

# The Organ Club Newsletter

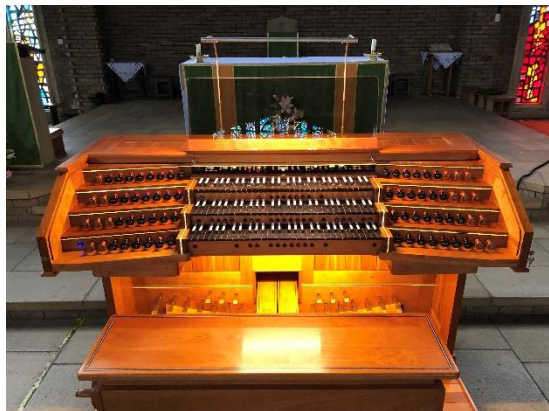
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## 1. NOTICES

Many thanks to Mark Jameson for organising a superb visit to Swindon, on 20<sup>th</sup> August.



I particularly enjoyed listening to the organ at Holy Rood RC, with its striking console, pictured left. The organ, rebuilt and extended in 2019 by Clevedon Organs has a number of new digital stops, very well integrated with the pipe ranks. Our President, Paul Hale, gave the inaugural recital in 2019, and Paul also supplied the photo.

### **Recital by Past-President Peter Stokes**

Peter Stokes invites you to his recital at [St Stephen Walbrook](#) on Friday September 16th at 12:30. I shall, be page-turning!

Also, to [St Botolph Without Aldgate](#) on Wednesday September 21st at 12:30.

### **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.

### **November 2022 Newsletter contributions**

Please email notices by October 16<sup>th</sup> at the latest to John Belling, Organ Club newsletter editor, at [newsletter@organclub.org](mailto:newsletter@organclub.org).

*John Belling (Newsletter Editor)*

## 2. CLUB MEETINGS

### **Saturday September 17th 2022: Central London visit**

We are delighted to be visiting the recently the magnificent new IV/53 Škrabl organ in *Our Lady of Victories*, Kensington. We will be met by the Director of Music, Timothy Macklin, who will demonstrate the organ to us, following which a members will be able to play. The number of players from the club will be limited due to time, so please do get in touch as soon as possible if you would like to have a chance to play this marvellous organ.

The visit to *Our Lady of Victories* will be from 12:00 – 14:00. The church has requested that no food or drink be brought into the church, but there will be time to have something to eat before or afterwards as you wish.

If you haven't already done so, you might like to enjoy the inaugural recital on this organ (YouTube) given by Olivier Latory, details in the 2022 May newsletter, page 2.

We also plan to visit another fantastic organ in the area, details of this will be provided via email.

To register your interest for the visit, or if you have any questions, please contact John Henderson on [treasurer@organclub.org](mailto:treasurer@organclub.org) .



***Timothy Macklin at the console of the Grand Organ***

<https://www.ourladyofvictories.net/grand-organ.html>

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

It is a long time since we have had a Club Lunch and we are putting this to right with a lunch on this visit with Guest of Honour our Vice President Anne Marsden Thomas MBE.

## Details are as follows:

**11:00** Meet at Peterborough Station. Local Members cars and taxi arrangements to Fotheringhay.

**12:00** Recital at Fotheringhay by Vice President James Parsons on the Vincent Woodstock Organ installed in the year 2000.

**12:45** Transfer to Fotheringhay Village Hall for Lunch. Following lunch, members will have time to play the Fotheringhay organ and arrangements will also be made for those interested to visit and play the organ at Warmington Church (Grant Degens and Bradbeer, transferred in 2010 from Cranleigh School in Surrey.)

**16:00** Cars and Taxi return to Peterborough Station



The cost for the day will be £29 including a full lunch with wines.

For those requiring taxi arrangements to and from Peterborough, arrangements will be made with Peterborough Taxis with a cost of £5 each way per head.

One or two local members cars will be available, and the required taxi fares will be evened out between the participants.

Image of Fotheringhay organ from: <https://jamesparsons.org/fotheringhay>

Please send your application to John Miley, by **WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
7 Pridmore Close, Woodnewton, Peterborough, PE8 5EY  
email: [cegb36@gmail.com](mailto:cegb36@gmail.com)  
with a cheque for £29 payable to The Organ Club.

