

The Organ Club Newsletter

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1. NOTICES

Many thanks to John Varney for organising an outstanding visit to Guildford, where we visited the Cathedral, Holy Trinity, and St Mary's, West Horsley with its fine Frobenius organ.

In the evening, some members, including myself, attending a Diamond Anniversary Concert at the Cathedral, where we were treated to a specially commissioned work, *The Gift of Life*, written and conducted by John Rutter, who, beforehand, told us with great verve about his life and music, in conversation with Katherine Dienes-Williams, the Organist & Master of the Choristers at the Cathedral.

Our next visit, organised by Andrew Stevens, is to **Gorleston and Lowestoft**, on July 16th, and we hope to see you there. Full details are given in section 2 below.

One further reminder about the demise of the website organrecitals.com, which over the years provided an extremely useful resource for organists and organ enthusiasts.

However, not to despair, there is a new website [The Organ Recital Event Guide \(organrecitals.uk\)](http://TheOrganRecitalEventGuide.org), which is currently claiming to list 500 events at 168 venues.

To quote from their site:

"This service intends to list all organ recitals and concerts in the UK on a daily basis. Provided at no cost to venues or organists it exists to inform regular and occasional attendees plus people who have never been to an organ recital before of what's on and to increase awareness of the many fantastic venues where great music can be enjoyed."

John Belling (Newsletter Editor)

2022 Membership & final notice to those not renewed

I thank members who have renewed especially those who have added extra to the membership rate. However, about 40 renewals are still outstanding.

The MAY 2022 Newsletter was posted to all members who had not renewed at that point including a reminder renewal form. If you have lost it, there is a copy on the Club website which can be downloaded. I do not wish to lose members but your name will be omitted from the next mailing list as it is very unfair to those who have renewed if you don't renew or have not contacted me.

Cheques, cash, or direct payment to the account – sort code 20-31-52, account 00655171 – standard membership £30, Young members £12, outside of the UK Royal Mail postal zones - £10 supplement.

If you have a financial issue with your renewal, please contact me.

ALL renewals must be notified to me. Do not send renewal payments to any other officer of the Club.

My contact details are shown on page 3 of each Journal; my e-mail for ALL correspondence is markmdjameson@btinternet.com; landline is **01189 344212** and text messages (NOT e-mail) can be sent to my mobile 07802 715634.

Mark Jameson (Membership Secretary)

Yorkshire Organ Day, Saturday September 17th 2022

Our President, Paul Hale, is a principal participant in this event, which is why I am specially bringing it to your attention! Please refer to the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information.

September 2022 Newsletter contributions

Please email notices by August 16th at the latest to John Belling, Organ Club newsletter editor, at newsletter@organclub.org.

2. CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday July 16th 2022: Gorleston/Lowestoft

We shall be visiting the following churches:

10:45: St Andrew's P.C. Gorleston, Church Road NR31 6LR

3 manual N&B 1904, originally in St John's Lowestoft before being dismantled and taken to Norwich R.C. Cathedral where it was never erected but was sold on to St Andrew's Gorleston and installed there in 1979 by Wood Wordsworth.

Gt 11, Sw 13, Pos 6, Ped 10

12:30: St John the Baptist, Church Lane, Lound, NR32 5LR

2 Manual H&H of 1913, recently overhauled by Boggis of Diss for which our president, Paul Hale, was advisor and who will talk about the recent works.

Gt 6, Sw 6, Ped 3

14:30: Our Lady Star of the Seas R.C., Gordon Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1NL

3 manual N&B 1900 untouched.

Gt 7, Sw 8, Ch 4, Ped 2

17:00: St Peter and St John P.C. Kirkley, Rectory Road, NR33 0ED

2 manual Brindley and Foster 1881 enlarged to 4 manuals in the 1890s by N&B.

Gt 10, Sw 9, Ch 6, Solo 6, Ped 4

Prepayment for visit: £10 – If you wish to pay in advance (sort code 20-31-52 a/c 00655171), please show your surname and reference LWT and let me know you are doing so. Please do not combine payment with the August Swindon visit.

Please use your surname and if possible LWT as reference.

Bookings to Andrew Stevens at a.stevens405@btinternet.com or tel: 01440 730085 by **July 9th** please.

Lunch: owing to a very tight schedule, packed lunches are very much the order of the day and permission has been granted at Lound to have these there.

