

THE SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER:
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Hymn Society Bishop Burton Annual Conference

Tuesday, July 24th to Friday, July 27th 2018 It is not too late to register for this year's annual Conference in the delightful surroundings of Bishop Burton College. Where else could you get three nights' full board, six lectures, three 30 minute Sectionals, several Short Metres, outings with a conducted tour of Beverley Minster and a Hymn Festival, not to mention the excellent company of other Hymn Society members - all for just £270! If you haven't already done so, do book to come; it is still possible but we need to know by the end of May. If you have mislaid your booking form they are available on the website or from the Secretary who will be pleased to post you one.

Voting for members of the Executive Committee

The last mailing included Nomination papers for members to serve on the Society's Executive Committee. Had there been sufficient nominees, voting papers would have been included with this mailing. Unfortunately, only one nomination paper was received. Under these circumstances, that nomination

will be taken to the AGM in July when further nominations will also be sought and a vote taken. Although the new procedure is more democratic, it is proving less participative, so it is hoped to propose a revised system at the AGM.

We welcome new members who recently joined the Society:

Mr Graham Maclagan (Edinburgh)
Mr David McNeill (Cardiff, Caerdydd)
Mr Paul Inwood & Ms Catherine Christmas (Havant, Hampshire)
Mrs Janice Pibworth (Biggleswade, Bedfordshire)
Mr Paul & Mrs Jean Whitnall (Leyton, London)
Revd Mark Williams (Swansea, West Glamorgan)

We also welcome a new Joint Member via IAH:

Ragne Marie Doble (Stavanger, NORWAY)

We regret having to report the deaths of members:

Mr Gordon Appleton (Ripon, North Yorkshire)
Mr David Clark (Dunstable)
Mr Derek E. Jordan (Hartfield, Sussex)

Sadly, at the time of his death on 12th January, David Clark was, at the age of 86, our most recent member, having enthusiastically joined the Society last October due to the good offices of Terence Atkins. It is never too late to join!

Conversely, Derek Jordan, who died last Christmas Eve, whilst our records are not fully comprehensive, was not listed as a member in 1960, but was in 1966. He was, therefore, a member for at least 52 years, and probably a little longer! Throughout he lived at the same address in Hartfield at the delightfully named 'Kingsfold'. It was apparently so named at the time of his moving in as it was a new estate and no street numbers had been allocated there in the 1960s.

At the time Derek was working on an arrangement of "Kingsfold" for brass band, so he chose it as a house name. The village of Kingsfold is not many miles from Hartfield.

Gordon Appleton had been a member since 2000. He died on Easter Day whilst preparing to play the organ for worship at one his local churches.

This year's Congregational Lecture: Erik Routley

Those attending our 2017 Carmarthen Conference will recall Revd Dr David M. Thompson's lecture 'Duty and Delight': Reflections on aspects of the ministry

of Erik Routley, 1917-82 (this was subsequently published in Bulletin 293 Vol. 21 No. 12 Autumn 2017).

The 2018 Congregational Lecture will be given by Revd Dr David Cornick, also on the theme of Erik Routley. It will provide members with the opportunity to compare and contrast two perspectives on the great man. The lecture takes place on Thursday, 15th November 2018 at Dr Williams's Library, Gordon Square, London at 5.30 pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Mrs Margaret Thompson: Email: mt212@cam.ac.uk or at 7 Sherlock Road, CAMBRIDGE CB3 0HR for further information.

A rare opportunity to acquire a full set of HS Bulletins

Our member Gillian Warson is seeking a good home for a full set of Hymn Society Bulletins dating back to the first issue in 1937. She is willing to pack them up and post them gratis to anywhere in the UK. Please contact the Secretary if you would like these. There is only one set and it will be strictly 'first come, first served'!

Revd Dr Ian M. Fraser

On 15th December last year, Revd Dr Ian M. Fraser celebrated his 100th Birthday. In 1998 Ian addressed our Norwich Conference on Dunblane Praises and After, the former Warden of Scottish Churches House, Dunblane was introduced by Alan Luff who described Dunblane Praises as 'an icon of modern hymnody': in the 1960s Ian Fraser hosted the worship consultations which resulted in Dunblane Praises series 1 and 2 with further books to come, a spark which ignited at least part of the late C20th 'hymn explosion'. In these consultations, well over one hundred people took part in mutual critical reflection. In his address, Ian Fraser stressed that what he described as releasing the gifts of the people was matched by harsh judging to ensure outcomes worthy of God. He also spoke of work with children, which used similarly rigorous methods. Finally, in true Dunblane spirit, he urged the Conference to 'take the things of our time as a gift from God to future generations.' (extracts from Terence Atkins report on the 1998 Conference and HymnQuest biographical index). An outline of Ian Fraser's address, provided by him, is to be found in Bulletin 217, Vol.15 No 8 October 1998. An extraordinary man who has, in all sorts of ways, lived an extraordinary life.

Official Library holdings

It may be of interest to members to know that upon issue, all our publications are sent to, and held on deposit at, six UK and Irish national Libraries, namely:

the Bodleian Library Oxford University, the Cambridge University Library, the National Library of Scotland, National Library of Wales, Trinity College Dublin, and the British Library at Boston Spa.

Welsh hymn books

The following Welsh hymn books (in Welsh) are available from the Secretary for the cost of the postage together with a small donation of your choice to the Society:

1897 Hymnau a Thonau y Methodistiaid Calфинаidd
(Leather bound, very good)

1897 Hymnau a Thonau y Methodistiaid Calфинаidd
(Leather bound, poor)

1921 Caniedydd Cynulleidfaol Newydd (Tonic Solfa)
(poor condition)

1921 Y Caniedydd Cynulleidfaol Newydd (Tonic Solfa)
(better condition)

Perorydd Yr Ysgol Sul - Tonic-Sol-ffa (Undated)

1947 Emynau A Thonau'r Plant - Tonic-Sol-ffa

1929 Emynau A Thonau Y Methodistiaid Calфинаidd A Wesleiaidd

Open Treasure at Durham Cathedral

This fascinating and informative exhibition explores the story of Durham Cathedral, its people, history and Christian message at the heart of the Cathedral's life and worship from earliest times to the present day. In one part of the exhibition there is, for each century, a representative piece of music which can be heard (and which is still sung in Durham): for the C16th: If ye love me by Thomas Tallis; for the C17th: Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire trans. by John Cosin from the Latin C9th (which appears in almost every hymn book); and for the 18th: Christopher Smart's delightful Where is this stupendous stranger? which, sadly, does not appear in many books but may be found in Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard 1983, The New English Hymnal 1986, Rejoice and Sing 1991 and Common Praise 2000. If you are in Durham, the exhibition is well worth a visit.