

# The Organ Club Newsletter

JULY 2018

## 1. NOTICES

### **New Newsletter Editor**

This issue of the Newsletter is my first, as the new Newsletter Editor.

A very big thanks is due to Brian Caswell for his achievement in producing the Newsletter for the last 9 years. His will be a hard act to follow.

*John Belling*

### **GDPR**

Thank you to all those of you who have returned a notice to the Membership Secretary giving permission for the Club to communicate with you with respect to Club matters. If you have not yet done so and you are on our mailing list, please just send Mark Jameson an email ([membership@organclub.org](mailto:membership@organclub.org)) or a note by post (to 92, The Hawthorns, Charvil, Reading. RG10 9TS) giving this permission.

Full details of our GDPR Policy are available on the Club Website.

*John Miley. President*

**September Newsletter contributions:** please email notices by 16th August at the latest to John Belling ([newsletter@organclub.org](mailto:newsletter@organclub.org)), or alternatively write to him at:

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## 2. CLUB MEETINGS

### **Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Tewkesbury (NB 2nd Saturday)**

The July visit this year is slightly different to our usual format of visits, taking the form of a buffet lunch with guests of honour, Roy Massey, Organist Emeritus of Hereford Cathedral, and Carleton Etherington, Director of Music at Tewkesbury, and giving opportunity for members to socialise. Following lunch, there will be a demonstration of the two organs in the Abbey, and time for members to play.

**13:00:** Tewkesbury Abbey: buffet lunch, followed by demonstrations of the organs, after which there will be time for members to play.

**16:45:** Meeting ends.

**Cost:** The meeting charge will be £5 plus £10 for the lunch.

**Bookings:** please let John Miley know by Sunday 8th July by email to [cegb36@gmail.com](mailto:cegb36@gmail.com) or telephone 01780 470015.

**Travel:**

(a) Public Transport - Ashchurch is the nearest station to Tewkesbury.

Trains from London Paddington (08:45): change at Bristol Parkway (or Swindon then Cheltenham Spa) for Ashchurch (11:56).

From Birmingham New Street (10:30), change at Cheltenham Spa for Ashchurch (11:56).

From Ashchurch Station, Stagecoach bus 41 (12:11 or 12:33) to Tewkesbury, The Crescent (takes about 20 minutes), then short walk.

More detail on trains, (pdf), email only, from [membership@organclub.com](mailto:membership@organclub.com)

(b) Car: coming from the south west expect M5 to be very busy around Jn 11, those from London **not** to use the direct route M4 and A417 (this links through to M5 Jn11) and when using the route of A40 expect heavy traffic between Oxford and Burford, because the International Air Tattoo is taking place at FAIRFORD **all** weekend, with special extra displays because of RAF 100th anniversary. The M4/A417 route locks solid under normal air-display weekends, but this display is to be much larger and longer. Traffic for Fairford turns off A40 at Burford.

## **Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 - The Isle of Thanet, Kent**

Arranged by Tony Bullett and Eric Shepherd.

We visit this comparatively little known corner of Kent, which has been badly neglected by the Club. Broadstairs and Ramsgate are places of considerable character. The last visit to this area was in 1969, when churches in Margate were visited. Club member Tony Bullett was born in Thanet, and suggested this visit to some of the churches that he is familiar with. We start at the historic church of St Peter-in-Thanet on the edge of Broadstairs, before going to the town for lunch and a visit to the church near the harbour, then travel to Cliftonville in Margate, and finish at the magnificent church of St George's Ramsgate with a fine largely unaltered 4 manual organ by Hill of 1896. Do come and explore this interesting area by the sea in the middle of the summer.

**10:45:** Coach from Broadstairs Station.

**11:00:** St Peter-in-Thanet, Church Street, Broadstairs, CT10 2RW (first OC visit). Walker/Browne & Sons 1962/Wood Brown 1987, 3 manuals, 41 stops

**12:15:** Coach leaves.

**12:30:** Lunch break in Broadstairs, after which members walk to Holy Trinity Church.

**14:00:** Holy Trinity Church, Nelson Place, Broadstairs, CT10 1HQ, (first OC visit), Gern 1884/Hill Norman & Beard 1916 & 1953, 3 manuals 31 stops.

**15:15:** Coach leaves.

**15:45:** Holy Trinity Church, Cliftonville, Margate, St Mary's Avenue, Margate CT9 3TN. (Last OC visit 1969), Browne & Sons c. 1959, 3 manual extension organ, 56 stops.

**17:00:** Coach leaves.

**17:30:** St George's Parish Church, Church Hill, Ramsgate, CT11 8RH (first OC visit), Hill & Son 1896, 4 manuals, 35 stops. Tea will be available.

**19:00:** Coach leaves St George's Church for Broadstairs Station.

**Cost:** Meeting: £ 5; coach approx. £ 15 depending on numbers.

**Bookings:** contact Eric Shepherd, [bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com](mailto:bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com) or phone 020 8958 2461 by Tuesday 14th August.

### **Travel:**

A coach has been booked, and as parking is difficult at some of the churches, it is suggested that people use this. It will leave Broadstairs Station at 10:45am. Cars can be left at the station car park, (rear of station), although it has only 37 spaces, cost £ 2.20 per day. The coach will take people back to Broadstairs Station, leaving St George's Church Ramsgate at 19:00.

Trains can be taken from either St Pancras or Victoria stations.

From St Pancras: 09:09 arriving at Broadstairs 10:33.

From Victoria: 08:40 arriving at Broadstairs 10:31.

Return to London. From Broadstairs: 19:25 arriving at St Pancras 21:09.

From Broadstairs 19:59 arriving at Victoria 21:53.

## **Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Hatchlands**

Our member John Bartlett, The Lord of Stratford Wilnecote, has kindly arranged a visit to Hatchlands Park, near Guildford, Surrey, from 2 to 4pm on the afternoon of SUNDAY 30th September. The visit has to be on a Sunday as they do not allow group visits on Saturdays.

Hatchlands Park houses the Cobbe collection of musical instruments including a three manual Walker Organ.

Full details will be in the September newsletter.

## October 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Nene Valley Study Weekend

Arranged by John Miley.

For the October meeting (taking place on the first 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, Anne Marsden Thomas, and Richard Brasier who will give the opening recital on the Frobenius Organ in Oundle School Chapel on the evening of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**Cost:** for playing members, the cost is £130 which includes: opening recital by Richard Brasier, Saturday evening course dinner including wine with WOW caterer Gloria and team, and hands on tuition and practice at excellent mechanical action organs.

For observers, the cost is £40 to include opening recital and the dinner. Full details will be in the September newsletter.

### 3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

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

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 19:30 Christopher Muhley (St Albans)

Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 19:30 Graham Barber (St Bartholomew, Armley, Leeds)

Admission £10, including refreshments.

#### **St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Way, Leicester, LE1 3EB**

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 Philip J Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

#### **St Peter & St Paul, Park Avenue South, Abingdon Park, NN1 5LW**

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 15:00 Philip J Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton) with John Wilson (piano)

#### **St Peter & St Paul, Church Street, Godalming, GU1 1ET**

July 6<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 Jonathan Holl (Windsor)

#### **Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, SE1 9DA**

July 9<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Jonathan Holl (Windsor)

#### **St Thomas of Canterbury, Off Manor Road, Goring-on-Thames, Reading RG8 9DR.**

August 19<sup>th</sup> 15:00 Jonathan Holl (Windsor)

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