## **Saturday November 19th 2022: Radley**

Planning for this visit is nearly complete – organiser Paul Hale has supplied the following timetable for the visit, but please note that this is subject to change!

**10:30** meet at Radley College (I'm working on how we can get some coffee there), a 9–12-minute walk from the station, depending on speed;

**11:00** Panelled Room or Blue Room: my talk with PowerPoint images (loads!) about recent organ projects, climaxing with the Radley organ;

**12:30** walk to the Bowyer Arms (next to station car park; a 10-13 min walk) for lunch (I shall book places when we know numbers). See

<https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/oxfordshire/bowyer-arms/menu/main-menu> ;

**14:15** leave the Bowyer Arms and walk to the parish church (9-12 mins);

**14:30** play the parish church organ;

**15:30** move to the College Chapel (6-9 mins) to explore the new Nicholson;

**17:30** (approx.) ends.

## **Thursday December 29th & Friday 30th 2022:**

### **The London Organ Competition**

### **St Clement Danes Church, Strand, London WC2R 1DH**

Applications are invited from young organ students up to the age of 19, in two categories:

**Senior Section** (ages 17-19 on Friday December 30th, 2022)

Prizes: First Prize – £1200; Second Prize – £800

**Junior Section** (ages 16 and under on Thursday December 29th, 2022)

Prizes: First Prize – £700 ; Second prize – £400

Applications must be submitted to John Miley by Tuesday 1 November 2022.

Full details including how to enter, a downloadable application form, competition rules and organ specification are available on the Club's website

<https://organclub.org/competition/>

## **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 February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023: Stowe School & Stony Stratford**

### **Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023: AGM - St Peter's Church, Nottingham**

The AGM will take place at St Peter's Church, Nottingham, and will include an organ recital. Full 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September. Further details nearer the time.

And also of interest to young organists might be this interesting opportunity:

### **Organ "training day" event at Wimborne Minster, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023**

The Bournemouth Association of Organists is hoping to organise an organ event for young players (11-21 yrs, but all "young" adults could join) on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:30 to 16:00 (approx).

There would be a small charge. Any surplus would go towards the Minster Organ Project.

It is hoped to secure Wimborne Minster and the newly restored instrument (Mander) there.

There will be an electronic organ on site with "Hereford" as the Spec and players are actively encouraged to try this.

If you are interested in attending the event, please email Steve Robson (Trustee, Bournemouth Association of Organists) at

[steve\\_robson@hotmail.com](mailto:steve_robson@hotmail.com)

### 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 on page 11.**

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-september-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!**

#### **Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2HA**

Sep 8<sup>th</sup> 13:10 David Price (Portsmouth Cathedral)

Sep 29<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Norman Harper (St George's Cathedral, Southwark)

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Catherine Olver (Head of Organ Studies at St Catherine's School, Bramley)

Admission free (retiring collection)

NB: Club member Norman Harper has issued a CD *Church bells beyond the stars* (Signum Classics) and is reviewed in the forthcoming *Organ Club Journal*

#### **St Paul's Church Rectory Grove, Clapham, SW4 0DZ**

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 19:00 Marilyn Harper (Christ's Chapel, Dulwich)

*Elizabethans Then and Now*: Music across the centuries linking the two golden Elizabethan eras

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 19:00 Norman Harper (St George's Cathedral, Southwark)

*Stars and Saints*

Admission: £10

NB: Club member Norman Harper has recorded a CD: *Church bells beyond the Stars* (Signum Classics SIGCD2845) at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, reviewed in the forthcoming *Organ Club Journal* 2022/2 p 52 - "a great CD".

