

The Organ Club Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2017

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.

Club Accounts

Further to the announcements in the May and July Newsletters the Committee has received and agreed a revised set of Accounts for each of the years 2014 to 2016. The Independent Examiner, George Gray, has reviewed the Accounts and added his report to each year.

As it is now more than 7 months since the AGM, the Committee has decided to carry forward presentation of the revised Accounts to the next AGM so that the Annual Report will carry pages covering the years 2014 to 2016 and, as usual, the latest year, which will be 2017. This would save on the substantial printing and mailing costs that would have been incurred if a Special General Meeting had been arranged. Full details of the problems with the past accounts will be provided at the AGM in March, which will be followed by a recital by Thomas Trotter.

RFH Organ Scholarship

Club member William McVicker has informed us of the Dame Gillian Weir Organ Scholarship, which will fund the Southbank Centre's Organ Scholar for the next ten years. The first recipient will be David Thomas, the Director of Music at St Mary's Church in South Croydon, and holder of the organ scholarship at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

OCSO news

A new release from Delphian features OCSO member, Alexander Little, and former OCSO member, Peter Shepherd, on a new CD of Christmas hymns and carols played on the superb organ in Merton College, Oxford.

The Organ Club Archive

The latest edition of the Organ Club Archive (uploaded January 2017) is available for download from the Club website (www.organclub.org) or on a CD. It includes information on all the Organ Club visits made since 1928 and all the organs visited during that time which number over 4,000. It also has an index to all the main items that have featured in the Club's Journal from 1948 to the present.

Scholarship successes

Congratulations to the following OCSO members who have won Organ Scholarships at Oxbridge colleges, to start in 2018 and 2019:

Nicholas Edwards – Christ's Cambridge (2018)

George Gillow – Clare Cambridge (2019)

Henry Metcalf – Jesus Cambridge (2019)

Colin Millington – Corpus Christi Cambridge (2018)

Robin Pillinger – Queens' Cambridge (2018)

Ben Banks – Oriel Oxford

Thomas Dilley – Queens Oxford

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.

Choir and Organ on BBC Radio 3

Club member John Stratton has informed us that the programme, *The Choir*, broadcast on Sunday afternoons on BBC Radio 3, is now being called *Choir and Organ*, and on the first Sunday in each month will be devoted entirely to the organ.

Organ Music Sale in Dorking, Surrey

Club member John Bartlett has informed us that the Performing Arts Library in Dorking is selling off a lot of *ex libris* organ sheet music for only 50p per copy. There is no list, unfortunately – visitors just need to go and rummage. The library is closed on Sundays and Mondays, but open from 10am on other days. The music covers all periods but the majority is from the 1950s onwards.

Honour for Carol Williams

Congratulations to Club member, Carol Williams, who has recently returned from her closing night concert at the Spreckels Organ in Balboa Park, San Diego, where she performed with her band (The CWB) a Doors tribute for about 3500 people. After a grand entrance carriage ride through the audience, Carol had the honour of being presented with a proclamation awarding her the title of *San Diego Civic Organist Emerita*.

CLUB MEETINGS

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER – WEMBLEY & PRESTON ROAD

Club member Ian Shaw will play short recitals at each church to demonstrate the organ before other members play.

1030 St John's, 1 Crawford Avenue, Wembley HA0 2HX

P Ingram and Co of Edinburgh installed the organ in 1921 as a thank offering for peace after the Great War. Bishop and Son overhauled and enlarged it in 2010-11. Gt 10; Sw 10; Ch 9; Ped 8.

1215 Lunch – members' own arrangements. There are plenty of places to eat in Wembley.

1500 Wembley Park United Reformed Church, The Broad Way, East Lane HA9 7NN (near Preston Road)

Organ by A. Hunter & Son (late 1890s); installed at the church in the 1940s. Action electrified by B C Shepherd & Sons (1999) and still maintained by them. Great 8 8 8 4 4 2; Swell 16 8 8 8 4 2 8; Pedal 16 8.

1630 Church of the Ascension, The Avenue, Wembley Park HA9 9QL

Bishop organ, originally in Chiswick House. Gt 5; Sw 6; Solo 3; Ped 1.

1800 departure from Preston Road (Metropolitan Line)

Light refreshments will be available at St John's from 1000.

Meeting cost: £5

Transport: Wembley Central Station (Bakerloo and Euston-Watford Overground). Turn left from the station and continue over (traffic lights) junction with Ealing Road. It is safest to cross over the High Road whilst at the traffic lights. Continue past a few more shops and the graveyard. The church will soon be on your right (5 minutes from the station).

Or a much longer walk: Sudbury Town (Piccadilly – Uxbridge Branch).

Bus routes 18, 83, 92 & 183 stop outside the church.

Bookings: to John Miley by Tuesday 14 November (01780 470015) (cegb36@gmail.com).

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)

The Judges this year are Simon Over, Director of Music at St Clement Danes, and Michael Butterfield, recently Assistant Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney and now in London undertaking advanced organ studies at the Royal Academy of Music.

Club members are encouraged to support this important event. Members who wish to attend as observers should contact John Miley either by email (cegb36@gmail.com), or by telephone (01780 470015) by Sunday 9th December to receive final details about the competition times.

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY – UPPER NORWOOD

The Club will visit St John's, Upper Norwood, with its fine Lewis organ. It is hoped also to include the 1997 Kenneth Tickell organ at St Barnabas, Dulwich.

Further details in the January Newsletter.

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY – ST GILES' CRIPPLEGATE

Masterclass with Anne Marsden Thomas. Further details in the January Newsletter.

RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

Reading Town Hall, Reading RG1 1QH

(the famous Father Willis organ)

Nov 20 at 1300 William McVicker

King's College Chapel, Cambridge CB2 1ST

Nov 11 at 1840 Alex Hamilton (Trinity College)

Nov 18 at 1840 Donal McCann (King's College)

Nov 25 at 1840 Martin Ennis (Girton College)

Admission free; retiring collection.

www.kings.cam.ac.uk/events/organ-recitals.html

St Paul's Church, Diamond Way, Deptford SE8 3DS

Nov 4 at 1300 Norman Harper (St George's Metropolitan Cathedral, Southwark)

Westminster Cathedral, Ashley Place, Victoria SW1P 1QW

Nov 5 at 1645 Norman Harper

St George's Metropolitan Cathedral, Southwark SE1 7HY

Dec 16 at 1100 Norman Harper (Messiaen - La Nativité du Seigneur)

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

Nov 19 at 1500 RAM Student showcase

Christ Church Spitalfields, 2 Fournier Street E1 6QE

Nov 27 at 1930 Gerard Brooks

St Peter & St Paul, Borough Road, Godalming GU7 1ET

Nov 3 at 1300 Marilyn Harper