

2010

7th May 2010 Dear Colleagues

As mentioned recently, the event at Egglecliffe on 15 May has been cancelled due to illness. I hope that we can reschedule this for next year. We have been trying to get a replacement event and Fergus, our chairman, has been instrumental in arranging this. It is a recital by four students from York University Music Department, piano, baritone and cello. We have had to change the date to 29 May and will use Stockton URC again at the usual time. Admission is free with a retiring collection. Please do come and support these young students.

At the Annual General Meeting last month the officers were re-elected for another year and we welcome Jonathan Giles to the committee. There was a much better attendance than in previous years and I do hope this effort will continue.

Finally, details of the organ outing on Saturday 19 June. We begin at Holy Cross, Swainby at 1400hrs. The organ there was moved from St Luke's Hospital. It is a two manual instrument. From there we travel further down the road to the village Carlton in Cleveland to St Botolph's Church. This church is locked and I have to collect the key from a nearby farm! In clement weather this is a delightful part of the area and should make a pleasant outing.

I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary 7th

April 2010 Dear

Member ,

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 17th April at Stockton URC beginning at 7.30pm.

This will be followed by a short recital. I hope to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

G Hill

Hon Secretary 8th

March 2010

Dear Colleague

Our next event will be on Saturday 20th March at St Chad's Church, Middlesbrough. The Sydenham Singers will present a varied programme under their conductor Elizabeth Buckley. This is a free event beginning at 7.30pm.

St Chad's Church is at the junction of Keith Road and Saltersgill Avenue. There is parking between the church and the church hall.

Please note that the event on Saturday 15th May at Egglecliffe has had to be cancelled due to illness. We are actively trying to arrange another event for the same day. I will send details when known.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Hill

Hon Secretary ADVANCE

NOTICE

The Edinburgh Society of Organists is holding a 4 day event from 6th - 9th July 2010 based in St Andrew's and St George's Parish Church, Edinburgh.

"Workshops in Organ Repertoire and Church Music Skills"

The course will be divided into three ability levels and offers tuition for Beginner (up to Grade IV) Intermediate (approximately Grades V-VII) to Advanced level (Grade VIII and above) and the repertoire classes will feature music of J S Bach, Franck, and Vierne.

There are also workshops in choral conducting, improvisation and service accompaniment.

The course fee is £350 which will include evening meals, although accommodation is not included. If you are interested, further information and booking forms are available from Geoff Hill.

6th February 2010

Dear Colleague

The next event is a recital of French organ music on Saturday 20th February 2010. The soloist will be Jonathan Giles and the venue is Stockton United Reformed Church, Yarm Road, Stockton. As always we begin at 7.30pm.

Jonathan has arranged a most attractive programme featuring music by Messiaen, Vierne, Cochereau, Langlais and Franck. His recital deserves all our support so do please come, and bring as many friends as possible.

Several members contact me to ask about payment of subscriptions. All subs are due after the AGM in April and should be sent to the Treasurer, whose address is on this circular.

Also, we are not doing enough to attract new members. Talking to fellow organists, I am amazed at how many of them are not members. I personally have recruited at least two recently and hope that all members will make an effort in this regard. I have application forms!

Yours sincerely

Geoff Hill

Hon Secretary

2009

29th October 2009

Dear Colleague,

Our November event is on Saturday 21st at 7.30pm. Neil Taylor, Organist and Choirmaster at Sheffield Cathedral, will be playing for us at St Cuthbert's, Kirkleatham. Tickets (£5) were sent to you in August. However, the recital is open to all.

Neil's programme ranges from J S Bach to music of this century. It looks like an interesting programme.

I shall be sending you details of the Annual Dinner sometime in December.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Hill

Hon. Secretary

1st October 2009

Dear Member

Our next meeting takes place in St Peter's Church, Yarm Road, Stockton, with kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, on Saturday 24th October 2009 at 7.30pm.

