

Forthcoming events

A 25TH ANNIVERSARY RECITAL
SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER,
7.45PM, Broadway URC,
Walsall, [WS5 3PH](#)
by DANIEL BISHOP
(Liverpool Cathedral), part of
OrganFest. [Click](#) for details.

ANNUAL SERVICE
MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 7.30PM
St Faith & St Laurence,
Harborne, [B32 2EJ](#).
[Click](#) for details.

**IMPROVISATION IN A
LITURGICAL CONTEXT**
WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER,
7.30PM, St Mary's, Moseley
[B13 8HW](#). [Click](#) for details.

CHRISTMAS DINNER
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER,
7 FOR 7.30PM
Venue to be confirmed

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Event Guide

THSH Town Hall

Mondays 1pm **Thomas Trotter**
28 Sep; 12, 26 Oct; 9 23 Nov
www.thsh.co.uk

St Chad's Cathedral

Royal School of Church Music
17 Oct, 5.30pm: Choral Vespers
19 Oct, 2.30pm: Schools Festival
www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Holy Trinity, Wordsley

Sunday Afternoon Organ Music
3.00pm
Paul Carr 4 Oct, 1 Nov, 6 Dec
www.paulcarr.co.uk

St Paul, Birmingham

Thursday Live 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.15pm
Richard Walker 1 Oct
Paul Carr 5 Nov, 3 Dec
www.saintpaulbrum.org

Emmanuel, Wylde Green

Fridays at 1pm: 2 Oct
Andrew Fletcher
www.andrewfletcher.org.uk

Annual Service

Monday
12 October
7.30pm
St Faith &
St Laurence
Croftdown Rd
Harborne
[B32 2EJ](#)



BOA member **SIMON PALMER**, who has been Organist & Choirmaster here for over 30 years, invites us to this year’s annual service of Choral Evensong.



The organ, by Henry Willis II, was built originally in 1907, but installed here in 1980 by Henry Groves of Nottingham. It featured as one of our website’s first [Organs of the Month](#) (no.8) in 2003.

Improvisation in a liturgical context

Wednesday
18 November
7.30pm
St Mary’s
St Mary’s Row
Moseley
[B13 8HW](#)



Mick Perrier

BOA President and Chair of RSCM Birmingham Area, **MICK PERRIER**, invites us to St Mary’s Moseley for a session designed to be full of tips & tricks for those of us called upon to “fill the gaps” during services.

The organ here also featured on our website as an early [Organ of the Month \(no.12\)](#) in 2003.

We are delighted to announce that the annual recital following our AGM next year on 12th March will be given by recently-elected IAO Vice-President **DAVID SAINT** at St Chad’s Cathedral.

Visit to Peter Collins Ltd

Alan Taylor

We were fortunate to have chosen one of this summer's few warm & sunny days for our visit to Melton Mowbray, which attracted several car-loads of BOA members. Peter Collins greeted us upon arrival and proceeded to give us a fascinating insight into his work during a tour of the workshop. This included opportunities to see & hear about projects currently underway, play a chamber organ that is available for hiring, and see a pipe being created from bare metal, including its subsequent voicing. Peter Collins Ltd is one of relatively few builders in this country that retains a pipe-making facility on site. Our thanks to Peter and his colleagues who gave up their Saturday morning and made us so welcome.

This was followed by a visit to a local (lawn) bowls club for lunch, which proved to have good bar & restaurant facilities that were enjoyed by our members.

We returned to Birmingham via Ratcliffe College (an independent Roman Catholic boarding school near Leicester) where a new organ was installed in the school chapel last year by another local builder, Alan Goulding. This is a very comprehensively specified and boldly-voiced three-manual instrument with some digital Pedal Organ stops. In the generous acoustic of the (largely empty) chapel it made quite an impact, and there was plenty of time for members to enjoy trying it out for themselves.



Visit to Shrewsbury

Paul Evans



St Chad's Shrewsbury

Saturday 8th August saw a small group of BOA members assemble at St Chad's, to be welcomed by Director of Music Anthony Pinel. The last time we visited Shrewsbury this organ was being rebuilt by Harrison and Harrison so this was the first opportunity for most of us to hear and play the rebuilt instrument (our current [Organ of the Month](#)). It certainly repaid the visit: a lovely instrument speaking out into the fabulous acoustic of the round church.

Leaving St Chad's we took advantage of the warm sunshine to walk through Shrewsbury to St. Mary's, where we patronised its excellent café for lunch and a nearby hostelry for real ale before returning to be greeted by Bill Smallman. He gave us a brief introduction to the organ and demonstrated it before those brave enough to do so made the precarious ascent to the organ loft. Sited high up - almost in the roof - the organ, probably the largest Binns in a church, is reached by a steep, narrow & open spiral staircase. Coming down is even more interesting! A large and colourful instrument, but its position high in the north transept means that its sound does not carry well down the length of the nave, a feature clearly audible as we walked around the church.

Our thanks to Tony Pinel and Bill Smallman for making these visits possible and the warm welcome we received.