

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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## NOTICES

**Organ Club Journal:** If you've read the latest Club Journal, you'll know that Kevin Grose has announced his intention to stand 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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**November Newsletter contributions:** please email notices by 16th October to Brian Caswell (*newsletter@organclub.org*), or alternatively write to him at 42 Wymondley Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 9PR.

## North East Holland Tour DVD

If you would like 7 hours of DVD of the recent tour please contact Keith Rawlings (01932 844376 or 07802 444523 or *keithrawlings10@talktalk.net*) to receive copies.

## CLUB MEETINGS

### SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER – SURBITON

Surbiton is a suburb of Kingston upon Thames. We visit the three large three manual organs in the main Anglican churches in Surbiton (Evangelical, Central, Anglo Catholic).

#### **1100 St Matthew's, St Matthew's Avenue (off Kingsdown Road) KT6 6JQ**

Organ by J J Binns, rebuilt Walker 1962. 3 manuals, 33 speaking stops: Great 8888442.2/3.2III8; Swell 16888842III884; Choir 888428; Pedal 3216168816. Last Club visit 1980.

**1230 Lunch** – members' own arrangements. There are plenty of places to eat near Surbiton Station and St Mark's Hill.

#### **1400 St Mark's, St Mark's Hill/Church Hill Road KT6 4LS**

Organ installed in 1960 by Mander after church was rebuilt after being gutted in the war. It contains much pipework from a house organ, and was enlarged, part straight/part extension. 3 manuals, 64 speaking stops, including small

West end section. Great 1688884442II III848; Swell 16888844III16884; Choir 1688884442.2/3.22 1.3/5. 1.1/3. III8888; Pedal 1616161688844IV1616884; West end section 88442. First ever Club visit.

### **1600 St Andrew's, St Andrew's Road/Maple Road KT6 4DT**

Organ by Hunter 1927 incorporating pipework from an earlier Bishop organ. Installed at St Andrew's in 1960 by Rest Cartwright (from Holy Trinity Church, Stroud Green). Electrified with tonal alterations by Dennis Coffin of Epsom 1977-9. Restoration in stages from 1989 to 2010 by B C Shepherd & Sons. 3 manuals, 47 speaking stops. Great 1688884442.2/3.2III84; Swell 8888442III16884; Choir 88442884; Pedal 321616161688844II168. Last Club visit 1990.

**Tea** will be available at St Andrew's.

**Meeting cost:** £5

**Transport:** Surbiton Station is in Victoria Road KT6 4PE, which is in the centre of the town. Allow approx 10 minutes to walk to St Matthew's from the station, and the same to walk back to the centre for lunch and St Mark's. St Mark's and St Andrew's are near the town centre.

Parking is not difficult at St Matthew's. Parking is not that easy at St Mark's and St Andrew's, and parking has to be paid for at a meter.

**Bookings:** to Eric Shepherd by Tuesday 12 September (020 8958 2461) ([bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com](mailto:bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com)) (please note new email address).

### **FRIDAY 13 to SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER – NENE VALLEY STUDY WEEKEND**

For the October meeting, 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.

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 at 1930:** 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 1500 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 ([cegb36@gmail.com](mailto:cegb36@gmail.com)).

### **SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER – WEMBLEY & HARROW**

We are planning a visit to St John's, Wembley, which has a 3-manual Ingram organ built as a thank offering for the end of the Great War in 1919. This is the church where President John Miley was a choirboy.

We shall also visit the Church of the Ascension, Preston Road, which has a 2-manual undated Bishop organ, originally in Chiswick House. The organist, Club member, Ian Shaw, will give us a recital following which members will be able to play.

Full details in the November Newsletter.

### **THURSDAY 28 & FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER – 2nd LONDON ORGAN COMPETITION**

This year's competition will take place at **St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2R 1DH**. The timetable will be:

**Thursday 28 December at 1300:** Junior competition (ages up to 16)

**Friday 29 December at 1300:** Senior competition (ages 17 to 19)

As for last year's competition, Club members are encouraged to support this important event.

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

**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster SW1H 9NH**

Sep 17 at 1500 Paul Ayres

Oct 15 at 1500 Gerard Brooks

**Leeds Town Hall, The Headrow, Leeds LS1 3AD**

Oct 30 at 1305 Michael Stephens-Jones (OCSO member and First Senior Prizewinner in the 2016 London Competition)

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

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Sep 23 at 1930 Adrian Gunning

Admission free; retiring collection.

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

Sep 2 at 1930 Peter Stevens (Westminster Cathedral)

Admission £10 to include buffet and wine.

**Christ Church Spitalfields, 2 Fournier Street E1 6QE**

Sep 18 at 1930 James O'Donnell

Oct 23 at 1930 Terence Charlston

**Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EP**

Sep 30 at 1600 Adrian Gunning

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