It takes the form of a composite organ recital by the brothers, George and Alan Barber (George being the Director of Music at St Peter's). This provides an opportunity to hear for the first time the magnificent sound of the Makin 3 manual computer organ newly installed in June.

Sadly I have to report the death of Gordon Trenholm on 21st September, whilst in South Africa. We extend our deepest sympathy to this family. A memorial service will take place in Stockton at a later date. Geoff Hill

Hon Secretary

27th. August 2009

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to our 2009/10 programme. As you will see, the committee has tried to design a programme of events with something for all.

We begin on Sat. 19th Sep. with a visit to St. Hilda's, Hartlepool. This will begin at 7.00pm. Ian Pounder will meet us there and demonstrate the organ before inviting us to his house at Greatham for a look at his 3 manual and pedal console with "electronic copies" of 3 other instruments.

He will also show two other one manual instruments. All will be available to play. This sounds a great start to the year

and I ask all members to go and start the year in style.

May I remind you that subs are now due and should be sent to the Treasurer (£15 and £5 for students.)

PROGRAMME

George Barber

1. Two Marches G F Handel (1685 - 1759)
2. Three short Chorale Preludes on 'Liebster Jesu, wir sind heil' S Bach (1685 - 1750)
BWV 730, 731, 706)
3. Voluntary VIII in D minor J Stanley (1713 - 1786)
4. Voluntary in C major Harold Darke (1888 - 1976)
5. Impressions du Soir Reginald Goss-Custard (1877 - 1956)
6. Pastorale Berceuse - both from '24 Pieces en style libre' Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)
7. Toccata in Seven John Rutter (b.1945)
8. Humoresque 'L'organo primitivo' (Toccatina for Flute) Pietro Yon (1886 - 1943)
9. 'So-long' to the Bishop of Texas arr. George Barber Alan

Barber

1. Eucharistia (Celebratory Toccata) Ron Watson (b 1936)
2. Prelude & Fugue in D minor (Op 37 No 3) F Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)
3. Two Chorale based works J S Bach (1685 - 1750)
 - i. Predule on 'Nun Danket alle Gott' (BWV 657)
 - ii. Chorale, Variations X and XI (from Partita on 'Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig' (BWV 768)
4. Chelsea Fayre Reginald Goss-Custard (1877-1956)
5. Fugue in F sharp minor G F Handel (1685 - 1759) arr. Alexandre Guilmant (1837 - 1911)

Both recitalists pay tribute to Handel's 250th anniversary and Alan to Mendelssohn in his 200th birthday year. George concludes with his arrangement of American melodies which he played as a farewell to the visiting Bishop of Texas during the year of the Lambeth Conference.

Alan begins with Ronald Watson's 'Eucharistia' which bears a Greek title for 'Celebration' which was published recently and dedicated to Alan, having been his friend for over fifty years.

Born and bred in Thornaby he has had his music performed and recorded by celebrated organists and choirs in at least two continents.

Yours Sincerely,

Geoff Hill

9th June 2009 Dear

Colleague

The final meeting of this year's programme will be an outing to three churches in the Middlesbrough area on Saturday 20th June beginning at 2.00pm. The venues are :-

2.00pm St Chad's C of E, Keith Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 7QW. A two manual pipe organ with detached console.

3.00pm St Francis' RC Church on Acklam Road.

A recently installed electronic organ with a large orchestral trumpet stop (so bring tuba and trumpet tunes!)

4.00pm St Martin of Tours C of E, Kirby Avenue, Whinney Banks. A two manual pipe organ with no name but moved there by Nelsons.

Afterwards, you are all invited to my house for refreshments and a chance to play the organ in the shed!

Please do come and play these different instruments.

