

Forthcoming events

VISIT TO RCO LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL,

2.00PM

Birmingham City University,
Perry Barr, [B42 2SU](#).

[Click](#) for details.

LGF FUND-RAISING CONCERT

MONDAY 9TH MAY, 7.30PM

St Bartholomew's, Edgbaston,
[B15 3TA](#).

[Click](#) for details.

PROGRAMME CARD FOR 2016/7

If you were unable to attend our AGM, when a handy credit card-sized programme card was distributed, you can create your own by printing, cutting & folding the version attached to the email that delivered this newsletter.

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Event Guide (see also [here](#))

More recitals at www.organrecitals.com

THSH Town Hall, [B3 3DQ](#)

Mondays 1pm **Thomas Trotter**
9 & 23 May, 6 Jun (SH), 20 Jun

www.thsh.co.uk

St Chad's Cathedral, [B4 6EU](#), 7.30pm

13 Apr: **Kurt Rampton**

20 Apr: **David Franke**

25 Apr: **Nicholas Morris**

11 May: **David Saint**

www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Holy Trinity, Wordsley, [DY8 5RU](#)

Sunday Afternoon Organ Music,

3pm **Paul Carr** 3 Apr, 1 May, 5 Jun

www.paulcarr.co.uk

St Paul, Birmingham, [B3 1QZ](#)

Thursday Live

1st Thursday of the month, 1.15pm

Conservatoire students 7 Apr,

Paul Carr 5 May, 2 Jun

www.paulcarr.co.uk

Emmanuel, Wylde Green

[B72 1YG](#), **Andrew Fletcher**

Fridays 1pm: 1 Apr, 6 May, 3 Jun

www.andrewfletcher.org.uk

Walsall Town Hall

Leicester Street, [WS1 1PT](#)

Peter Morris Thursdays 1pm

21 Apr, 19 May

Visit to RCO Library

Wednesday
13 April
from 2.00pm
Birmingham City University
Perry Barr
[B42 2SU](#)



The library & archive collections of the Royal College of Organists is administered on the college's behalf by BCU Library & Learning Resources at their Perry Barr campus. There are books on the organ (its history, construction, and repertoire), acoustics, architecture, technical textbooks, studies of composers, books on music history, and related subjects. There is a comprehensive collection of music for organ, a large collection of vocal music both sacred and secular from Dufay to the present day, and much more....

We have arranged exclusive access for a **limited number** of BOA members during this afternoon. If you would like to join us, it is **essential** that you book a place as soon as possible, preferably via membership@BhamOrgan.org.uk or by telephoning Alan Taylor on 0741 585 5082, when precise time and location details will be given.

LGF fund-raising concert

Monday
9 May
7.30pm
St Bartholomew's Church
Edgbaston
[B15 3TA](#)



This event at "Edgbaston Old Church", where BOA Council Member David Griffiths is Organist, has two objectives:

- to raise money for our Leonard Gibbons Fund, which exists to support young organists in and around the Birmingham area
- to hear music by Max Reger (*d* 11 May 1916) and a number of local composers for the organ & piano, including Cyril Christopher and (a former organist at this church) Herbert Wareing.

If any member is able to contribute by **playing** (some have already "volunteered"), please contact Alan Taylor by email or phone (see left) so that a programme can be put together. Otherwise, please come along with unwanted organ music ready to take part in a "**Bring & Buy**" and/or be prepared to make a donation to our Leonard Gibbons Fund.

Music for solemn occasions

On a rather bleak February evening, a small group of members assembled in a - thankfully - warm & cosy St Mary's Selly Oak to hear organ music suitable for Lent, funerals and other solemn occasions.

The pieces had been chosen, and were played, by members of BOA Council. They included works by several contemporary organist-composers, as well as by some more famous names. This proved to be an enjoyable evening of discovery, even though the music itself was for the most part necessarily reflective and subdued. The full programme, together with publisher details, is given below.

