

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

Bury Park URC, Waldeck Rd, Luton

The New School Of Organ Studies Thursdays 12:15 Lunch 13:00

- Jan 4 Keith Brown (Willington)
Jan 11 Cyril Baker (Lerwick)
Jan 18 Roger Palmer (All Saints Northampton)
Jan 25 Alan Childs (St Mary's Hitchin)
Feb 1 Robert Gilman (St Margaret's Methodist Luton)
Feb 8 Nicholas King (St John's Boxmoor)
Feb 15 Rufus Frowde (Hampton Court Palace)
Feb 22 Stephen Hogger (St Peter and St Paul Lavenham)
Details from David Clark 01582 520588

Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans

Recitals arranged by the New School of Organ Studies

Tuesdays 12:30 – 13:15

- Jan 9 Andrew Earis, St Sepulchre's, Holborn
Jan 16 Julian Collings, London
Jan 23 Peter Moore, Cheddington
Jan 30 Richard Pinel, St Albans Abbey
Feb 6 Tim Roe, Holy Trinity, Prince Consort Road, SW7
Feb 13 Stephen Turner, The Methodist Church, Dunstable
Feb 20 Allan Walker, St Etheldreda's, Hatfield
Feb 27 Robin Coxon, St Francis, Welwyn Garden City
with Derek Glendinning (Trumpet)

Victoria Hall Hanley 12 noon

- Jan 13 Paul Carr
Feb 10 Alex Mason
Mar 10 Philip Rushforth

Alexandra Palace 19:30

- Mar 21 Colin Walsh

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Saturday 20th January Bournemouth masterclass with James Parsons

St. Peter's Church, Hinton Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2EE

After the success of the masterclass and recital given by Roger Fisher last January, it is with delight that we are running a similar event with James Parsons. James is well known both as a recitalist and in several capacities associated with organ education. He is founder director of Oundle International Festival with its proven courses for young organists, was for five years Education Editor for Organists' Review, and Visiting Organ Tutor at Birmingham Conservatoire. He has accumulated a wealth of teaching experience conducting masterclasses at universities and conservatoires here and in the USA, has taught on RCO courses, and for over twenty years he was on the staff of Oundle School, latterly as Director of Music. We are thrilled that he is able to be with us for what should be an enlightening event rounded off by an exciting recital.

- 13:30 Arrival
14:00 – 16:00 Masterclass
16:00 Tea
17:00 Short recital by James Parsons
18:00 Church to be vacated promptly

Costs: £10 a head to include tea, the recital, notes, and attendance at the recital.

To book a place to observe the day's events please contact Cathy Lamb on 07747 444047
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By car:

From the East: Follow the M27 West until it becomes the A31. Continue for 8 miles, then pass Ringwood and turn left at the roundabout signposted Bournemouth A338 All traffic. When entering the 50-limit watch out for speed cameras. Keep going until arriving at a roundabout. Take the second exit. Take the next slip road off to the left. Left at the roundabout onto Richmond Hill. Immediate left (driving past a multi-storey car park). This takes you back to the slip road – turn

right at this point. Second exit at the small roundabout at the bottom of the hill (watch out for pelican crossing!). St. Peter's Church is on the left hand side opposite Beales.

From the West: Follow the A35 East into Poole. The A35 has various names within the Poole area but keep following the signs for Bournemouth Town Centre through Parkstone and Branksome. At the large Bournemouth West roundabout containing the Liverpool Victoria building, take the 1st exit onto the A338 signposted Bournemouth Town Centre. Continue for half a mile until the Richmond Hill roundabout and take the 3rd exit onto Richmond Hill. Then immediate left (driving past a multi-storey car park). This takes you back to the slip road – turn right at this point. Second exit at the small roundabout at the bottom of the hill (watch out for Pelican crossing!) St. Peter's Church is on the left hand side opposite Beales.

Sadly there is no parking available at the church or on nearby roads. I advise parking at the multi-storey car park acknowledged in these directions.

By rail: Trains leave from London Waterloo. I suggest walking from the station to Hinton road, which takes about 10 minutes. Follow signs for town centre.

Saturday 17th February In and around St Albans

Come and hear a historic organ, three other instruments recently overhauled by different builders, and finally a completely new 3-manual mechanical action organ.