Geoff Hill

Hon Secretary

6th April 2009 Dear

Colleague

Saturday 18th April is our Chairman's Evening, followed by the Annual General Meeting. Trevor has put together an excellent programme which will include:

Sinfonia from Cantata 29	Bach Trio
Sonata No 2	Bach
Voluntary No 1	Boyce Organ
Concerto Op 4 No 2	Handel
Holsworthy Church Bells Air No 3	Wesley Sonata Hindermith
Pavane	Fauré
Sortie in E flat	Lefebure - Wely

This is to be held at St Peter's Church, Osmotherley beginning at 7.30pm. Please come along and support Trevor. The AGM which follows the above is even more important this year. Trevor retires as Chairman and is not seeking re-election. So far, no one has come forward, as is also the case with volunteers to serve on the committee. If this situation is allowed to continue, I fear for the future.

Please think long and hard if you can help. Agendas, Minutes of the 2008 AGM and Balance Sheet will be available. As always, any items for Any Other Business must be notified to me by Tuesday 14th April 2009.

A new list of members will be issued in August. Any changes to me please. As our May event comes two weeks after the AGM I give details below.

Harp and Vocal Recital by Anita & Charlotte Aslin: St Mary's Church, Acklam beginning at 7.30pm.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Hill - Hon Sec. 10th

March 2009 Dear

Colleague

On Saturday 21st March we visit St Peter's, Stockton for a concert given by the ever popular 'Pieces of Eight'. This begins, as always, at 7.30pm. Please do publicise this.

Advance notice: The Chairman's Evening & AGM will be on Saturday 18th April at St Peter's, Osmotherley. This is a new venture for us, so please support. Trevor has put together a wonderful programme, details of which will be in the next circular.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Hill - Hon. Secretary 31st

January 2009

Dear Colleague

This month we welcome back Simon Lindley from Leeds for the second of our Jubilee year recitals. This will take place on TUESDAY 17 February beginning at 7.30pm. This is the only date which Simon had free. The venue will be United Reformed Church, Stockton.

Simon needs no introduction and I was amazed to see that he was last with us in 2001. At this date, no programme details are available but it will be, as always, a superb event.

Due to the heavy costs involved, we ask that ALL members and friends attend and publicise the recital.

I enclose a poster for display. Please do your uttermost to swell the numbers and coffers.

Yours sincerely Geoff Hill

- Hon Sec

St. Mark's Church, Marske by the Sea

ORGAN RECITAL by Nicholas Wise - Organist of St. Mark's Church, Marske

Sunday **February 8th 2009** 2.30 pm

[Click here for programme](#)

PROGRAMME includes Buxtehude, Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart, Bartholdy, Ligt, Brahms, Max Reger and Karg Elert

Refreshments - Donations to Church Funds welcomed.

2008

18th December 2008

Dear Colleague,

May I, on behalf of the President, Chairman, Officers and Committee extend to you all best wishes for a joyful Christmas and New Year. As this circular will reach you before the end of the month, it seems appropriate to begin thus.

Enclosed, or attached, is the menu for our Annual Dinner. This will be held on Saturday 17th January 2009 at Teesside Golf Club, Acklam Road, Thornaby, Stockton on Tees, TS17 7JS beginning at 7.30pm. The cost will be £17.50 per head. As you will see from the menu, you only need to select your choice of starter and dessert. The main course is from the carvery, and does not need to be pre-booked.

Would you please complete the attached form indicating your choice of starter and dessert and return to me by Friday 9th January 2009 together with your cheque made payable to Cleveland Organists' & Choirmasters' Association. Please remember to return forms and cheques to me, not to the Treasurer. I hope to see you there.

Please would you note and display the enclosed poster ([click here](#)) for the Bach Epiphany Concert at St Peter's Church, Yarm Road, Stockton on Saturday 3rd January 2009. It promises to be an excellent evening. I hope it is well supported by our members.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Hill

Hon Secretary

3rd November 2008

Dear Colleague

Our November event will be on Saturday 15th at the Church of the Ascension, Penrith Road, Berwick Hills, Middlesbrough, TS3 7JR. The event begins at 7.30pm.

