

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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MAY NEWSLETTER

As our membership period runs from May 1st until April 30th, once again, members are respectfully reminded that their subscription (Full £18, Retired £16, Associate/student/spouse/partner £6) for the 2017/18 season are due on May 1st, with a cut-off on July 31st.

Although our interest lies in pipe organs, occasionally the opportunity arises to rescue an electronic instrument. This happened last year, when the Hon Sec was asked by an office colleague of our member, Peter Chamberlin, if the LDOA could find a home for the 2 manual & pedal Makin instrument that was currently in Burbage Methodist Church. As the building was being demolished, it was felt that this instrument that was about 15 or so years old, had a few more years of useful life. Consequently, the Hon Sec emailed the Parks Department of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, and asked if they would be prepared to install the organ in the Ashby Road Cemetery Chapel, to replace the appalling split manual house organ that was referred to by the various undertakers in Hinckley as the worst organ in town. Happily, the Parks Department acquired the organ, and it was installed towards the end of May last year, and the Hon Sec played it for the first time a few days ago in its current location.

As this newsletter has to be published a few days after the AGM on April 29th, a report of this will be included in the September issue.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

West Lindsay Churches Festival

For our **May meeting**, there are two weekends where churches in West Lindsay Lincolnshire will be open, and their organs will be available to play. The dates are **May 13th/14th** and **May 20th/21st**. As some of our members have little time on Sundays owing to their playing duties, the list below has been divided into the opening times on the two respective Saturdays, so that there is a choice. All of the churches on the list will be open on the Sundays as well. Included are opening times in brackets, the post codes for those members with SatNavs, and below, there is a map showing the locations. Further information can be obtained from www.churchesfestival.info.

Saturday May 13th

St Helen's, Willingham-by-Stow (10am - 4pm) DN21 5JY

St Helen's, Lea (10am - 4pm) DN21 5EH

Holy Trinity, Messingham (10am - 4pm) DN17 3SF

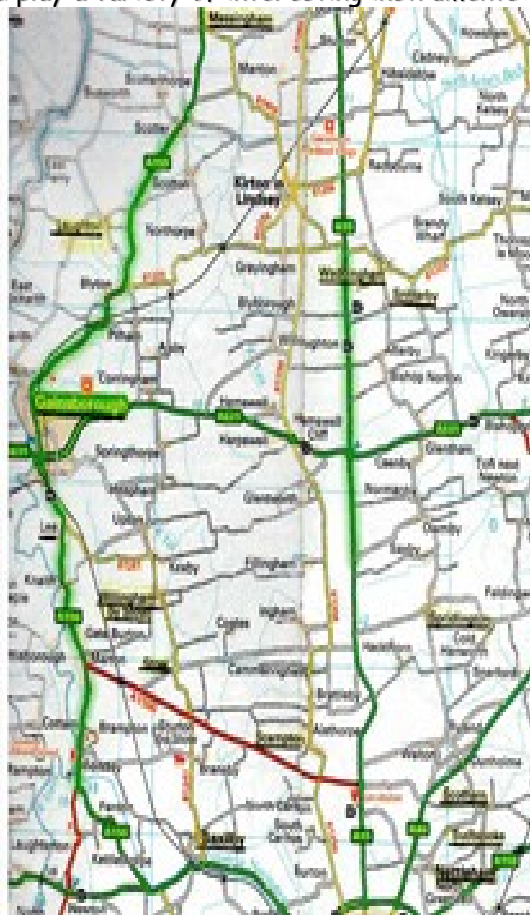
St Edward, Sudbrooke (10am - 4pm) LN2 2QH

St Germain, Scothern (10am - 5pm) LN2 2UG
All Saints, Nettleham (10am - 4.30pm) LN2 2PD
All Saints, Laughton (11am - 4pm) DN21 3PP
St Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough (10am - 5pm) DN21 2AX
St Mary & St Peter, Waddingham (10am - 4pm) DN21 4SU
St Mary, Stow (9am - 1pm, 3pm - 6pm) LN1 2DE - NB Large Minster Church
St Hilary, Spridlington (10am - 4pm) LN8 2DX
St Nicholas, Snitterby (10am - 4pm) DN21 4TY
St Genewys, Scatton (10am - 5pm) DN21 3RB
St John the Baptist, Scampton (10am - 4.30pm) LN1 2SE - NB Bomber Command Memorials
St Botolph, Saxilby (10am - 5pm) LN1 2PE

Saturday May 20th

Methodist Church, Wragby (10.30am - 5pm) LN8 5RA
St Mary Magdalene, Rothwell (10am - 5pm) LN7 6BB
St Andrew, Minton (10am - 2pm) LN9 5RS
Brocklesby Church (9.30am - 5.30pm) DN41 8PP
St Luke, Holton-le-Moor (1pm - 5pm)

Some of the churches are serving light refreshments during the day until about 3.30pm, and this event promises to be a joy to those who love to see and play a variety of interesting instruments in some of our prettiest parishes.



The map above show the area and spread of the church locations. Please take a map with you, as this is a country area with narrow roads, and even with a SatNav, a map would be a distinct advantage.

The **June meeting** has been arranged to correspond to the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Hinckley's most famous organ.

HINCKLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Borough, Hinckley
LE10 1NL

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

Other events

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

May 11th - Ivan Linfoord

June 8th - Peter Crump Memorial Concert

July 13th - Iain Harvey

August 10th - Eleanor Graff- Baker & Yvonne Bloor (Violin, Voice & Guitar)

Sept 14th - Simon Lumby

Oct 12th - Anna Jane Davies & Mike Ashley (Lute & Soprano)

Nov 9th - Thomas Keogh

Dec 14th - Simon Headley

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 Ouvre-Johns, will be giving a concert at **DeMontfort 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

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

June 2nd - Kieron 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

May 21st - Anne de Graeve

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

Admission Free - Donations for the Church Development Fund

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 (who as successor to C W Perkins, 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

RECITALS AT THE ALBERT HALL NOTTINGHAM

7 May Richard Walker (Shrewsbury)

4 June Donald MacKenzie (Odeon Leicester Square)

30 July At Your Request - John Keys (Nottingham City Organist)

10 September *The Jim Lodge Recital* Malcolm Riley (Staplehurst)

8 October Luke Bond - (St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle)

22 October *Anniversary Recital* - Anne-Caroline Prénat (Switzerland)

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH HUMBERSTONE

Friday May 12th 7.00pm – Organ Concert by Iain Harvey followed by Cheese & Wine Supper with the **Heart of England Barbershop Chorus**. Tickets £8 from Julie or John 0116 274 3537 or 07976 662925

Saturday June 17th 5.00pm - Organ Recital by Tim Lees – 4 organ sonatas by Mendelssohn, Bach, Hindemith, & Guilmant. Retiring Collection. Refreshments

House Organ for sale

Mr William Fox has for sale his Peter Collins House organ. Please contact him directly at his email address < petrus190@gmail.com > or phone 07974 757027.

William Fox

Peter Collins House Organ For Sale

Manual II: 8' 4' 22/3' 1' 8'

Manual I: 8' 8' 4' 2'

Pedal: 8' 8' 4' 2' 8' (by transmission from manual stops)

Tremulant; inter-manual coupler; mechanical action

Width 175cm, depth 132cm (200cm with pedalboard), height 235cm

Built in 2001. The instrument fits within standard UK ceiling heights, and would be equally suited to use in a house, school, college, or church. Oak case, panels veneered to match. Offers invited.

Please contact petrus1901@gmail.com o r [07974 757027](tel:07974757027).