

The Organ Club Newsletter

JULY 2017

NOTICES

Club Accounts

Work on the situation with respect to the Club Accounts for 2014, 15 and 16 is continuing and we owe a deep debt of gratitude to Richard Blanch, who has been spending literally days on the project. We hope to be able to hold a Special General Meeting later on this year in which the accounts for these years will be submitted to the membership for approval.

John Miley (President)

Organ Club Journal: If you've read the latest Club Journal, you'll know that Kevin Grose is standing down as Editor. During Kevin's four years in the job, he initiated and oversaw the successful redesign of the Journal in its present A4 format. In his editorial, Kevin outlines what the editing job involves. Could you take this on? We urgently need to find a new Editor, otherwise the future publication of the Journal will be under threat. If you're interested, please contact me for further discussion.

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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.

Nene Valley Study Weekend

For the October meeting (taking place on the second weekend), the Club has arranged 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.

Details of the programme were published in the May Newsletter (available on the Club website, <http://organclub.org>). Further information from the President, John Miley (*cegb36@gmail.com*) (01780 470015).

CLUB MEETINGS

SATURDAY 15 JULY – GODALMING & WITLEY

In July we visit two churches, both with exceptionally fine organs. The Club last visited Godalming Parish Church in 2011. The second visit will be to All Saints Church, Witley, which the Club has not visited before.

1100 St Peter and St Paul's, Church Street, Godalming, GU7 1ER

Three manual/pedal organ (49 stops); restored 1961 by Hill, Norman & Beard, and more recently by F H Browne. Coffee on arrival, followed by demonstration and talk by John Belcher. Members are then welcome to play the organ.

1300 Lunch – members' own arrangements. There are several eating places nearby in the town.

Travel on to Witley (train and/or bus; full details in the visit notes).

1500 All Saints, Church Lane, Witley GU8 5PN

Organ 1871 Wm Hill, rebuilt by HNB 1937, 1965, Percy Daniel 1995. Three manual/pedal organ (25 stops). Demonstration and talk by Iain Nisbet. Members then welcome to play.

Tea and coffee will be available during the afternoon in the church.

Meeting cost: £6

Transport: Trains from Waterloo 0915; 0945; 1015; arrive Godalming 45-48 mins later. Godalming Church is a short walk from the station. Return: bus from Witley to Godalming or Guildford 1659; 1759 (full details in the visit notes).

Bookings: to John Varney (*jvarneyguildford@icloud.com*) (01483 574326) by Sunday 9 July.

For those with transport who would like to stay in the area for a recital:

1930 St Mary's, Epsom Road, West Horsley KT24 6AP

Recital by Tom Bell to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Frobenius organ. Music by J S Bach and Jehan Alain. Tickets at the door £10, students £5.

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST – THAMES VILLAGES & HURST

1030 Coach departs from **TWYFORD** Station.

1045 St Mary the Virgin, High Street, Hurley SL6 5NF

Historic village, church originally a Priory. The Robson organ was moved here from the Royal Apollonicon Music Hall in 1847. Altered by Martin & Coate of Oxford; Hill Norman and Beard; and now cared for by B C Shepherd & Sons.

Gt 8,8,8,4,2,III; Sw 8,8,4,4,8; Ped 16,8.

1215 St Mary the Virgin, Hart Street, Henley-on-Thames RG9 2AU

Dates back to 1180. Current organ 1887 by Hill. Most recent rebuild with new console by Tarquin Wiggins. Gt 14ss; Sw 11ss; 2 Rank Positive 8ss; Ped 10ss.

Lunch: plenty of places in Henley to eat.

1430 St Mary the Virgin, Mill Green, Station Road, Wargrave RG10 8EU

Gutted by members of the Suffragette movement in 1914, rebuilt by 1917, some older work remains. Organ 1917 Walker (BIOS certificate) rebuilt 2011 with new console.

Gt 16,8,8,8,4; Sw 8,8,8,8,4,III,16,8; Ped 16,16,8,16. Still in Walker's care.

1630 St Nicholas, Church Hill, Hurst RG10 0SN

Dates back to Norman times. In 1977, Henry Groves supplied a c1890 organ, builder unknown. Rebuilt and enlarged 1998 by White of Southampton. Recently David Coram has started to look after it. Gt 8,8,4,2,III,8; Sw 8,8,8,4,2,II,8; Ped 16. I hope there will be a cup of tea/coffee available here.

Travel: 0912 London Paddington (Platform 11; Reading train) arr Twyford 1000; 0927 (long walk to Platform 14; Oxford train) arr Twyford 1012; Reading 1003 (Platform 14) arr Twyford 10.09.

<https://www.gwr.com/plan-journey/train-times> Timetable E1

Organ Club coach: Twyford, next to Platform 4. Cost £26 per head – if coach filled, cost will reduce. Finish time 1800 at Twyford. Trains about every 15 minutes, journey time to Paddington approx 50 minutes.

Parking and events taking place: Hurley: very difficult especially as there is a regatta taking place, and a wedding after we clear the church. Henley: parking near church is impossible at any time; Rewind Festival also taking place. Parking around Hurst church is in a narrow lane and can be difficult. Please use coach. Car park at Twyford station £6.10, Apcoa code 2179. Access from north side, follow lane next to Oriental Wok, under bridge and uphill to car park. Wicker gate over Henley track onto platform 4 and station exit. Ticket machines at entry of main car park and near gate. If you miss the coach at Twyford, Henley trains every 30 minutes, St Mary's 10 minute walk from station. If you use your own car or travel with another member in their car (£5 each) be aware parking will be VERY difficult in the first two locations!

Day visit notes (six sides) will be available ahead of the visit for you to print. I am aware of costs, and hope only to print notes for those who are unable to print their own.

Booking: Mark Jameson (01189 344212 or *membership@organclub.org*) by Wednesday 16 August.

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER – SURBITON

Our visit is to three of the Anglican churches in Surbiton, each having a 3-manual organ. St Mark's organ has 64 speaking stops and includes a small west section. Further details in the September Newsletter.

RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2R 1DH

Tuesday 25 July at 1310 Recital by OCSO members Ben Banks and Nick Tall. Music by Bridge, Clerembaux, Watkins, Howells and Bach. Free admission with a retiring collection.

Selby Abbey, The Crescent, Selby YO8 4PU

Every Tuesday until Aug 8 at 1230 Concert series with international recitalists on the restored Hill organ

Admission free; retiring collection.

www.selbyabbeyorganappeal.org.uk/recitals.html

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

Vierne series 2017

July 29 at 1930 Isabelle Demers

Admission free; retiring collection.

St Alphage, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware HA8 0DN

July 1 at 1930 Peter Wright (Southwark Cathedral)

Admission £10 to include buffet and wine.

Hereford Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Hereford HR1 2NG

Aug 28 at 1130 Richard Hills

Victoria Hall, Hanley ST1 3AD

July 15 at 1200 Nathan Laube

Aug 12 at 1200 Gert van Hoef

Central Methodist Church, York YO1 8NQ

Jun 29 at 1230 Philip Moore

Jul 6 at 1230 Phillip Sangwine

Jul 20 at 1230 Philip Luke

Aug 3 at 1230 Tim Hone

Aug 17 at 1230 Paul Dewhurst

Aug 31 at 1230 Philip Paul

St George's, Hanover Square, London W1S 1FX

Aug 1 at 1310 Marilyn Harper

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