



Dr. 'Jake' Almond R.I.P.

I regret to inform members that Jake (John Kenneth) died in hospital aged 90 on 13 December. He had survived his wife Honor by a number of years.

His funeral will take place at Kirkleatham Crematorium, 12.00p.m. on Thursday 3 January.

As well as his C.O. & C.A. membership, Jake was a member of the British Vintage Wireless Society, but above all dedicated to the Cleveland Industrial Archaeology Society—donations to the latter are invited in lieu of flowers. Jake's executor Rick Smith is composing the eulogy for Jake's funeral. He has asked me to invite C.O. & C.A. members to recall any anecdotes or reminiscences about Jake that he could include, also any knowledge of Jake's musical tastes. Please contact Rick at <ricksmithgeo@gmail.com> or on his mobile phone 07957 598511. And I'd appreciate a copy for our archives.

Jake's passing is yet another reminder that to survive, our Association desperately needs to find and recruit new members.

Featured in the Sunderland Echo

Community campaigners have won their fight to save the organ from Sunderland's oldest parish church being sold off to Germany.

Holy Trinity Church Sunderland



Holy Trinity Church was consecrated in 1719, but closed in 1988 and passed into the care of The Churches Conservation Trust. The Trust proposed to sell the organ because of the cost of dismantling it to facilitate repairs to the building fabric. Local campaigners have persuaded the Trust to change its mind, and the organ will stay, as the church is refurbished to become an arts and music venue.

Shouldn't C.O. & C.A. Members be campaigning for the restoration of Middlesbrough Town Hall Organ?

HOLY TRINITY, SUNDERLAND



Photo above appears to show original 1827 organ by Davies.
Current organ built 1889 by Alfred Monk of London.
A conventional 3m+p; Pedal 30 notes, Manuals 56 notes.
Tubular pneumatic action, Ped. 4, Gt. 9, Sw. 11, Ch. 5 stops.
For full details see NPOR record NO4225

Ten years since the church was closed, yet the organ was found to be still playable. Thanks to those inspiring campaigners who fought to keep it in the building for which it was designed!



Organist **Otto Krämer** (who's performed twice for C.O. & C.A.) says Germans admire English organs because the stops blend so well together. The organ in Redcar & Cleveland College was exported to Germany when a new building was planned.

HYMN BOOKS FOR DISPOSAL

Saint John's Elton offers the following, f.o.c:
Hymns Ancient & Modern (Standard Edition)
Words only, blue hardback, 33 copies.

Contact Brian Trenholm, Organist

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Your Hon. Sec. is still waiting for members' feedback* on issues he's raised since his appointment:

- * What do members want their Association to do for them?
- * What can members do to support their Officials and Committee?
- * Who is prepared to take on management of our website?
- * What should be done to recruit new members?
- * What should members be doing to encourage young organists & choir-leaders?

Sorry, folks, but my firm personal view is that with the Association close to collapse through dwindling membership, it's just not enough to pay a sub., sit back while two or three die-hards do all the work . . . and maybe show up at an occasional event. Would you join the Women's Institute and not expect to make jam?

Why don't you offer to organise a function for your fellow-members?

[* Some half-dozen members have indeed responded, and I thank them.
But why are the rest silent?]

B.L, Hon. Sec.