#### **St Stephen Walbrook, 39 Walbrook, London, EC4N 8BN**

Sep 16<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Peter Stokes (past Organ Club President)

Admission free (retiring collection)

#### **St Botolph Without Aldgate, Aldgate High St, London EC3N 1AB**

Sep 21<sup>st</sup> 12:30 Peter Stokes (past Organ Club President)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Will Nicholson (Alston Moor)  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Katy Silverman (St Mary's Battersea)  
Admission free (retiring collection)

**Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP**

Sep 24<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Daniel Moulton (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Anthony Gritten (Royal Academy of Music)  
Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 16:00 D'Arcy Trinkwon (Concert Organist)  
*All recitals free with retiring collection, followed at 5pm by a light buffet.*

Also: Bloomsbury Festival, silent films with organ accompaniment

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 14:00 Donald Mackenzie (Odeon, Leicester Square)  
1926 film *The General* starring Buster Keaton  
Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 19:00 Aaron Hawthorne (Concert Organist)  
1922 film *Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror*  
Admission £7.00 (£10.00 both films). Under 16s free, refreshments

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

Sep 13<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Kai Krakenberg (Hussum, Germany)  
Sep 27<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Simon Williams (St George's)  
Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Nicholas Freestone (Worcester Cathedral)  
Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Nicholas Morris (St George's)  
Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Sep 6<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Richard Hobson (Grosvenor Chapel)  
Sep 20<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Michael Koenig (Oxford)  
Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 13:10 James Johnstone (Professor, Royal Academy of Music)  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Jonathan Bunney (St Giles in the Fields)  
Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Sep 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Asher Oliver (York Minster)  
Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Richard Fenwick (Cardiff)  
Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Glyn Lang Memorial Series

Sep 21<sup>st</sup> 13:05 James Gough (Southwark Cathedral)  
Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Richard Lyne (All Saints East Sheen)  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Rebecca Taylor with Gwyn Owen trumpet  
(Former Organ Scholar Lincoln College Oxford / Director A5 Brass)  
Admission free / retiring collection

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

Sep 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

Evening recital

Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> 19:30 Martin Baker & John Scott Whiteley

Battle of the Organs - with Viscount organs

Tickets £15

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

(See poster on page 10 for more details, and for October dates)

Sep 5<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Jonathan Rennert (St Michael's Cornhill)

Sep 12<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Makoto James (Assistant, St Michael's Cornhill)

Sep 19<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Ilaria Centorrino (Italy)

Sep 26<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral)

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.

Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> 19:30 D'Arcy Trinkwon (International Recitalist)

Admission £8

**Victoria Hall, Bagnall Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3AD**

Organ Proms 2022: played on the Grand 4 Manual Conacher-Willis Organ

Sep 10<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Daniel Greenway (Organ Scholar, Keble College, Oxford)

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Callum Alger (DOM, St Peter's Wolverhampton)

Admission £11 (concessions £9.50) to include tea/coffee and programme

Full details <https://www.victoriahall-organproms.co.uk/prominfo.htm>

**Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Pl, London WC2H 7BX**

César Franck and the French Organ School – 4 recitals

Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Gerard Brooks (DOM Methodist Central Hall, Westminster)

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Royal Academy of Music Showcase

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Daniel Roth (Organiste Titulaire, St Sulpice, Paris)

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 19:30 David Titterington (Royal Academy of Music)

Admission £12, (students & under 18s £6)

<https://www.ndfchurch.org/en/organ-concerts-series/>





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**2022/2023 SEASON (56TH YEAR) OF ORGAN CONCERTS  
HELD AT  
ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, ALTON, HAMPSHIRE GU34 2BW  
TUESDAYS @ 8.00 PM**

- 4 OCTOBER 2022**      **COLIN WALSH**  
*ORGANIST EMERITUS, LINCOLN CATHEDRAL*
- 1 NOVEMBER 2022**      **DAVID DAVIES**  
*BUCKFAST ABBEY*
- 6 DECEMBER 2022**      **BEN BLOOR**  
*BROMPTON ORATORY LONDON*
- 3 JANUARY 2023**      **SACHIN GUNGEN**  
*PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL*
- 7 FEBRUARY 2023**      **KATHERINE DIENES-WILLIAMS**  
*ORGANIST & MASTER OF THE CHORISTERS GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL*
- 7 MARCH 2023**      **MARK SHEPHERD**  
*CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL*
- 4 APRIL 2023**      **TRAVIS BAKER**  
*ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, STREATHAM, LONDON*
- 2 MAY 2023**      **LUKE BOND**  
*ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR*

ADMISSION: £10.00 AT THE DOOR OR SEASON MEMBERSHIP AT £60 FOR ALL EIGHT CONCERTS BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MAY (SPECIAL CONCESSIONARY RATES FOR SCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDENTS)

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM 7.30 PM

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The 3,500 pipes of this famous organ are guarded by four chubby cherubim. The opening recital was given by the composer Henry Purcell in 1684. Since that time, the organ has been enlarged and enriched by a succession of leading craftsmen, culminating in 2010 with a restoration by Nicholsonsons of Malvern.