The Andreas Ensemble conducted by Brian Varley will present a programme of choral music, with organ solos by Chris Brown, Director of Music at St. Oswald's, Durham. Choral items range from Palestrina, Tallis, Purcell and Liszt to various hymns with audience participation.

Organ solos - Bach's St Anne Fugue, Vierne's Carillon de Westminster, Widor Adagio from Symphonie V and Gardonyi Mozart Changes. There will be an interval at the half way stage when refreshments will be available.

The Andreas Ensemble was formed in 2005 in Bishop Auckland by Brian Varley, Director of Music at St Andrew's, South Church. Brian is also the secretary of the Darlington and District Organists' and Choirmasters' Association.

I look for a good turnout. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

Yours sincerely

G.Hill

Hon. Secretary

NB The Annual Dinner takes place on 17 January 2009. I will be sending details shortly after Christmas.

5th October 2008

Dear Colleague

Before I append details of our next event, I must mention the Members' Evening on 20th September. This was a first class introduction to our Jubilee Year and was well received by those present. Sadly, attendance by our members was small. Perhaps the next event will rectify this.

Saturday 18th October sees Keith Wright from Durham Cathedral at St George's Church, Hartlepool. His programme is one of transcriptions featuring, amongst others, Walton's Crown Imperial,

Vivaldi's D minor Concerto arr. J S Bach, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance no 4, and Wagner's Prelude to Act 1 of Die Meistersinger - a varied programme.

Mentioning John, he will have been at St George's as organist for 62 years in November - a record indeed. Our congratulations go to him.

Finally, please make every effort to attend this, the first of our celebrity recitals.

Yours sincerely, Geoff Hill

PS At our September event I managed to mount a small display of events of the Cleveland Association from 1948. If members have any more information, I would be glad to receive it.

2nd September 2008

Dear Colleague

Welcome to this our Diamond Jubilee year. You will see from the heading that we have reverted to the 1948 structure of President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Officers and Committee. I am delighted that Archdeacon Paul Ferguson has agreed to be Hon. President. Our two Vice-presidents need no introduction. They have been an integral part of the Association since its foundation and their input is incalculable.

Enclosed you will find the card of events. There is one change. On 18th April 2009 the event at Osmotherley will be the Chairman's Evening. You will also find two tickets for Keith Wright's recital at St George's, Hartlepool.

Our first meeting will be on 20th September at Stockton URC. It is a meeting arranged by members and guests. We have contributions from organists, a choir, singers, and a violin and guitar duo. This promises to be an excellent start to the year.

I also enclose a membership application form and ask that all members try to recruit a new member. In my experience, many interested people do not realise that membership is open to all, not just to organists. Please do try to recruit.

Our Treasurer tells me that many members have yet to pay their subs. These were due at the last AGM. Please contact John Waring.

Finally, I enclose details about an event at Kirkleatham on Saturday 13th September. It is worthy of support and I hope as many members as possible will attend.

Yours sincerely

GeoffHill

The Bate Organ at Kirkleatham Almshouses - Saturday 13th September Open Console from 2.00pm - 4.00pm

The Binns Organ in St Cuthbert's Church will be open at the same time.

Light refreshments - tea, coffee, fruit juice, biscuits and possibly sandwiches and scones, prepared by the ladies of the Almshouses, will be available from 2.30pm - 4.00pm.

The dedication of the organ and its opening recital will take place the same day at 6.30pm The evening features Mike Addison, Elizabeth Sotheran, Organist of Audley End, Shelford & Cambridge and Jeanette Wainwright, soprano.

The evening opens with a piece of organ music, the dedicatory prayers, a hymn, an anthem by Jeanette Wainwright followed by a programme of organ music and possibly one or two more arias or anthems by Jeanette.

Admission is free, with a retiring collection.

