

Leicester & District Organists' Association

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Mission Statement: 'To promote the love of pipe organs and all types of organ music throughout Leicester and Leicestershire region and beyond, being fully inclusive of players and non-players alike.'

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

The annual Benevolent Fund Recital that was hosted by Peter Harris, Director of Music at the Parish Church of the Assumption, Hinckley on February 18th at 3.00pm, raised a total of £115, and was sent off to the IAO Treasurer shortly afterwards. The Hon Sec wishes to thank those members who took part in the event, Andrew McMillan, Ruth Webb and Peter Harris, together with the two Bursary Students, Sebastian Carrington and Colin Millington. It was an excellent concert with some very interesting items on the programme.

In the past year we have seen our membership numbers reduced again to below the 40 mark. This is not so good, as we rely upon our membership fees to keep the finances ticking over. If any member knows someone who would be interested in joining, please give that person my contact details, and I will send out an information pack. This issue will be brought up at April's AGM. **PLEASE NOTE**, that the *time of this meeting has been changed to 2.00pm* at St Margaret's Parish Church. If any member wishes to be considered for any of the vacancies, please contact the Hon Sec for further information.

Eddie Bestwick has again been asked to run a coach trip to Liverpool from Stoney Stanton on Saturday October 14th, to coincide with the Anniversary Recital at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. If any member is interested please contact the Hon Sec, as Eddie is attempting to fill a 52 seater coach to make the cost economic. If there are vacant seats then other nearby OAs will be asked. More information about this will be in the May newsletter.

Oundle 2017 is being run from 31st March until April 2nd. The 'Pulling out the Stops Course' for 10 - 15 year old students, who are in the early stages of learning the organ, or, are Grade 4 pianists and above, who wish to have a go at playing the organ. Cost is £285. For more details either fill out the form on www.oundlefororganists.org.uk, email : courses@oundlefestival.org.uk, or phone 01832 274919.

On a sad note, I have been informed that both Jim Morton who was Hon Secretary from 1956 until 1964, and President in 1963/4, passed away in late June 2016, and also Lionel Brown who passed away 25th March 2016. This information only came to light by chance, and the Hon Sec was unable to send condolences to either families on behalf of the LDOA.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our next meeting is a joint one with the North Staffordshire OA, who are visiting Leicester on **Saturday March 18th**, beginning at **St Margaret's Parish Church at 10:00 am**. Next they walk to **Bishop Street Methodist Church** to see the rebuild by Groves of Nottingham. After lunch, at **2.15pm**, a visit to **St Peter's Highfields**, and finally, over to **Stoneygate Baptist Church on London Road at 3.30pm**. Even though we have visited many of the city churches in the past, Bishop Street Methodist Church is of great interest, as their organist Martin Briers, has facilitated a fund raising effort of over £80k to restore the instrument that has a magnificent case that came out of St Margaret's Parish Church.

The **AGM on Saturday April 29th** has been re-arranged for the afternoon.

Please note the change of time to **2.00pm**

Members are reminded that their annual subscriptions for 2017/8 are due on May 1st, and the Hon Treasurer would be grateful to receive them either at the AGM or shortly thereafter.

East Midlands 'Toe in the Water' Day

Saturday 13th May 2017 (15:00 - 17:30)

St Barnabas Cathedral, North Circus Street, Nottingham NG1 5AE.

Aimed at anyone who has ever thought about studying the organ, plus their teachers, parents (sisters, cousins and aunts), the day is led by the energetic and inspiring Daniel Moulton who will not only demonstrate why the organ is such an exciting instrument but also offer hands-on experience to a few lucky players.

Presenter: Daniel Moulton (RCO accredited teacher, and one of the leading players, teachers and amateurs of his generation).

Venue: St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham (metered parking only)

The organ is a 3-manual 1913 Hill, Norman and Beard;

What to prepare: nothing, but there will be the opportunity for a few people to 'have a go' on the organ at some point. If you'd like to do this, then bring something to play: it could be an organ piece if you are already learning, or a simple hymn-tune or piece of piano music. Fee: £5; no charge for children aged 15 and under.

RECITALS AND CONCERTS

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS AT ST. MARGARET'S Parish Church Leicester

March 9th - Phillip Herbert

April 13th - Maundy Thursday NO RECITAL

May 11th - Ivan Linford

June 8th - Peter Crump Memorial Concert

July 13th - Iain Harvey

August 10th - tba

Sept 14th - Simon Lumby

Oct 12th - Lute & Soprano recital

All performances, unless otherwise stated, will commence at 1 pm until 1.30 pm (approx.). Admission free. Tea and coffee will be provided. Retiring Collection for the organ fund.

Leicester Cathedral

2017 Summer Recitals - Tuesday Evenings at 7.30pm in July and August

On Thursday July 6th Leicester Cathedral Choir under the direction of Christopher Ouvry-Johns, will be giving a concert at De Montfort Hall at 7.30pm, with Simon Headley at the Taylor Concert Organ, featuring works by Parry (I was glad), Handel (Hallelujah Chorus), Walton (Crown Imperial), etc.. Please contact DMH for tickets.

Holy Cross Priory, New Walk, Leicester Organ Recitals 1.10pm, on the first Friday of the month

April 7th - Tim Selman (Nottingham)

May 5th - Callum Alger (St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton)

June 2nd - Kieran Fallon (Sheffield)

July 7th - Ralf Ayling-Miller (St Mark's Bromley)

Aug 4th - David Price (Thailand)

Mountsorrel Methodist Church - 'Sunday Night at Eight' Organ Recitals

March 19th - Simon Headley (Leicester Cathedral)

April 9th - Organ Students of Roxy Summerfield

May 21st - Anne de Graeve

June 18th - Simon Lumby (St Aidan's New Parks)

Admission Free - Donations for the Church Development Fund

HINCKLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Borough, Hinckley

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*GALA ORGAN CONCERT to celebrate 150 years of the historic Holdich Organ
to be given by*

PAUL HALE

Organist Emeritus, Southwell Minster

Saturday 24th June 2017 at 7:00pm

Admission: Adults: £7:50, Under 18s: Free

St Mary's Parish Church Humberstone

On the afternoon of **Palm Sunday, April 9** from **3.00pm**, the well-known and much-loved setting of the Crucifixion by Sir John Stainer will become a "bring and sing" led by Cantamici with David Necklen directing, Tim Lees as organist, John Thawley/bass, and Derek Nurse/tenor.

Lutterworth Methodist Church - 1 Bitteswell Road, LE17 4EL

The inaugural recital to celebrate the rebuild of the Wadsworth instrument by Richard Young, takes place on Saturday May 6th at 7.30pm, is to be given by Thomas Trotter (a successor as Birmingham City Organist of C W Perkins who gave the opening recital on April 19th 1911). The program will include Bach's Fantasia in G, two Schubler Preludes, and works by Vaughan Williams, Elgar and Mendelssohn. Admission by ticket, price £15, purchased in advance, available April 1st, from the organist of the church, Bill Tomkins, 01455 552864, email bill_karen@hotmail.com