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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2 p.m. St Alpheg, Burnt Oak**

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**Masterclass and Recital** by ROGER FISHER

We are delighted that our distinguished member Roger Fisher (formerly organist of Chester Cathedral, and well-known for his column in *Organist's Review*) will be with us for the afternoon. He will start with a Masterclass, in which four of our young committee members – Simon Jacobs, Cathy Lamb (née Langston), James Mooney-Dutton, and Chris South – will take part. This will be an instructive and enjoyable experience for us all.

At approximately 4 p.m. we will have tea, and at 5 p.m. Roger will finish the day with a recital

The organ was built by B.C. Shepherd & Sons in 2002 with 17 speaking stops, at ground level at the west end of this resonant church, and is well placed for such an event. It has tracker action / electric stop action with pistons. The organ incorporates Father Willis pipes from 1857, and is housed in an impressive oak case with tin pipes, designed by Didier Grassin.

Gt: 8 8 8 4 4 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> 2 Sw: 8 8 4 2 II 8 8 Ped: 16 8 16

Please support this meeting which will be a most enjoyable musical event, and give encouragement to our young members who are taking part. The cost of the afternoon will be £10 to members and friends. Please let me know if you require tea.

The church address: St Alpheg Walk, Montrose Avenue, Edgware, HA8 0DN. Montrose Avenue turns off the Edgware Road. The nearest underground station is Burnt Oak (Northern Line).

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**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 2 p.m. Tooting**

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**Centenary organ visit to Tooting**

**2 p.m. All Saints Church, Franciscan Road, Tooting Graveney**

We visit this fine Temple Moore church which celebrates its centenary this year, to hear the magnificent Harrison & Harrison organ which also celebrates its centenary.

Gt: 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> 2 IV 8 4 Sw: 16 8 8 8 8 4 2 III 16 8 8 4  
Ch: 16 8 8 8 4 4 2 8 8 Ped: 32 16 16 16 8 8 16 8

**4 p.m. Trinity Road Chapel, Tooting**

We visit this church to hear the fine and remarkably effective Bevington organ which celebrates its centenary this year. The organ was silent for a number of years, an electronic being used, but it was brought back into use in 1984 with the action electrified and some tonal alterations carried out. This was entirely due to the enthusiasm of our member Paul Goodman, in collaboration with B.C. Shepherd & Sons. In 1985 a Trumpet/Trombone unit was added. More work has recently been carried out on the organ in time for the centenary.

Gt: 8 8 8 4 4 2 8 Sw: 8 8 8 8 4 2 II 8 8(Gt) Ped: 32 16 8 16

We will start proceedings at the Chapel with a substantial tea.

**Recital:** at 5 p.m. there will be a centenary recital by our distinguished member, and organist of Christchurch Priory: GEOFFREY MORGAN

Please let me know if you require tea: the cost for tea and the recital is £5

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The nearest underground station is Tooting Bec (Northern line)

There are numerous buses from Tooting Bec Road which pass Trinity Road Chapel.

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**AGM 25<sup>th</sup> March Welwyn Garden City**

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AGM: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at St Francis Church, Parkway, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6HH

**Recital:** Proceedings will commence at 13:30 with a recital by Peter Davis. Peter was Organ Student at St John's College Cambridge 1994–7, Director of Music at Haileybury College 2000–5, and became Director of Music at Oakham School in September 2005.

Following the AGM and Tea, the day will conclude at 17:00 with a Recital by the Men & Boys Choir of St Francis with our new President at the organ.

Gt: 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> 2 III 8 4 Sw: 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> 2 II 16 8 8 4  
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## Subscriptions by Bank Transfer

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I hope that we can improve on the 30 members who paid their subscription by Bank Transfer in 2005. To remind you, there are two ways of paying subscriptions: internet banking and telephone banking. Both offer the opportunity to set up bank transfers from your account into another bank account. I am sure that many of you will already be using these as I do for paying utilities and credit card bills.

To set up the transfer to the Club you need to provide these pieces of information:

<b>Account Name</b>	The Organ Club
<b>Account Sort Code</b>	20-31-52
<b>Account Number</b>	00655171
<b>Reference</b>	<i>your surname and postcode</i>
<b>Amount</b>	<i>the amount</i>
<b>Date of Transfer</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2006

The account sort code and account number shown above are those of the Organ Club at Barclays Bank. For the reference, I need your surname and the postcode from your address to uniquely identify you. The amount you transfer can of course include any donation you wish to make to the Club. When I receive your transfer I will send to you a Membership Card as a confirmation of the receipt of your subscription. These new payment methods are of course optional and you can continue to pay by cheque if you prefer.

*Steve Dunk*

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## General Secretary

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The Committee wishes to advise members that George Bye will be relinquishing the post of General Secretary at the next Annual General Meeting. This is due to his continuing health problems following an eye operation in the middle of the year. George has our thanks and best wishes for a full recovery. Nominations for the post are therefore invited. The main duties are the preparation of the Agenda in liaison with the President for each of the six Committee Meetings that occur during the year, the preparation of minutes from those meetings (normally about 2 pages) as well as a Visits Calendar (single page), collating the documents from Officers for the Annual Report and issuing it with the appropriate notices. Formats are available for all these documents. In cooperation with the President, the General Secretary arranges the Annual General Meeting and the annual lunch, and attends to the occasional item of correspondence. Applicants will, of course, need to be able to use MSWord and have an effective internet connection for sending out documents.

RECITALS     A listing of concerts by, or promoted by, our members

### **Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans** **Recitals arranged by the New School of Organ Studies**

Tuesdays 12:30 – 13:15

Jan 3	Robin Coxon, St Francis, Welwyn Garden City
Jan 10	David Humphreys, Jesus College, Cambridge
Jan 17	Stephen Turner, The Methodist Church, Dunstable
Jan 24	Claire Innes-Hopkins, Selwyn College, Cambridge
Jan 31	Philip Drew, Church of the Holy Spirit, Southsea
Feb 7	Julian Collings, London
Feb 14	Richard Harvey, St John's URC, New Barnet
Feb 21	Robin Walker, St Mary's RC, Hampstead
Feb 28	Richard Hills, London

### **Victoria Hall Hanley**

Recitals at Noon

Jan 14	Daniel Moulton
Feb 11	Michael Rhodes

### **Alexandra Palace, London**

Recital at 3 p.m.

March 26	Nigel Ogden
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### **Christ Church, Woking**

Mondays, 12:40 – 13:20

Jan 9	Oliver King	Organist & Assistant Director of Music, King William's College, Isle of Man
Jan 23	Robert Poyser	Assistant Director of Music, Chelmsford Cathedral
Feb 6	John Belcher	Godalming Parish Church
Feb 20	Bryn Bridges	St Mary's Parish Church, Ringmer