Organists of St Michael's have included the Master of the King's Music, William Boyce (here for 32 years), Harold Darke (50 years) and Richard Popplewell. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the [Royal] College of Organists was founded here.

There are records of a fine choir singing three services daily in 1375, and in the past century much new music (by such composers as Vaughan Williams, Howells and Harris) has been written for the choir.

*The weekly Organ Recitals have been taking place since 1914. (Even during the recent lockdowns, they continued online.)*

*Donations in the collection plate are essential if the recitals are to continue.*

*Please be generous.*

## LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC IN ST MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL September 2022

**Monday 5 September, 1pm**

**JONATHAN RENNERT**

(lunchtime recital no 466)

**THE ANIMALS CAME IN 2 BY 2!**

Music by Gibbons, Farrington, Lemare, Goodwin, Mendelssohn, Clokey, Messiaen, Saint-Saëns, Grieg & Coates.

From the organ we shall hear flying geese, starlings, thrushes, a cat, an awfully annoying bee, a serene swan, a cuckoo and even a clumsy hippopotamus. Expect surprises!

**Monday 12 September, 1pm**

**MAKOTO JAMES**

(Assistant, St Michael's, Cornhill)

presents a 4-movement English masterpiece:

WHITLOCK Sonata for Organ (1936) 50

**Monday 19 September, 1pm**

**ILARIA CENTORRINO (Italy)**

FRANCK Grande Pièce Symphonique 26

LANGLAIS Hommage à Frescobaldi 4

BRAHMS Prelude & Fugue in g 6

WIDOR Méditation from *Symphonie 1* 4

DURUFLE Chorale varié sur *Veni Creator* 6

**Monday 26 September, 1pm**

**SIMON HOGAN**

(Southwark Cathedral)

DARKE Fantasia on *Darwell's 148<sup>th</sup>* 7

BACH Trio, *Allein Gott*, BWV 676 5

COX 4 Icons of the Archangels

Prelude – March – Sarabande – Toccata 19

WHITLOCK Fantasia Choral 1 13

FRANCES-HOAD Taking your leave 4

### FUTURE RECITALISTS:

3 October **MAKOTO JAMES**

10 October **EDWARD DEAN**

17 October **JONATHAN CLINCH**

24 October **GRAHAM THORPE**

31 October **JONATHAN RENNERT**

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SEPTEMBER 2022

<http://www.berkshireorganists.org.uk/events.html>

ORGAN CONCERTS – retiring collection unless shown otherwise

### READING TOWN HALL RG1 1QH: The Concert Hall –1pm Monday Organ recitals

5 September 2022: Relf Clark, of Didcot – music by Handel, JS Bach, SS Wesley, Rheinberger, etc

7 November 2022: Ophelia Amar – Royal Academy of Music & Notre-Dame-de-France, London

16 January 2023: Andreana Chan – Pembroke College, Cambridge

6 March 2023: Marilyn Harper – Christ's Chapel, Dulwich [& OC Member]

8 May 2023 – Gillian Blythman of Thatcham

3 July 2023 – Eton College organ student

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 12.30 Friday Organ Recitals

16 September recital by Gillian Blythman of Newbury

21 October recital by Christopher Sears, of Newbury

18 November recital by Andrew Prior, London

9 December recital by Relf Clark

### NEWBURY St Nicolas Parish Church RG14 5HG 1.10pm Thursday organ recitals

8 September recital by Stephen Holmes of Lambourn

13 October recital by Roy Woodham, Rector of Cranleigh

10 November recital by Jonathan Holl

### NEWBURY Methodist – Northbrook Street RG14 1AN

Thursday 8 December 1.10pm Clive Grant from Crewkerne, Somerset.

### OXFORD TOWN HALL, St Aldates OX1 1BX 12noon Wednesday, tickets £6.50

26 October recital by 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:Herog@btinternet.com)

Tickets also available at the door



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