DIRECTIONS- From A19, A174 and A66 follow the brown and white tourist signs to 'Kirkleatham Hall Museum'. Sir William Turner's almshouses stand opposite the museum and there is ample on-site car parking.

Visit www.communicate.co.uk/ne/swthospital for pictures and details of the almshouses.

9th June 2008

Dear Colleagues,

Our final event of the year will be the outing to Thirsk and Sharow on Saturday 21 June. The event originally planned, the visit to Howden-le-Wear, had to be cancelled. However, the outing should be good.

We meet at St. Mary's Thirsk at 2.00 where Alan Morton, the organist, will welcome us. It is many years since we last went there and the instrument has recently been rebuilt by Principal Pipe Organs. It is a three manual with Great 11 Swell 11 Choir 8 and Pedal 8. There is parking outside the church or in the free car park opposite the east end of the church.

We then take the Ripon road to Sharow where we are expected around 3.30pm There is parking on the road by the church. The instrument here is a small two manual with Great 9 Swell 4 and Pedal 1. After visiting there any members who wish to attend evensong at the cathedral should note that it starts at 5.30pm I will have details of the music to be sung when we meet at Thirsk.

This has taken a great deal of time to organise and I hope that members will support it. Anyone requiring transport should get in touch with me.

The 2008/2009 season will be our diamond jubilee year. Members will remember that Simon Lindley came as guest speaker at the dinner ten years ago. I'm delighted to say that Simon has agreed to come and give a recital on Tuesday 17 February 2009. Other events will include Keith Wright from Durham Cathedral, a harp and vocal recital, two choral events and a members recital. Full details will be sent in August.

An up-to-date list of members will be issued in August. If there are any amendments, please let me know asap.

Geoff

6th May 2008

Dear Colleague,

The penultimate event of the year will be the Presidents Evening on 17th. May. This will be followed by the AGM. It is important that we have a good turnout for both events, for Trevor's recital and to show him our support and thanks for all that he continues to do for us, and for the AGM where we look for the active participation of all members not, as in the past, the few. The venue will be St Luke's Church, Hartlepool. I am informed by the churchwarden that the best way is by Elwick Road then into Dunston Road and Hart Road. The church is on the corner of Tunstall Avenue and Hart Road. As always, the recital commences at 7.30pm. However, members may wish to plan their own route.

Trevor's programme: -

Prelude and Fugue in E minor (The Wedge) BWV 548	J.S. Bach
Voluntary No. 1	J. Stanley
Piece Heroique	C. Frank
Scherzo in G minor	E. Bossi
Noel VI	L-C Daquin
Chrysanthmums	G. Puccini
Dieu Parmi Nous, from La Nativite du Seigneur	O. Messiaen

Please do make every effort to attend.

Yours sincerely

G.Hill

Hon. Secretary

St Luke's have a website www.saintlukes.org.uk

1st April 2008

Dear Fellow Member,

Once more, it falls to me to keep you up to date with the future events of the Association.

First, on 23rd April there is the Celebrity Recital by Dr George McPhee, from Paisley Abbey - an organist of considerable distinction. Note that this is on WEDNESDAY 23rd April, not our usual

Saturday time. Posters are enclosed and two tickets - please do your best to display the posters in prominent positions (I have more available if you would like them), and to use the two tickets, which will help to ensure a large audience for this event. The programme which Dr McPhee is playing looks interesting and varied, and should provide an enjoyable evening.

Second, we have been asked to publicise a recital in St Peter's Church, Osmotherley. This is by Ashley Grote and is on Thursday, 8th April at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £8.50, including programme and refreshments. Ashley Grote was until recently organ scholar at Westminster Abbey, and is now assistant director of music at Gloucester. (This information from Geoff's memory!)

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 23rd April

Yours sincerely,
Fergus McLellan.

