis (1872) 2P13*]

**16.00 Board the coach** for journey to Wiveliscombe.

**16.30 St Andrews church, Wiveliscombe**, Church Street, **TA4 2LT**

[Mainly *Osmond and Deane Organ Builders 2P41*]

**18.00** The **coach** will take members who are leaving to **Taunton Railway Station**.

**19.00/19.30 Organ Recital in St Andrews church Wiveliscombe**

There is no charge for attendance at this recital, which is open to the public

**After the recital the coach will again take members to Taunton.**

## Sunday 19 June

The morning is 'free'. There are many possible diversions, including: travelling to Minehead on the West Somerset Railway; swimming in the Wiveliscombe outdoor heated pool; walking (it is a walker-friendly town), or attending church.

**The steam train trip.** Those members who wish to travel on the steam train will be collected by coach, first in Wiveliscombe and later at a single stop in Taunton, in time to catch the **10.25 steam train** from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead. The coach will then collect members at **13.00 in Minehead** and travel to West Buckland.

Members **not** taking the steam train will be collected by coach and taken to West Buckland.

**14.00 The Blessed Virgin Mary**, West Buckland, **TA21 9LZ** [*Gern (c1870) 2P10*]

**15.30 Board coach to Taunton**

**16.00 St. John the Evangelist**, Taunton, **TA1 4DG** [*Willis (1864) 3P36*]

Afterwards the coach will travel to Taunton Rail Station and then back to Wiveliscombe.

## Cost

The charge for the Saturday coach and meeting is- £20; for the meeting only -£5.

Charges for Sunday have yet to be determined.

For any further information contact **Dennis Scotter** on- [dgscotter@gmail.com](mailto:dgscotter@gmail.com)

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Enfield & District Organists' Association Recital

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February** at 18.00 in St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Enfield, Middlesex, **EN2 6LS** (car park entrance in Silver Street EN1 3EG).

Organ recital by **Linden Innes-Hopkins**. Admission free - Retiring collection. All welcome.

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