

The Falkland Society

Our speaker for May is Christopher Bragg, who will speak on 'Historic organs of Fife, including Falkland Church, their purpose and their future'.



7 p.m. Wednesday 15 May, in the Craig Room, Falkland Parish Church

Chris Bragg, born in Stirling, is a former Organ Scholar of Dunblane Cathedral. He is Head of Programming at the University of St Andrews Music Centre, Artistic Director of St Andrews Organ Week, organist of St Salvador's Episcopal Church in Dundee and an active performer, teacher and translator. He writes features and reviews for *Choir and Organ*.

Chris has a passionate interest in the conservation of historic organs and has

In Scotland, the pipe organ has always held an uncertain position in the national psyche. Treated with the utmost suspicion by the Calvinist reformers, it would be the mid-19th century before organs were even permitted in the Established Church.

Today, with the aggressive secularisation of society and (uniquely in Europe) no state protection for old organs in the UK, the fight to protect Scotland's stock of old organs from destruction is a constant challenge. But, beyond its everyday

been fortunate enough to perform recitals on instruments ranging from the 1425 organ at Ostönnen in Germany (the oldest playable organ in the world), many 17th and 18th century organs in the Netherlands, and 19th and early 20th century organs throughout the UK and elsewhere.

function, what is the inherent value of an organ? Chris Bragg argues for the organ as a vitally important social and historical mirror and highlights some of the remarkable survivals found in Fife.

Download the flyer for Chris's talk (PDF file)

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