

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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**MAY 2017**

## **NOTICES**

**2017 AGM:** Members will be aware that David Baker did not take up the Presidency at the AGM for personal reasons, and I was elected President to serve until the March 2018 AGM. There were also minor problems with the presentation of the accounts for 2016. The Treasurer (Richard Blanch) and the Past-Treasurer are working to sort these problems so that a complete and fully audited set of accounts can be presented to a Special General Meeting later this year.

The new Committee has planned a full and interesting programme of meetings and events for the forthcoming year, which will be detailed in the bi-monthly Newsletters, and the Journal in its fine new format is continuing to be edited in the short term by Kevin Grose. The Club's heart is ticking, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the forthcoming events.

*John Miley (President)*

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

## **2017 Membership Renewals**

Members are reminded that those who have not renewed by 31 March under the rules of the Constitution automatically cease to be members. However, we do not wish to lose members, and I will be posting final reminder letters to all those I have not heard from.

A reminder of the current rates for UK addresses: Junior (<25) £10, Senior (60+) £25, standard rate (25-59) £30. If resident outside the UK, add £10 towards postage. Send to Mark Jameson, Membership Secretary – full contact details in the Journal.

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

## **Email circulation list**

Following a member's suggestion, I am compiling a circulation list of all those members who have provided us with their email addresses. Please note that we shall use this list *only* if we need to contact you with an urgent notice, such as a late change to meeting arrangements. Please let me know if you do not wish us to use your email address in this way. This arrangement will not affect your option for Newsletter distribution.

*Brian Caswell*

## **Nene Valley Study Weekend**

For the October meeting (taking place on the second weekend), the Club is arranging a study weekend for playing members; non-playing members will be equally welcome as observers. For players, this is an opportunity to study with some of the best teachers in the country on the excellent organs in the Oundle area, and greatly improve the playing of your pieces.

There will be 3 professional tutors: James Parsons, Club Vice-President and founder of Oundle for Organists, Daniel Moulton, recitalist and organ teacher and Steven Grahl, Organist of Peterborough Cathedral.

*Programme:*

Friday 13 October: 7.30pm recital by James Parsons on the Frobenius organ in Oundle School Chapel.

Saturday 14 October: Playing members *Practise and Progress* with the three tutors in turn. Evening visit to Peterborough Cathedral with a chance to play the organ.

Sunday 15 October: For playing members a chance to take part in parish services and sessions with tutors. Platform concert at 3pm in Warmington Church.

Cost for playing members £90; observers are welcome for the usual meeting charge of £5.

A list of accommodation in the area will be provided for applicants, so why not arrange an autumn weekend in a delightful part of the English countryside?

To book a place as a playing member, please send a deposit of £40 payable to *The Organ Club* to President John Miley at 7 Pridmore Close, Woodnewton, Peterborough PE8 5EY. There will be special arrangements for OCSO members, who are being contacted separately.

If you would like to attend as an observer, please email the President ([ceg36@gmail.com](mailto:ceg36@gmail.com)).

## **Organ publications and CDs for sale**

I still have a large number of items from Colin Langman's & John Smith's collections. Each of the lists is now on PDF documents. Please contact me for a copy.

Mark Jameson ([membership@organclub.org](mailto:membership@organclub.org))(07802 715634)

## **North West England Tour DVD**

If you would like 8 hours of DVD of the 2016 tour please contact Keith Rawlings (01932 844376 or [keithrawlings10@talktalk.net](mailto:keithrawlings10@talktalk.net)) to receive copies.

## CLUB MEETINGS

### SATURDAY 20 MAY – BROMLEY & BELLINGHAM

#### **1030 SS Peter & Paul, Church Road, Bromley BR2 0EG**

Impressive 1991 Walker organ (Ch 8 8 4 4 2-2/3 2 1-3/5 III 8 8; Gt 16 8 8 4 4 2 V IV 16 8; Sw 8 8 8 8 4 2 IV 18 16 8 8; Ped 16 16 10-2/3 8 8 4 IV 32 16 8).

