

The Organ Club Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2016

NOTICES

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.

Write for the Organ Club Journal! Please email contributions to Kevin Grose (journal@organclub.org), or alternatively write to him at 330 East 33rd Street 14A, New York, NY 10016, USA. Photos (sent as jpg files) to accompany the contributions are welcome.

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.

Organ Club AGM

The next AGM will be held on **Saturday 18 March 2017** at **St Botolph's Church, Aldgate, London** starting at 1100 and finishing at about 1730. The organ by Renatus Harris (1704/5) is thought to be the oldest working organ in England. It was superbly restored in 2006 by Goetze and Gwynn. Dominic Gwynn himself will start the day with a presentation about the organ.

The theme for the meeting will be *The Early English Organ and its Music*. The day will include lectures on the interpretation of the music, a master class, the traditional Organ Club tea and a recital. It will be led by our new President, Professor David Baker, and it will be an excellent occasion for all members to get to know him.

Further details will be in the January Newsletter.

Volunteers needed!

The Organ Club is an association of members and relies on members who volunteer to carry out the various tasks necessary for the Club's activities. Most of the current volunteers have been in post for some time and the Club needs a new supply of volunteers. To some degree the jobs which need doing are shared amongst the volunteers according to their skills and available time. Some Office Holder tasks are shared. If you think you might have skills which are useful to the Club and you can devote some time to the Club then please discuss this with the General Secretary, Dennis Scotter (dgscotter@gmail.com)

(07842 418611). We welcome interest especially, but not exclusively, from members who have skills in law, insurance and finance.

Elections for all Office Holders and members of the committee take place at the AGM. Nominations must be sent in writing to the General Secretary not less than seven days before the AGM (in practice, e-mails are accepted). The proposal must confirm the assent of the nominee and include the names of the proposer and seconder, all of whom must be members of not less than two years' standing. If nominations exceed the number of vacancies, voting will be by ballot at the meeting.

Independent Examiner

The Constitution states that "the accounts shall be independently examined at least once a year by the Independent Examiner or Independent Examiners appointed at the Annual General Meeting." At present the Club has only one Independent Examiner, George Gray, whereas the Committee considers that there should be at least 2 such persons to share this task.

Members who are familiar with accounts are requested to consider offering their services to help the Club in this important role. Volunteers are, of course, preferred.

Applicants should contact the General Secretary for further details and applications should be sent to him. At the AGM applicants will need a proposer and a seconder, both of whom, ideally, should not be current office holders or committee members.

Suggestions welcomed!

Members who wish to make comments/suggestions or complaints about any aspect of Club activities should, in the first instance, send them to the General Secretary.

Organ publications and CDs for sale

I have available a list of items including books and CDs for sale to members to benefit Club funds. The items are from the late Colin Langman's estate and the late John Smith's estate. 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. The information is listed on an Excel spreadsheet; I can convert to PDF if required but that makes the document larger.

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

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 (dgscooter@gmail.com)(07842 418611)

CLUB MEETINGS

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER - DULWICH, SOUTH LONDON

1100 St Stephen's West Dulwich, College Road, Dulwich, SE21 7HN

Organ by Roger Pulham (2006), fully mechanical, including some older pipe-work: Gt 8 8 4 4 2 III. Sw 8 8 8 4 2 II 8. Ped 16 16 (Roger Pulham hopes to be present).

1230 Lunch: Dulwich village has several possibilities, (but the Pub is closed for renovation) or bring sandwiches!

1400 The Chapel of God's Gift, Dulwich Village (adjacent to Dulwich Picture Gallery)

Organ originally by George England 1760 – restored by William Drake (2004-08). Ch 8 8 4 4 2 8 8. Gt 8 8 4 4 2-2/3 2 V III III 8. Sw 8 8 4 2 III II-III 8 8. Ped 16 8 8

1600 St John the Evangelist, Goose Green, East Dulwich SE22 9AT

Organ originally in the Trinity College of Music (Walker 1985) on permanent loan here (moved by Peter Collins 2011). Pos 8 4 4 2 1-1/3 III 8. Gt 8 8 4 2-2/3 2 1-3/5 III. Sw 8 8 8 4 4 2-2/3 2 1-3/5 IV 16 8. Ped 18 8 8 4 16 4

Travel: Trains from Victoria run 4 per hour and take around 15 minutes to reach Sydenham Hill (NB NOT West Dulwich). Leave the station by the stairs at the front of platform, turn left at top (exit marked College Road) and on reaching the road, turn right.

Parking: According to the Vicar, “first come first served” at St Stephen's church car-park; difficult at the Chapel (try Dulwich Park); and possible but not easy at St John's. Drivers be warned – the last toll gate (£1) in London is between St Stephen's and Dulwich Village!

Refreshments: Tea/coffee should be available at the first & last venues, but there is no formal tea.

Bookings: to David Willey (020 8699 9465 or david.willey1@tiscali.co.uk) **by Tuesday 15 November.**

THURSDAY 29 DECEMBER - LONDON ORGAN COMPETITION

The December meeting of the Club will be on Thursday 29 December at 1400 in St Clement Danes Church in the Strand, London. The adjudicators will be Kevin Bowyer and Ben Comeau, and their cv's and full details of the competition are on the Club website (www.organclub.org).

A number of changes have been agreed by the Committee.

The closing date for applications has been extended to Thursday 10 November, and the requirement to send a recording has been removed. Should it be necessary to arrange a preliminary hearing, candidates will be informed.

The Junior section will have a first prize of £400, and additionally, prizes of £200 each for the best performers at the ages of 14, 15, and 16.

The Senior section prizes remain as a first prize of £800 plus a number of recitals at well known venues with a second prize of £400.

We hope for a good attendance of Club members at this important new initiative. The competitors will be playing a range of well known and interesting music. Club members will have the opportunity to try the organ at St Clement Danes following the event. The meeting charge will be the standard £5, and there are a number of suitable places in the Strand for tea.

Please pass on this information to likely candidates, and for further details email John Miley (cegb36@gmail.com).

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY - WEST LONDON

It is hoped to include Hyde Park Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and St James's Church, Sussex Gardens.

Further details in the January Newsletter.

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY - MANCHESTER

It is hoped to include a masterclass, and the opportunity to attend Evensong at the Cathedral.

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