Transport by owners' cars so please share where possible. There is good car parking at all churches; however, Lound is a small village so please park considerately.

Day Visit Notes: will be issued by e-mail ahead of visit, printed copy ONLY to those unable to print a PDF document - must be advised when booking.

Saturday August 20th 2022: Swindon & Area

We shall visit four churches, three for the first time, each very different instruments.

10:45 St Mark's, Church Place, SN1 5EH

A relocated organ from the north of England installed in 1973 by Percy Daniel, with a rebuild in 2009 and other later work.

Gt 9, Sw 9, Pos 5, Ped 7.

Walk via town centre for food, or bus 1/1A to Central Library/Regent Circus:

13:00 Holy Rood RC, Groundwell Street, SN1 2LU (very limited parking)

Paul Hale played the 2019 opening recital on this much enlarged organ by Clevedon Organs.

Gt 13, Sw 13, Ch 12, Ped 13.

Through Queens Park and walk up hill, or bus 12 to:

15:00 Christ Church, Cricklade Street, SN1 3HB

A revisit, we were here in 1993 & 2008, since then the church has been reordered and the organ overhauled and modified again by J W Walker in 2019. A new book "The Beacon on the Hill" for £13 will be available in the church, full history of the organ and building - is recommended.

Gt 13, Sw 12, Ped 10.

Downhill walk then bus 17 to:

17:30 St Barnabas, 115A Cricklade Road, SN2 1AB

Bevington c1860, installed here 1903 by Bevington, part overhaul 2000 Stenson of Swindon.

Gt 9, Sw (TC with stop bass low octave) 5, Ped B16.

Expected finish time 18:30

Cost: £10 per person. If you wish to pay in advance (sort code 20-31-52 a/c 00655171), please show your surname and reference SWI and let me know you are doing so. Please do not combine payment with the July Gorleston/Lowestoft visit.

Bookings to Mark Jameson at markmdjameson@btinternet.com (preferred contact) or 07802 715634 by **TUESDAY 16th AUGUST**.

Travel – Trains from London:

0928 Paddington 1G09 plat. 1 to Cheltenham arrives SWINDON 1024

0932 Paddington 1C08 plat 5 to Bristol arrives SWINDON 1030

0948 Paddington 1B09 plat. 8 to Swansea arrives SWINDON 1038

1002 Paddington 1C09 plat. 4 to Bristol arrives SWINDON 1056

Frequent service to/from Paddington, booked seats advised for outward journey.

Travel: with a car

Swindon has many one-way streets, bus lanes or roads for buses only.

Full details about how to get between churches in the day visit notes.

Very limited parking at Holy Rood, but at Regent Circus (west end of Groundwell Road) public pay & display car park. All other churches have car parking.

N.B. Swindon Town FC match is due to finish 17:00, so may have to allow extra time!

IN SWINDON – bus timetables:

The day visit notes have full details of the bus services with a one-page sheet showing each bus route and boarding and alighting points directly related to the Club's visit.

Food: Brunel Shopping centre or enjoy a pack lunch in Queens Park at the rear of Holy Rood

Day Visit Notes: will be issued by e-mail ahead of visit, A4 format, 9-page PDF.

Please advise when booking if you require a printed document.

A printed A5 booklet will be available to those who have requested a printed document.

Saturday September 17th 2022: Central London visit

We are planning a **spectacular Central London visit**, but the details are not quite finalised yet. Please email John Henderson at treasurer@organclub.org if you would like to hear more when details are available.

In the Pipeline

The following visits are planned; full details will be given nearer to the time. Please note them in your diary! (Though please bear in mind that these could be **subject to change**, particularly in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, not over yet!).

Saturday October 15th 2022: Warmington & Fotheringhay including Annual Lunch

11:00 Meet at Peterborough station. Taxi arrangements to Warmington. Demonstration of the Warmington Organ (Grant Degens and Bradbeer, originally in Cranleigh School and transferred to Warmington in 2000). Members time to play.

12:30 Transfer to Fotheringhay Village Hall for the **Annual Lunch** with Guest of Honour our Vice President Anne Marsden Thomas MBE. Following lunch, demonstration of the Fotheringhay Organ (Vincent Woodstock, installed in 2000) by Vice President James Parsons. Members time to play.

15:30 Arranged taxi return to Peterborough station.

Cost £25 including lunch.

Full details will be in the September newsletter.