**1200** Lunch – Bromley is well equipped with eateries & pubs.

#### **1300 St John the Baptist, 353 Bromley Road, Catford SE6 2RP**

A transplanted Hunter organ dating from 1878 (Ch 8 8 8 4 4 2 8; Gt 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 8; Sw 16 8 8 8 8 4 III 8 8; Ped 16 16 8 8 4 16).

#### **1500 St Dunstan, Bellingham Green, Bellingham SE6 3JB**

A special recital is to be given by Club member, Paul Derrett. Organ by Hill (with some Fr Smith pipework) originally in the Chapel Royal, St James; installed here in 1925 (at a cost, it is said, of £800) and recently restored by Wintle Organs, this being its formal re-opening. Last visited by the Club in 1995, this organ is often considered the finest organ in South London (Ch 8 8 8 4 4 8; Gt 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 8; Sw 16 8 8 8 4 4 2 II 8 8; Ped 16 16 8). Given its royal history (it was used for Queen Victoria's wedding), Paul will be playing works with a royal connection.

**Travel:** Frequent service from London–Victoria to Bromley South (fastest taking some 16 minutes). From the station, turn right and walk up through the shopping centre, crossing over at some point. Walk through the market to the old Market Square and after the Primark store turn left and SS Peter & Paul will be seen (allow 10 to 15 minutes for this walk). Refreshments will be available at the church. Travel thereafter by local buses.

**Parking:** difficult in Bromley but there should be no problems at the later venues.

**Refreshments:** tea/coffee may be available at the last venue, but there is no formal tea.

**Bookings:** to David Willey (020 8699 9465 or [david.willey1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:david.willey1@tiscali.co.uk)) by Saturday 13 May.

### SUNDAY 28 MAY TO SUNDAY 4 JUNE – GRONINGEN TOUR

Please direct requests for information about the tour to Peter Stokes (07900 220 816 or [psjstokes@gmail.com](mailto:psjstokes@gmail.com)).

### THURSDAY 22 JUNE – SOUTHWARK

#### **1900 St George's (RC) Cathedral, London SE1 7HY**

Special evening visit by kind permission of the Cathedral Authorities and Director of Music, Norman Harper (Club member), who will demonstrate the III-manual Compton organ (1953-58) of 72 stops.

**Transport:** the Cathedral car park will be open (beware London Congestion charge before 1800), but best to travel by underground to Lambeth North (Bakerloo line) – turn left on exiting the station and then a few minutes' walk. The main entrance to the Cathedral is from Lambeth Road. Local buses are complicated due to an awkward one-way system.

**Bookings:** to David Willey (020 8699 9465 or [david.willey1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:david.willey1@tiscali.co.uk)) by Saturday 17 June.

### **SATURDAY 15 JULY**

Arrangements for the July meeting are still in progress. Further details in the July Newsletter.

### **SATURDAY 19 AUGUST – READING VILLAGES**

Further details in the July Newsletter.

### **RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS**

#### **Reading Town Hall, Reading RG1 1QH**

(the famous Father Willis organ)

May 11 at 1930 Simon Johnson

Admission £10; free preconcert talk at 1815.

#### **Selby Abbey, The Crescent, Selby YO8 4PU**

Jun 6 to Aug 8 (every Tuesday) at 1230 Concert series with international recitalists on the restored Hill organ

Admission free; retiring collection.

[www.selbyabbeyorganappeal.org.uk/recitals.html](http://www.selbyabbeyorganappeal.org.uk/recitals.html)

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

Vierne series 2017

May 27 at 1930 William McVicker

Jun 17 at 1930 Joseph Beech

Admission free; retiring collection.

#### **St Alphege, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware HA8 0DN**

Jun 10 at 1930 Anthony Halliday (St Francis, Melbourne)

Admission £10 to include buffet and wine.

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