26 February 2008 Newsletter

Dear Colleague

Our next event is a concert by the Michaelmas Singers and the Cleveland Consort on Saturday 8 March. The venue is Yarm Parish Church and the event commences at 7.30pm. There will be an admission charge of £5.00 which is payable at the door.

The programme - Music of the Tudors - will feature Byrd's 4 part mass and various 16th century anthems. There will be viol music from the Cleveland Consort.

The Michaelmas Singers were founded in 1967. They are now in their 41st season. Their new conductor, Matt Lennox joined them in 2008. There are between 25 and 30 singers giving 4 to 8 concerts per year.

This looks like another MUST for all members. Please do make every effort to attend. Incidentally, I was pleased with the large turnout at our last event, the concert by the Tees Valley Youth Choir. It all helped to make it a memorable evening.

One change to the programme. The June event featuring Otto Kramer at Howden-le-Wear has had to be cancelled. I'll send details of the replacement event soon.

I look forward to meeting you all at Yarm

Yours sincerely
G Hill.

Hon. Secretary

8 February 2008 newsletter

Dear Colleague,

Our next event will be on Saturday 16 February when we welcome again the Tees Valley Youth Choir. Please note the change of venue to Stockton URC. This is because of the breakdown in the heating at the Parish Church. The concert begins at 7.30pm

Your committee is now actively planning events for the 2008/2009 season. Several suggestions have been made but, if there are others, please do contact any member of the committee.

Our Treasurer tells me that there are seventeen members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year. As they run from the AGM this is a matter of some concern. If you have not yet paid please contact John Waring as a matter of urgency.

I hope those of you who have internet access have looked at our website. Thanks again to John for arranging this. He is looking for material to include, perhaps details of organs (and choirs) in the area. All details to him, please.

I should have begun by wishing you all a Happy New Year. As I was abroad it was not possible to do this at the relevant time. However, I shall be back in Australia for the first three weeks in April. Finally, I was in Gloucester Cathedral over the weekend to hear a stunning performance of 'The Armed Man' by Karl Jenkins. It was also interpreted through dance with twenty four dancers using the centre and two side aisles. The visual effect was overpowering and I felt very privileged to be there. I travelled down by train and we were diverted through Lichfield. The train was travelling so slowly at one stage that we were overtaken by a sparrow!!

Please do make every effort to come on 16th.

Yours sincerely

G.Hill, Hon. Secretary

FROM RICHARD HIRD

Anne Harrison wonders if attention can be drawn to local Organists Associations to a course for organists

which will take place in York this June, led by Robert Fielding

(http://www.romseyabbey.org.uk/robert_fielding.htm).

Details are on the RSCM website (<http://www.rscm.com/courses/index.php>).

Leaflets also are available. Many of the RSCM courses happen further south, so it would be good to show that there's scope and support for ones further north!

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2007

5 December 2007 newsletter

Dear Colleague,

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday 12th January 2008 at the Masonic Hall, Roman Road, Middlesbrough, at 7.15 p.m. This was a thoroughly enjoyable event last year, and we would encourage as many members and guests as possible to join us.

The menu is enclosed with this letter: Please make your choices and return the tear off slip to me, together with payment of £17.50 per head - more than last year, but this time we are being charged VAT. Cheques payable to C.O.C.A. Please let me have your replies by Friday, 28th December. It may help if you retain your menu and mark your selections on it, to remind you of what you have chosen.

For the future, the February meeting, Saturday 16th February, will be the Tees Valley Youth Choir, and will be in St Thomas' Church (The Parish Church), Stockton, beginning at 7.30. Even further into the future, the March meeting will be on 8th March, and will be the Michaelmas Singers, and Cleveland Consort in Yarm Parish Church. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, with the hope that the New Year will be Happy, Healthy and Peaceful.