Our coach will leave St Albans City Station (AL1 5HE) shortly after 10.30

There is parking for over 1,700 cars at the station, and the charge on Saturdays is just £1.

The London stations for St Albans are London Bridge, Blackfriars, City Thameslink, Farringdon, and Kings Cross Thameslink.

8.34 from Brighton (9.17 E Croydon, 9.48 KX Thameslink) arrives at 10.09

8.37 from Brighton (9.32 E Croydon, 10.03 KX Thameslink) arrives at 10.24

8.36 from Sutton via Wimbledon arrives at 10.14

9.04 from Sutton via Mitcham arrives at 10.27

9.40 from Bedford arrives at 10.18

11:00 St Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 3AE

The 1910 Walker organ had been out of use for more than 10 years when restoration by B. C. Shepherd & Sons began late in 2004. Catherine Ennis was the consultant, and gave the opening recital in September 2006.

Gt: 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 8 Sw: 16 8 8 8 8 4 III 8 8 8 Ped: 16 16 8

12:00 Carey Baptist Church, HP1 1LD

The organ by Snetzler, rebuilt by Hill, was moved here from St Matthew's, Birmingham in 1889, Alfred Kirkland added the Swell in 1899.

Gt: 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 II 8 Sw: 16 8 8 8 8 4 III 8 Ped: 16 16

☉ Own arrangements for lunch in Hemel Hempstead

14:00 St Mary's, Redbourn, AL3 7DU

The organ was recently rebuilt and enlarged (9 new ranks) by Vincent Woodstock, John Scott gave the opening recital in October 2006.

Gt: 8 8 8 4 2²/₃ 2 IV 8 Sw: 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 1³/₅ II 8

Ped: 16 16 8 8 4 16 8 2²/₃ 2 2 1³/₅

15:10 St John the Baptist, Harpenden, AL5 1DJ

The organ was rebuilt and enlarged in 2004 by The Village Workshop.

Gt: 16 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 II 1³/₅ 8 4 Sw: 8 8 8 4 4 II 8 4 Ped: 16 16 10²/₃ 8 8 4 4 16

16:15 St Peter's, St Albans, AL1 3HG

Tea will be served for those who have booked.

The new Mander organ of 2006.

Gt: 16 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 1³/₅ III IV 8 Sw: 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 16 8 8 4

Ch: 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 1³/₅ III 8 Ped: 16 16 10²/₃ 8 4 16

The maximum charge for the day (coach, tea and meeting) will be £9.

Names to Robin Coxon for coach & / or tea by Saturday 10th February, please.

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Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Saturday March 17 at the Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Poplar Walk, Croydon (www.croydonstmichael.org.uk). The recitalist will be Richard Hills. After graduating at Oxford, where he was organ scholar at Exeter College, Richard was organ scholar at Portsmouth Cathedral 2002 – 3 and Westminster Abbey 2003 – 4. He also has an international reputation in the theatre organ world, having won the ATOS 'Young theatre organist of the year' competition in Detroit when he was 14. He has played in the USA many times since then and also in Holland, Germany, and Australia. Full details for the AGM will be in the next newsletter.

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Tuesday 29th May to Saturday 2nd June Chester and North Wales

The Club has never before ventured into North Wales although we did visit Chester Cathedral briefly during the Liverpool & Manchester Tour of 1998.

Our base for the tour, the Holiday Inn Chester South, is on the outskirts of the city and has ample car parking space. We will visit Chester, Bangor and St Asaph cathedrals, and will include churches in Chester, Colwyn Bay, Eccleston, Gresford, Llandudno, Llanfairfechan, Llanrhaedr, and Ruthin. We will hear a lunchtime recital by Roger Fisher at Chester Cathedral, and visit him at his home.

Whether you are interested in being a full residential member of the tour, or possibly joining us on a daily basis for part of the time, please contact Richard Blanch for further information and booking details. We anticipate that the cost for the full tour will be about £275. This includes Bed & Breakfast four nights Tuesday – Friday, dinner on Tuesday and Friday (leaving you free to eat in the hotel at your own expense, or elsewhere, on Wednesday and Thursday), coach travel on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a supplement of £20/night for those choosing single occupancy of a room.

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