Saturday November 19th 2022: Radley

Thursday December 29th & Friday 30th 2022:

The London Organ Competition - further details nearer to the date.

Saturday February 18th 2023: Stowe School & Stony Stratford

Saturday March 18th 2023: AGM

Details nearer the time, but please note the date!

May 2023: Mini-tour – Devon, including Buckfast Abbey

This tour (which will also include a trip on a steam railway) is provisional at this time.

Saturday June 17th 2023: walking tour - "Lower" Windsor parish churches. Further details will be published nearer to the date.

September 2023: Birmingham tour

This is expected to take place a few days either side of the weekend 16th/17th September. Further details nearer the time.

3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

St Mary Abchurch, Abchurch Lane, EC4N 7BA

Tuesdays at 12:30 Ian Shaw (St Mary Abchurch)

Admission free – refreshments available

Reading Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1QH

Lunchtime series: MONDAYS at 1pm – see poster below

Jul 4th 13:00 Eton College Students

Admission: tickets £5 online, £6 card only at the door.

Ring 01189 960 6060 to book, or online at READING ARTS, or quick link:

<https://whatsonreading.com/venues/concert-hall/whats-on/lunchtime-organ-recital-july-2022>

NB: London area members - remember using the TFL service from London Paddington your senior TFL pass allows you travel on the CROSSRAIL service (almost all stations) and takes around an hour - but it's **FREE!**

Hereford Cathedral, 5 College Cloisters, Cathedral Close, HR1 2NG

Summer lunchtime organ recitals, Tuesdays at 13:15

Jul 5th 13:15 Marion Bettsworth (Hereford)

Jul 12th 13:15 Piers Maxim (Malvern Priory)

Aug 9th 13:15 Paul Carr (Birmingham)

Aug 16th 13:15 Hilary Norris (Leominster Priory)

Aug 23rd 13:15 Simon Bell (Tewkesbury Abbey)

Aug 30th 13:15 Jonathan Lee (Trinity College, Cambridge)

and on Bank Holiday Monday:

Aug 29th **11:30** Jonathan and Tom Scott (Organ and Piano)

Admission free – refreshments available

St John the Evangelist, Sylvan Road, Upper Norwood, SE19, 2RX

Jul 21st 19:30 Christopher Herrick (Concert Organist)

Sep 15th 19:30 Will Nicholson (Alston Moor)

Oct 13th 19:30 Katy Silverman (St Mary's Battersea)

Admission free (retiring collection)

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP

Jul 30th 16:00 Paul Greally (King's College, Cambridge)

Sep 24th 16:00 Daniel Moulton (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)

All recitals begin at 4pm and are followed at 5pm by a light buffet.

St George's, Hanover Square, St George's Street, London W1S 1FX

Jul 5th 13:10 Alex Flood (St Peter's, St Albans)
Jul 19th 13:10 Kayol Lam (Leipzig)
Aug 2nd 13:10 Weston Jennings (Texas)
Aug 16th 13:10 Michael Unger (Cincinnati University, USA)
Aug 30th 13:10 Ondřej Smolík (Czech Republic)
Admission free (retiring collection)

Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, Mayfair, London W1K 2PA

Jun 28th 13:10 David Ponsford (Professor, Royal Academy of Music)
Jul 12th 13:10 Richard Hobson (Grosvenor Chapel)
Jul 26th 13:10 Timothy Wakerell (London)
Aug 9th 13:10 Andrew Benson-Wilson (Basingstoke)
Aug 23rd 13:10 Loreto Aramendi (San Sebastián, Spain)
Admission free (retiring collection)

Welsh Church of Central London, Eastcastle Street, W1W 8DJ

Glyn Lang Memorial Series

Jul 20th 13:05 Oliver MacFarlane (Guildford)
Aug 17th 13:05 Richard Hobson (Grosvenor Chapel)
Sep 21st 13:05 James Gough (Southwark Cathedral)
Oct 19th 13:05 Richard Lyne (All Saints East Sheen)
Admission free / retiring collection

St John the Evangelist RC Church, Duncan Terrace, Islington, N1 8AL

Jul 30th 19:30 Peter Wright (London)
Sep 24th 19:30 David Titterington (Royal Academy of Music)
Admission: free with collection; Angel Tube; buses 4 19 30 38 73 205 341

