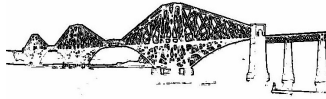


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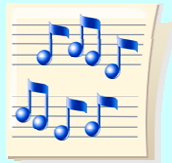
FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Forth in Praise Organists' Group. Playing the organ in church can make one feel very isolated sometimes, and feedback to the Music Advisory Group suggests that organists would like to be more in touch with each other and with the organ world generally. So whatever kind of instrument you play, and whatever your skill level, we hope you'll find something to interest you here. If you are a beginner, or a pianist thinking about switching, do stay with us, because part of our remit is to encourage more people to come forward to play the organ in church. And of course, anyone at all, organist or not, who is interested is very welcome to be on the mailing list for this newsletter, which we hope will appear two or three times a year. Just let me know (contact details below).

Evelyn Stell, *Music Advisory Group convener and organ adviser*

Saturday 12 April 2008
Organ afternoon in Grangemouth

'ORGAN STOPS AND ORGAN SOUNDS'
Christ the King and Sacred Heart Churches
Led by Evelyn Stell and Brian Sweeney



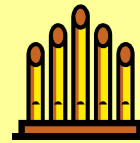
Commences at 1.30 in
Christ the King, Bowhouse Road, Grangemouth.
Cost £5 (£3 concessions)
Pay on arrival, but please contact Evelyn to book.

Easy to reach from the M9 – A link to a map can be found at
www.rc.net/standed/liturgy/mag/events.html

A look at two very different organs: Christ the King has a Viscount single-manual organ and Sacred Heart a Makin with two manuals and pedals. Nevertheless, all church organs have basically the same stop framework, and this workshop is to help players recognise it and use it to best advantage in their own churches. If you wish, bring along a favourite hymn or voluntary to try out – something you know well.

Sunday 22 June 2008

Organ workshop in Hawick,
Led by Evelyn Stell



SS Mary and David, 15 Buccleuch Street,
Hawick TD9 0HH.
Starts at 2 pm.

This time we look at a recently rebuilt pipe organ, in the light of the stop framework which all organs have, and try it out for hymn accompaniment and voluntaries. Organists accustomed to electronics are sometimes bit wary of pipe organs, but in most cases pipe is actually easier to play and more rewarding to listen to.

For a map, paste the following into your browser:
www.multimap.com/maps/?&hloc=GB|TD90HH



THE SCOTTISH CHURCHES' ORGANIST TRAINING SCHEME (SCOTS)
TRAINING DAY – Saturday 19 April 2008,

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and Allan Park Church of Scotland, Stirling.
Begins at Holy Trinity at 10 for 10.30 a.m.

SCOTS has been set up to help organists of all denominations and skills. It operates a personal adviser system, awards certificates to candidates who are successful at the three SCOTS stages, and holds regular training days, which are open to all. More details on the SCOTS page of the website of the Scottish Federation of Organists www.scotsorgan.org.uk/sfo-05.htm, or contact the Membership Secretary, Susan Wilson, 01592 874748
susanwilson@scotsorgan.org.uk

Have you thought of joining your local organists' society?

Local societies organise recitals, trips, talks and discussions for organists of all denominations. It is a way of meeting lots of other organists in your area, getting a chance to try out different organs, and learning about other liturgies. Quite apart from its social value, society membership can be very useful if you need a deputy, or want to borrow a piece of music at short notice for a funeral!

Societies in the Archdiocesan area are:

Edinburgh Society of Organists

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Tel: 0131 620 2603

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www.edinburghorganists.org.uk

Stirling and District Society of Organists

Secretary: Mrs Margaret Applebe.

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Tayside Organists' Society (covers Fife)

Secretary: Mr Ian Robertson

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ianrobertson21@hotmail.com

Glasgow Society of Organists

Secretary: Miss Jane J. Stirling. Tel: 0141

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Borders Guild of Organists and Church Musicians

Secretary: Mrs Maggie Stead.

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The others are:

Aberdeen & District Organists' Association

Secretary: Mr Allan Ritchie.

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Inverness Society of Organists

Secretary: Mr Donald Maclagan.

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Lanarkshire Society of Organists

Secretary: Mrs Margaret Filshie. Tel:

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THE SCOTTISH FEDERATION OF ORGANISTS

The Scottish Federation of Organists is the parent group of all the local societies. Every year the SFO has a two-day conference hosted by one of the societies. This year Stirling and District is the host society, and the conference will take place in Linlithgow on 9-10 May 2008.

The SFO has various committees. One very important one is the **Organ Advice Committee**, which offers free and independent specialist advice on organs, pipe and electronic. Contact Evelyn Stell for more information.

For more information about the SFO have a look at its website, www.scotsorgan.org.uk, or contact the Secretary, Mrs Bridget Black, 01463 230588, archieblack@inbhirnis.fsnet.co.uk

MESSIAEN If you like Messiaen, have a look at the very special events coming up in Edinburgh later this month, which include our own Cathedral organ: www.edinburghorganists.org.uk/MESSIAEN.pdf

MATTERS INTERACTIVE Queries and comments from our readers on anything technical or liturgical are always welcome, and we'll try to get answers for them if possible. Notes and articles (short ones!) which might be of interest to parish organists are also welcome.

ENQUIRIES For all enquiries regarding this newsletter please contact the Editor, Dr Evelyn Stell, Beechmount, Borrowstoun, Bo'ness, West Lothian, EH51 9RS. 01506 510366 forthinpraise@gmail.com