

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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**MAY 2018**

## **NOTICES**

### **New Newsletter Editor**

This issue of the Newsletter is the last I shall produce. My involvement with the Newsletter goes back nearly 9 years, first as assistant while I was Club Secretary, then since September 2011 as Editor. In that time, I have redesigned the publication, and designed and launched the electronic edition.

I'm glad to say that John Belling is taking over from me. Welcome, John!

*Brian Caswell*

**July Newsletter contributions:** please email notices by 16th June at the latest to John Belling ([newsletter@organclub.org](mailto:newsletter@organclub.org)), or alternatively write to him at 42 Cunningham Park, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 4QJ.

### **The AGM and Special General Meeting (17 March 2018)**

These meetings were held at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church. The accounts for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 were approved. Peter Owen will serve as President-Elect, Neville Joseph offered to take on the role of Treasurer, and John Belling that of Newsletter Editor. After the meeting, Leslie Bevis-Smith, Keith Rawlings and John Henderson offered to be co-opted as Committee members. Kevin Grose has agreed to continue as Journal Editor, so the good news is that all the important vacancies have been filled.

The AGM was followed by a Special General Meeting in which the Constitution was revised in line with the proposed changes outlined in the AGM booklet.

Richard Blanch has spent an enormous amount of time sorting out the past accounts and the meeting was unanimous in endorsing the Committee's decision that Richard should become a Vice President. Mark Jameson also carries out a great deal of work for the Club; members also unanimously agreed that Mark should be given Honorary Membership.

The day was brought to a splendid conclusion with a wonderful recital by Thomas Trotter.

All this good news means that the Club is very much back on track!

### **The Organ Club Archive**

The latest edition of the Organ Club Archive (uploaded January 2018) is available for download from the Club website ([www.organclub.org](http://www.organclub.org)).

## **CLUB MEETINGS**

### **SATURDAY 19 MAY – ELY & SOHAM**

We visit the small City of Ely with one of the very largest and most magnificent Cathedrals in the country, which was last visited by the Club in 1976. We start with a short visit to the small church of St Peter's, then after lunch, go to hear the impressive new organ in St Andrew's Soham, before returning to Ely for a RSCM Festival service, and then a demonstration of the large Harrison organ.

#### **1100 St Peter's Church, Broad Street, Ely CB7 4AH**

Unaltered 1 manual Hill organ built 1891, 7 stops.

**1200** Lunch break in Ely.

**1330** Members with cars to take other members to Soham, with other members going by taxi, which will need to be booked in advance. Please let me know if you require a lift or need a taxi. This is to avoid the cost of a coach for the one visit.

#### **1400 St Andrew's Church, Fountain Lane, Soham CB7 5ED**

New 2 manual 28 stop organ by Richard Bower 2013, incorporating some Forster & Andrews pipes from former organ.

**1530** Cars back to Ely. Time to get tea in the town.

#### **Ely Cathedral, Chapter House, The College, The Gallery CB7 4DL**

Harrison & Harrison organ 1908, incorporating Hill pipes from former organ. Rebuilt Harrison & Harrison and drastically altered 1975, and 2001, when a number of the tonal alterations carried out in 1975 were reversed. 4 manuals 80 stops.

#### **1700 RSCM Ely Festival of Church Music service in place of Evensong**

Directed by Paul Trepte (Organist & Director of Music), Edmund Aldhouse (Assistant Organist). Make sure that you arrive in good time for the service, as it will be well attended.

Following this the Assistant Organist, Edmund Aldhouse, will demonstrate the organ, after which members will be able to play until **2030**.

**Charge:** the meeting charge is £5. If members share a taxi this is at their own expense.

**Travel:** trains to Ely go from Kings Cross. The approximate journey time is 1 hour 15 minutes. It takes about 10 minutes to walk to St Peter's Church from Ely Station.

**Bookings:** please let Eric Shepherd know by 15th May if you will be coming. If you have a car please bring it, and take other members to Soham and back to Ely. Email: [bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com](mailto:bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com); tel: 020 8958 2461.

## **SATURDAY 16 JUNE – WINCHESTER**

We last visited the lovely City of Winchester in 1990, when we went to St Cross Hospital, Winchester College, and the Cathedral. Unfortunately we are unable to visit the College because of a big open day, but we are visiting the small historic church of St Lawrence, near the Cathedral after lunch. We start at the magnificent Hospital of St Cross, which is “England's Most Perfect Almshouse” (*Simon Jenkins*) with a large Norman chapel which is like a small abbey. We finish with one of the finest and largest cathedrals in the country.

St Cross Hospital is a mile outside the centre of the city. The most picturesque way to approach it is across the water meadows from the Cathedral, but it can be approached by road, which is just over a mile from the city centre.

### **1100 Hospital of St Cross and Almshouse of Noble Poverty, St Cross Road, Winchester SO23 9SD**

Please allow time to pay the admission charge (£5). Visitors can ask for the Wayfarers' Dole of bread and ale as they depart, which is a unique ancient custom.

The very fine organ is by Walker (1863, 1902 & 1907). 3 manuals 27 stops.

**1230 approx** Walk across water meadows to centre of Winchester (1 mile).

### **Lunch break**

### **1500 St Lawrence's Church, 18-19 The Square, Winchester S023 9EX**

2 manual 19 stop organ by Osmond of Taunton 1966; major restoration by Griffiths & Company of Portsmouth 2017.

**1600** time to get tea.

### **1730 Winchester Cathedral, 9 The Close S023 9LS**

Organ originally by Willis 1851 built for Great Exhibition, installed at the Cathedral in 1854, rebuilt by Willis 1897, rebuilt and enlarged Hele of Plymouth 1905. Rebuilt by Harrison & Harrison in 1933, and 1989. 4 manuals 79 stops.

**Choral Evensong:** please get there in good time, as seating in the Quire is limited.

After Evensong, the Organist & Master of the Choristers, Andrew Lumsden, will demonstrate the organ, and there will be time for some members to play.

**Travel:** trains to Winchester Station go from Waterloo and Paddington. The journey time is just over an hour.

**Charge:** the meeting charge is £5, in addition to the admission charge at St Cross Hospital.

**Bookings:** please contact Eric Shepherd by Tuesday 12th June. St Cross Hospital need to have a rough idea of numbers in advance. Email: [bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com](mailto:bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com); tel: 020 8958 2461.

### **SATURDAY 14 JULY – TEWKESBURY ABBEY (NB 2nd Saturday)**

We will meet at the Abbey at 1300 for a buffet lunch with Guests of Honour, Roy Massey and Carleton Etherington. There will then be a demonstration of the two organs in the Abbey, following which members will have time to play. The meeting is timed to end at 1645.

Train timetables are being revised in May, so transport details will be included in the July Newsletter, but if you would like to book a place on the visit, please let me know by email ([jmiley@jee.org](mailto:jmiley@jee.org)) as soon as possible, and I will send the travel details as soon as they become known. The meeting charge will be £5 plus £10 for the lunch.

*John Miley*

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

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

May 26 at 1600 Nathan Laube

Admission free, retiring collection.

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

June 2 at 1930 Nathan Laube (International Recitalist)

June 23 at 1930 Anthony Halliday (St Francis Church, Melbourne)

Admission £10, with refreshments.

#### **St Michael's Abbey, Farnborough GU14 7NQ**

May 6 at 1500 Neil Wright (Farnborough Abbey)

June 3 at 1500 Jozef Vasko (Jasov Abbey)

#### **New Testament Church of God, College Street, Northampton NN1 2QP**

June 21 at 1310 Philip J Bricher

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