

The Organ Club Newsletter

JULY 2016

NOTICES

September Newsletter contributions: please email notices by 16th August 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.

John S Smith

We regret to announce the death of John S Smith, former Club President (1977-79), at the age of 84. John had joined the Club in 1954 and was still an active member. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 6 July at 1200 in Hove Methodist Church, Portland Road, Hove BN3 5DR.

The Organ Club Tour 2016 – The North-West of England

Saturday 8 to Friday 14 October 2016 inclusive

Last few days for booking!

The tour will be to an area of great scenic beauty between the Pennines and the sea with a surprising number of very interesting churches and organs. We shall stay in Blackburn Cathedral quarter for five nights, in central Carlisle for one and in Kendal for the last two.

We shall visit the cathedrals of Carlisle, Blackburn and Lancaster along with most of the major parish churches in the area as well as Stonyhurst and Giggleswick Schools. We shall hear several organs influenced by the enlightened ideas of Lt Col George Dixon at the beginning of the 20th century. The last day will be a tour through the Lake District via Penrith, Greystoke, Keswick and Ambleside. There will be a tour dinner in the Fraternity of Carlisle Cathedral.

For a more detailed itinerary and booking form, please contact Peter Stokes (pstjstokes@gmail.com)(07900 220816). Booking will close on 6 July. Approximate cost per person will be £550 in a shared room and £700 in a single room.

London Organ Competition

This is a major new opportunity for teenage organists, promoted by the Club in Association with the Northern Ireland International Competition. It will be

held at St Clement Danes, Strand, London, on 29 December 2016 at 1400 and Club members are invited to attend. The adjudicators will be Kevin Bowyer and Ben Comeau (a previous winner of the Northern Ireland Competition).

Applications are invited from young organ students for the following classes:

Senior Section (ages 17-19) 1st prize £800; 2nd prize £400.

Junior Section (age up to and including 16) 1st prize £400; 2nd prize £200.

The prizes are being donated by generous Club members.

Competitors will be required to play a piece by J S Bach and a second piece of their own choice. The performance must be preceded by a short spoken introduction providing information of interest to the audience.

The first and second prize winners in each section will be given recital opportunities and free entry to the Northern Ireland International Competition to take place in Armagh in August 2017 with opportunities for further prizes and prestigious recitals.

Please pass on this information to likely candidates, and for further details email John Miley (ceg36@gmail.com).

Organ publications for sale

I have available a list of approximately 300 items (books, leaflets, Organ World, extracts from Musical Opinion, and many black & white organ case photo cuttings) for sale to members to benefit Club funds. Items to suit all from 5p upward, subject to postal cost on complete orders. Prices where possible have been checked against eBay & Amazon and then discounted to offer members good value for money. Most of the items are from the late Colin Langman's estate. The information is listed on an Excel spreadsheet; I can convert to PDF if required but that makes the document larger.

If you do not have email, I can print the 22 page document, but I will have to make a small charge for this to cover the cost.

Please contact Mark Jameson (membership@organclub.org)(07802 715634)

Tidying the cellar ...

145 copies of **The American Organist** magazine across the years 1971 to 2003 - with many years sporting a complete set month by month - seek new home (for the price of postage). Please contact James Parsons (jamesparsons@gmx.com)(07887 537773)

Ties with Organ Club emblem

The Club tie in dark navy with a gold emblem (the St Paul's organ case) is available to members at £16.00 including postage. Requests to me please.

Dennis Scotter (dgscotter@gmail.com)(07842 418611)

CLUB MEETINGS

SATURDAY 16 JULY - CANTERBURY, KENT

1100 St Peter's Methodist Church, St Peter's Street CT1 2BE (Coffee will be available from 1030)

Nicholson & Lord (Walsall; c 1889) 2P20, maintained by F Browne. Tracker; electro-pneumatic on pedal unit.

1200 Lunch: Many restaurants in the city.

1330 St Mildred's, Church Lane (extension of Stour Street) CT1 2PP
10 minutes from the Methodist Church. 2P24, maintained by Browne of Ash.