Selby Abbey, The Crescent, Selby, YO8 4PU

Jun 28th 12:30 Colin Walsh (Lincoln Cathedral)
Jul 5th 12:30 Adrian Gunning (St John the Evangelist, Islington)
Jul 12th 12:30 Richard Elliott (Salt Lake Tabernacle)
Jul 19th 12:30 Alessandro Licata (Former Professor Santa Cecilia
Conservatory of Music, Rome)
Jul 26th 12:30 Peter King (Bath Abbey)
Admission free (retiring collection)

Evening recital

Sep 2nd 19:30 Martin Baker & John Scott Whiteley
Battle of the Organs - with Viscount organs

Tickets £15

Church of Our Lady of Victories, 235a Kensington High Street, W8 6SA

On the Southside of High Street Kensington, between Abingdon Road and Earls Court Road. (Near High Street Kensington Underground Station)

Jul 1st 19:30 Johann Vexo (Nancy Cathedral & Notre Dame, Paris)

Programme:

Chaconne from Violin partita No. 2 - J.S. Bach (Trans. H. Messerer)

Choral No. 2 in B minor - César Franck

Danse Macabre - Camille Saint-Saëns (Trans. Edwin Lemare]

Suite Op 5 (Prélude, Sicilienne, Toccata) - Maurice Duruflé

Tickets for all concerts (£10 each): <https://olov-kensington.eventbrite.co.uk>

N.B. There is a **25% discount** code available for Organ Club members for online sales: use promo code 'SUMMER2022' on the Eventbrite ticket page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/johann-vexo-grand-organ-concert-at-our-lady-of-victories-kensington-tickets-245844255787>

York Central Methodist Church St Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ

Jun 30th 12:30 Robert Sharpe (York Minster)

Jul 7th 12:30 Keith Wright (St Olave's, York)

Jul 21st 12:30 Philip J Paul (York Central Methodist)

Aug 4th 12:30 Timothy Jones (York)

Aug 18th 12:30 Alessandro Bianchi (St Edward the Confessor, Lugano, Switzerland)

Aug 25th 12:30 Jeremy Blasby (Newport Cathedral)

Sep 8th 12:30 Asher Oliver (York Minster)

Sep 15th 12:30 Richard Fenwick (Cardiff)

Admission free (retiring collection)

St Michael's, Cornhill, St Michael's Alley, EC3V 9DS

(See poster below for more details)

Jul 4th 13:00 Gordon Stewart

Jul 11th 13:00 Francesca Massey

Jul 18th 13:00 Richard Brasier

Admission free (retiring collection)

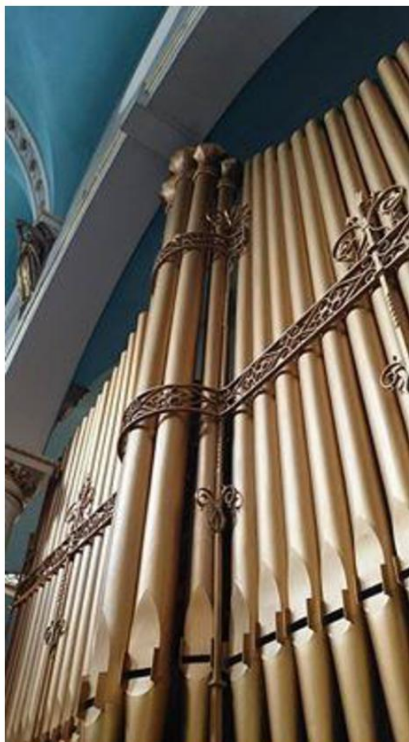
St Alphege, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, HA8 0DN

Organ built by B.C. Shepherd & Sons incorporating Father Willis pipes 1857.

Jul 2nd 19:30 James Paget (St Mary Magdalene-in-Paddington)

Sep 3rd 19:30 D'Arcy Trinkwon (International Recitalist)

Admission £8



Some of the 3,500 pipes of this fine organ are over 300 years old. Since Henry Purcell gave the opening recital in 1684, the instrument has been enlarged and enriched by a succession of leading organ builders, and it was last restored in 2010 by Nicholson's of Malvern. Organists of the church have included the 18th century composer William Boyce (here for 32 years), as well as Harold Darke (50 years) and Richard Poplewell. The [Royal] College of Organists was founded here in the 19th century. The weekly recitals series is thought to be the longest-running in the world (it began in 1914). It features internationally-renowned soloists, as well as gifted younger players.

