

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE WSOA VISIT TO CENTRAL LONDON

1100 **St George's Hanover Square** (10 mins walk from Oxford Circus tube station, another 15 mins on the Bakerloo line from Waterloo.)

New organ by Richards, Fowkes & Co of Ooltewah, Tennessee, USA is, as far as we know, the first American built organ in London and one of very few and the first for a long time in the UK.

Bring a piece (it doesn't have to be difficult or 'flashy') to play for expert guidance from our host Simon Williams, Director, RCO East, South and South-West England. In addition to his work for the RCO, Simon is Organist & Director of Music at St George's Church, a teacher for RCO Academy Organ School, Music Director of Harrow Choral Society and he frequently teaches on a variety of organ courses.

Suggested repertoire best suited to the organ: Sweelinck, Buxtehude, Bach and French Classical composers such as Couperin, Clérambault et al since St George's is one of the few organs in the UK which has many of the right sounds for this repertoire (even if the reeds are more German than French).

There will be time at the end for a period of general access to the organ.

13:00 Lunch. There are many pubs and eateries in the area.

14:30 **Welsh Church of London**, 30 Eastcastle St, Oxford Circus, London W1W 8DJ, UK. Substantial – and more-or less unaltered - organ by Hunter 1908, recently restored by Nicholson and Co.

Bring some old-fashioned music to play. Guests welcome, as at all our events.

Note: there currently appear to be no engineering works affecting travel to London by rail on this day. Book your 'Advance' rail tickets now for a low price.

Reply to:

Please confirm your attendance by emailing the address below or contacting me by phone and letting me know what you wish to play. Spectators and guests are very welcome.

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SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 19:00 ORGAN RECITAL AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WESTBOURNE: CALLUM ALGER



Callum Alger is currently a fourth year undergraduate at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, studying the organ with Henry Fairs, and choral conducting with Paul Spicer. Alongside his degree, he is the Acting Director of Music at The Collegiate Church of St Peter, Wolverhampton, where he oversees the week-by-week running of the busy music department. In 2018, he was awarded first prize at both the inaugural IAO/RCO Organ Competition in Peterborough, and the inaugural Dame Gillian Weir Messiaen Competition in Birmingham. He has previously held positions at Portsmouth Cathedral, and St

Matthew's Church, Northampton, as well as deputising at Derby Cathedral. In September 2019, he will take up the prestigious position as Organ Scholar at Westminster Cathedral.

Refreshments will be available before and after the recital, which is expected to last about an hour. Car parking is available in the village. Admission £5.

(This recital, part of the Westbourne recital series, is kindly underwritten by WSOA.)

FRIDAY 12TH JULY 2019 WEST SUSSEX ORGANISTS' VISIT TO BOGNOR REGIS

Please do join us for the planned visit on Friday 12th July to Bognor Regis.

Itinerary

- 0930 **Waterloo Square Methodist Church** [3 manual of 37 speaking stops Morgan & Smith and others.] 76 High Street, PO21 1RZ
- 1115/1130 **Our Lady of Sorrows** [2 manual Henry Jones 1882 of 15 speaking stops]
138 Clarence Road, PO21 1LB
- 1245 Lunch. There are plenty of eateries in the town centre.
- 1400 **St Wilfrid's** [3 manual of 40 speaking stops; Hele/Osmond/David White]
17 Victoria Drive, PO21 2RH

At each venue there will be an introduction to the building and demonstration of the organ, followed by an opportunity to play for those who wish to.

Transport

There are numerous car parks nearby. Waterloo Square and Our Lady of Sorrows are served by the 700 bus service. The morning venues are ten minutes' walk apart.

If you would like a lift OR are able to offer a lift, please contact Malcolm and we'll do the best we can to accommodate your request.

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It would be really helpful to know if you'd like to play so we can make sure all who want to get a fair time. Could we suggest that you bring a piece of music you feel at ease playing, and that will contribute to everyone's enjoyment of the day. (It's not a competition!)

Do bring guests if you wish. Spectators are welcome.

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SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 18:00 WILLIAM MCVICAR AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WESTBOURNE

This public event is organised by Portsmouth and District Organists' Association. William McVicar is one of our most respected organ consultants and curator of the Royal Festival Hall organ.

17:30 Talk: 'The development of the organ in the 20th Century'.

18:30 Cash bar refreshments

19:00 Organ recital of relevant 20th Century organ music.

Refreshments available before and afterwards. Ticket price £10.

**SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 12:30 WEST SUSSEX ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION AGM
AT ST MARY, LITTLEHAMPTON**

We look forward to welcoming you to this important event in the life of the Association. Refreshments will be provided and a short recital will be given by young players from West Sussex.

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 15:00 WSOA LONDON VISIT TO WESTMINSTER

15:00 Central Hall Westminster. Five minutes' walk from Westminster tube station.

Bring a piece to play (approx. 5 mins) on the magnificent Hill 4 manual 66 stop organ restored recently by Harrison and Harrison. This instrument is at its best in the romantic repertoire. I have played this organ and can attest that it is easy to play and all the stops do exactly what you would expect.

Our host will be Gerard Brooks and he will offer guidance on our performances. He is Director of Music at Methodist Central Hall, Organ Tutor at Latymer Upper School and a tutor with the RCO Academy Organ School.

Gerard is a French organ music expert and the presenter and one of the featured organists on the Fugue State Films DVD *The Genius of Cavallé-Coll* which won the BBC Music Magazine Award for Best Documentary in 2014.

He is a regular tutor on the Royal School of Church Music and RCO courses and has also taught for the London Organ Day, Oundle for Organists and the Edinburgh Organ Academy. He is the Founding Director of the annual London Organ Improvisation Course and is on the examination panel of the Royal College of Organists. Concerts in recent years have taken him to England, Scotland, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, and the USA.

As at Hanover Square there will time at the end for those who just want to 'have a go'.

17:30 Evensong at Westminster Abbey, followed by supper in the area for those who would like to.

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