Yours sincerely,

Fergus McLellan

7 November 2007 newsletter

Dear Colleague,

Our next event is an illustrated talk on the hymns of Charles Wesley to be given by Professor Richard Watson. This will take place at Nunthorpe Methodist Church on Saturday 17 of this month beginning at 7.30pm. The singing will be led by the choir of the church together with guests from the St Andrew's Singers of Stockton and St Mary's Singers of Acklam. Fergus McLellan will conduct and the organist will be David Lawson.

Nunthorpe Methodist Church is very near to the railway station. Take the Stokesley road from Middlesbrough (A172), go up Dixons Bank and turn left into Guisborough Road. Just before the station, turn sharp left into Marton Moor Road. The church is on the right at the junction with Connaught Road. There is no car park. There will be a retiring collection.

On a personal note, may I extend warmest wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year. I leave for Australia on 4 December returning on 4 January. This means that the organisation of the Annual Dinner will have to be done in my absence. Fergus McLellan has very kindly agreed to do this. You will be hearing from him sometime in December.

One final item. I get calls from vicars/priests/incumbents asking me for the names of organists who would be willing to play in a venue other than their own. These requests range from the odd Sunday to weddings and funerals. I am trying to compile a list of such members. If you would like to be included, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

G.Hill, Honorary Secretary

Saturday 1 December Billingham Oratorio Choir An evening of British Music V.Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols, Parry Blest Pair of Sirens together with part songs, solos and instrumental items. Organist Brian Varley, Conductor Gillian Sild, Stockton URC 7.30pm £4(£3)

Saturday 8 December: Organ recital by Hector C. Parr to mark his 80th birthday: at St Romald, Romaldkirk beginning at 6.30pm. For details, go to www.c-parr.freeserve.co.uk/Romaldkirk/dates.htm

11 October 2007 newsletter

Dear Colleague

Our next event will be Francis Jackson's recital at St Cuthbert's Church, Kirkleatham on Saturday 20 October beginning at 7.30pm. We are very privileged to welcome him again as he was last with us about ten years ago. You received details of his recital in the first newsletter which also included a ticket for the event. Please note that there is an admission charge of £5.00 for all.

We now have our own website. Very many thanks to John Waring for designing this. John asks me to remind members that subscriptions are now due and urges members who have not yet signed a gift aid form to do so. Forms may be obtained from him.

I look forward to a bumper turnout on the 20th.

Yours sincerely

G.Hill. Hon. Secretary

TWO events on the same day (nothing unusual about that!)

Saturday 10 November Tudor Organs in Durham Cathedral beginning at 2.00pm with an hour of "introduction" to a) the organs and b) the music (solo and choral use), followed by "hands on" on both instruments. Evensong will follow using the larger organ. There is also a concert on the previous evening.

ALSO on 10 November meeting of the NE Branch of the Musicians' Guild of the URC at Linthorpe URC beginning at 2.15pm to hear carols and to play the organ (please phone 592145 to book a time.) A booklet of some of Stan Burnicle's music will be on sale.

2nd September 2007 newsletter

Dear Colleague

Welcome to our programme for 2007/08. As you will see from the enclosed card, we have three celebrity organ

recitals, two choral recitals, a fascinating event at Howden le Wear, an illustrated talk on Charles Wesley and

the Annual Dinner. Quite a packed programme!

The first event will be on Saturday 22nd September at St Mary's, Acklam. Thomas Leech from Ripon Cathedral

will be playing a programme of Bach (the 'Great' C major), Mendelssohn (Sonata IV) and Elgar (the G major

Sonata). Admission is FREE for our members but please present the enclosed ticket at the door.

I am also enclosing a ticket for Francis Jackson's recital on October 20th. Each ticket costs £5 and please pay

at the door. It is ten years since Francis was last with us and we do expect a bumper turnout. He will have had

his 90th birthday by then!

Apart from the tickets, I'm sending an up to date list of members. Please do check the list and notify me of any changes.

I look forward to seeing many of you on September 22nd at Acklam.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Hill

Hon. Secretary