1445 for 1515 Canterbury Cathedral, Burgate CT1 2EH

After Choral Evensong, the Director of Music, Dr David Flood, will speak to us about the organ. There will be an opportunity for members to play.

1930 Public organ recital by Adrian Bawtree; £8, concessions £6.

Trains: There are 2 stations in Canterbury. (i) From London St Pancras, the 0909 arrives **Canterbury West** at 1008. Turn right, then left into St Dunstan's Street, past the river and Westgate Towers. The Methodist Church is next door to the Oxfam bookshop. (ii) From London Victoria, the 0907 arrives **Canterbury East** at 1038 (18th station!).

Parking: Difficult at all venues. Use Park & Ride; otherwise use Pound Lane or Station Road West (£1.40 per hour). NB Whitefriars multi-storey is maximum 5 hours.

Bookings: Please contact Alison Garrett (01227 456376) **by Saturday 2 July. Please note early date!**

SATURDAY 20 AUGUST - HANLEY, NEWCASTLE & STOKE

1045 Bethesda Chapel, Bethesda St, Hanley ST1 3DW

Use the side entrance to the partially restored chapel (Historic Chapels Trust), opposite to the Potteries Museum. Kirtland & Jardine (1853) 3P27 (playable, awaiting completion of mixtures & reeds). Welcome by the organist, Michael Rhodes; tea & coffee, and playing time. Toilet facilities across at the Museum.

1135 Victoria Hall, Bagnall Street, Hanley ST1 3AD

Atrium Entrance; 5 minute walk from the chapel.

1150 PowerPoint display in the concert hall showing the pipework and other features of the organ. Conacher/Willis III 4P72.

1200 Organ Prom: Paul Carr (Birmingham) plays Bach, Lemare, Elgar, Bonnet, Vierne, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Schmidt.

1315 Buffet lunch at the Victoria Hall.

1355 Demo & short talk by the Victoria Hall organist, Michael Rhodes, followed by playing time for members.

1520 Coach leaves for Newcastle-under-Lyme.

1540 St Paul's Church, Victoria Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme ST5 1BH

Hill (1913)/Sixsmith (1975) 4P79. Demo by the organist, Fredrick Hewitt, followed by playing time for members.

1650 Coach leaves for Stoke Minster.

1710 Stoke Minster, Glebe Street, Stoke ST4 1LP

Binns (1899)/Walker (1972) 3P54. Demo by the organist, Jonathan Hill. Tea and playing time for members.

1825 Coach leaves for Stoke-on-Trent station.

Travel: The coach will meet the 0900 from London Euston, arrives Stoke-on-Trent at 1024, for the trip to Hanley. Return train 1849 arrives Euston 2034.

Cost: The charge of £30, subsidised by the Club, will include admission to the Organ Prom, the lunch, coach hire and normal meeting expenses.

Bookings: to Michael Rhodes (01782 410961) (mike52@ntlworld.com) by Sat 13 August.

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER - FOLKESTONE & HYTHE

We will visit St Leonard's Church, Hythe, Holy Trinity Church, Folkestone, and St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church, Folkestone. Travel will be arranged by coach from Folkestone West railway station (from London St Pancras the 0934 arrives Folkestone West at 1028; return train 1802 arrives St Pancras at 1854). Full details will appear in the September Newsletter, but please note that this meeting takes place on the **fourth** Saturday of the month due to a concert taking place in Hythe Church on 17 September.

RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

St Clement Danes, Strand, London

Friday 15 July at 1930 Concert of Music with Organ and Strings, featuring three young OCSO members who are prize-winning organists from Australia, Sam Giddy, Nico Tjoelker, and Steve Aveling-Rowe.

The programme will include performances of Handel Organ Concertos Op 4 Nos 1 & 2 with Sam Giddy (Woodstock chamber organ) and the young London string group, jTunes; and performances by the three recitalists on the Harrison and Harrison organ.

Free admission with retiring collection to be split between the Club and St Clement Danes.

St John the Evangelist, Duncan Terrace, Islington N1 8AL

July 30 at 1930 Christian Weiherer (Memmingen)(www.st-johns-islington.org)