The continuation of this well-known series depends on the support of the audience. Please be generous as you leave. There is a bowl for cash, as well as a card-reader (for debit or credit cards) and a QR code on display.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

MONDAYS AT ONE

July 2022

ST MICHAEL'S CORNHILL City of London

Monday 4 July, 1pm
GORDON STEWART

acknowledges US Independence Day

SWANN Trumpet Tune
CARR, MOLLER & SELBY Music by leading
18th-century American composers
SHOWS Prelude on an Irish Carol
SHOWS Wildfire Toccata
HANCOCK Aria
YON Toccatina for a Flute
MILLER Prelude on *Faithfulness*
PAINE Concert Variations on *The Star Spangled Banner*

Monday 11 July, 1pm
FRANCESCA MASSEY

WHITLOCK Grave-Animato, from *Sonata*
BACH Trio Sonata 5 (3 mm)
FRANCK Cantabile
MATHIAS Variations on a Hymn Tune

Monday 18 July, 1pm
RICHARD BRASIER

BACH Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572
BRAHMS Fugue in a flat
FRANCK Pièce Héroïque (1878 version)
MOZART Andante in F, K616
MENDELSSOHN Prelude & Fugue 3 in d

Monday 25 July, 1pm
MAKOTO JAMES

DUPRÉ Cortège et Litanie
FRANCK Prélude, Fugue & Variation
VIERNE Symphonie 3 (5 mm)



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ORGAN CONCERTS – retiring collection unless shown otherwise

READING TOWN HALL RG1 1QH: The Concert Hall - Monday Organ recitals
4 July 1pm ETON COLLEGE students Alex Finlayson-Brown, Organ Scholar-elect of Exeter Cathedral & Kings College Cambridge & Tingshuo Yang.

The Autumn series of concerts are currently being finalised – please note in your calendars:
Mondays: 5 September and 7 November. SUBJECT to confirmation

Tickets £5 in advance, or £6 on the door. Please note that the venue no longer accepts cash, so all payments must be made using a credit or debit card.

Saturday 17th September HERITAGE DAY 12 noon & 1.30pm

Join Organ Curator, Dr William McVicker, organist David Pether and other members of the Berkshire Organists' Association in an exploration of the history and sounds of the internationally-renowned 'Father' Willis Organ in Reading Town Hall's Concert Hall. Find out how it works and listen to some stirring music. Afterwards there will be a chance for members of the public to try the instrument for themselves.

Admission free. Sessions last approximately one hour. More details will appear on:

<https://whatsonreading.com/venues/concert-hall/whats-on>

READING Minster Church of St Mary RG1 2LN [by John Lewis]

15 July Friday 12.30 Recital by Jonathan Holl, BOA President

19 August Friday 12.30 Recital by Ian Hillier, Director of Music, Reading Minster

16 September 12.30 Recital by Gillian Blythman of Newbury

21 October 12.30 Recital by Christopher Sears, of Newbury

NEWBURY St Nicolas Parish Church RG14 5HG

14 July Thursday 1.10pm Lunchtime recital by Rosemary Evans

11 August Thursday 1.10pm Lunchtime recital by James Paget

8 September Thursday 1.10pm Lunchtime recital by Stephen Holmes of Lambourn

13 October Thursday 1.10pm Lunchtime recital by Roy Woodham, Rector of Cranleigh

OXFORD TOWN HALL, St Aldates OX1 1BX

Wednesdays 12 noon tickets £6

27 July Weston Jennings

28 September Performer to be confirmed

26 October David Bendix Nielsen

The venue welcomes you to bring a pack lunch and enjoy during the recital

YORKSHIRE ORGAN DAY

hosted by Hull and East Riding Organ Group

BRIDLINGTON PRIORY

“Anneessens to Nicholsons”

Paul Hale recounts the fascinating story of the mighty organ at Bridlington Priory, illustrating his talk with organ works by César Franck (1882 - 1890).

Colin Wright will talk about Aural Skills and Choral Direction

Daniel Cook will give the Celebrity Recital

Saturday, September 17th, 2022

9.30am – 5.30pm

Paul Hale, Organ Consultant

Colin Wright, Organist/Aural Educationist

Daniel Cook, Organist, Durham Cathedral

Entrance: All day £22 IAO members £20.

3pm Celebrity Recital alone £10

Further information and tickets: Herog@btinternet.com

Tickets also available at the door



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