Cantilena – Andrew Carter
(*Echoes: A tribute to Alan Spedding*: Banks Music Publications)

Reflection – Daniel Bishop
(*Liverpool Lollipops*: Church Organ World Publications)

Prelude on the Passion Chorale – William Lloyd-Webber
(*Centenary Collection for organ*: Mayhew)

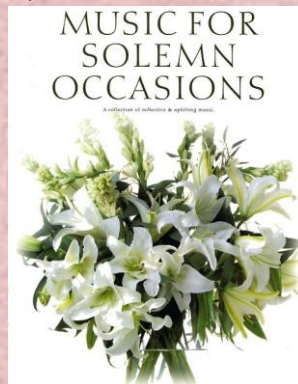
Recollection – Richard Lloyd
(*New Music for Organ book 1*: Mayhew)

Elegy – Parry
(*Ceremonial Music for Organ*: OUP)

Aria – Andrew Carter
(*Andrew Carter organ album*: OUP)

Gammal fäbodpsalm – Oskar Lindberg
(*Edition Wilhelm Hansen*, Stockholm)

Integritas – Andrew Fletcher
(*Oecumuse*)



AGM & annual recital

It was good to see as many as thirty members filling one of the function rooms at St Chad's Cathedral on 12th March for our AGM. Michael Jones was thanked for his contributions during his time on Council and David Griffiths & Jonathan Thorne were elected to join Council for the next three years.

Following the formal proceedings, members moved to the cathedral crypt to enjoy a buffet lunch with tasty sandwiches and wraps, tempting desserts, wine & juice, *etc.*

We were later joined in the cathedral by friends from the Worcestershire association (who had separately arranged to visit St Chad's later in the afternoon) for our annual recital given by BOA member, IAO vice-president, and the cathedral's Director of Music, Professor David Saint.

The recital began with the *Introduction & Passacaglia* by Max Reger, an appropriate choice in this the centenary year of the

composer's death, and also for demonstrating the vast dynamic range of the Walker organ. After a set of Bach variations and the "Jig" fugue, we heard a Herbert Howells *Rhapsody*. Duruflé's *Prelude & Fugue sur le nom d'Alain* ended this much-appreciated recital by a *titulaire* so evidently at ease playing this exciting instrument.

David Saint



News of members



Callum Alger

The latest member to join BOA, **CALLUM ALGER**, Director of Music at St Thomas's Stourbridge and a student at Birmingham Conservatoire, deserves our congratulations as he was recently awarded his **ARCO** at a ceremony in Southwark Cathedral.

You will be able to meet Callum and hear him play some Reger at our [9 May](#) fund-raising event.

Another BOA member and former Conservatoire student **JAMES LUXTON**, now Assistant Director of Music at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, is giving a recital as part of **Liverpool Organ Day** on Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May, at 3pm.

More details of the day's event are available [here](#).



James Luxton

News of forthcoming local recitals

Saturday 7th May 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Moseley

[B13 8HW](#)

ORGAN APPEAL OPENING
CELEBRITY CONCERT

DAVID BRIGGS

*Artist in Residence at
St. James' Cathedral,
Toronto, Canada*

(formerly Director of Music at Truro & Gloucester Cathedrals).

Tickets £12, £10 (students & over 65s), under 16s free.

More details available [HERE](#).



David Briggs

Broadway United Reformed Church, Walsall, [WS5 3PH](#)



Saturday morning "Coffee & Cake" recitals

Refreshments from 10.30am, recitals start 11.15am

Admission FREE: retiring collection

More details available [HERE](#)

Sat 4 June	George de Voil <i>organ</i>	Wellington College & St James's, Sussex Gardens
Sat 9 July	Roger Paterson <i>tenor</i> Peter Yardley-Jones <i>organ</i>	Swiss Church, Covent Garden
Sat 13 Aug	Peter Shepherd <i>organ</i>	Merton College, Oxford