

The Organ Club Newsletter

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1. NOTICES

Many thanks to John Miley for organising a superb visit to Fotheringhay and Warmington, on 15th October.



The photo (left, taken by the newsletter editor) shows David Goode, who stepped in at short notice, after finishing his recital on the Woodstock organ at Fotheringhay Church.

We enjoyed a fine Annual lunch, and address given by Anne Marsden Thomas.

Two more photos from our President, Paul Hale, of the organs at St Mary's, Warmington: Grant, Degens & Bradbeer (left) and Nicholson (right). NB: Editor's wife, Tessa, is in the yellow puffer coat!



2023 Membership

I am pleased to advise that membership rates for the 2023 calendar year are unchanged - £30 standard membership and £12 for young members (Young: at 1st January 2023 all up to 18 years, and those in full time study or apprenticeships up to 30 years). Your membership number appears on the envelope label for The Journal, and on posted Newsletters. If the number starts with "22" then renewal is due in the period 2nd January to 31st March (See Constitution, item 3d & 3f). The renewal form will be a page in the January Newsletter. My thanks to the large number of members who renewed online for 2022.

The Newsletter is sent out as standard by electronic means – Mailchimp – please ensure your computer [particularly if you have a Company or School based e-mail address] recognizes THE ORGAN CLUB. The Newsletter can always be found on our website. If you do not have e-mail or are unable to print, a printed issue is available. On-line & e-mail versions are regularly updated so please keep an eye on the Club's web site.

If you have moved or updated your system - telephone/e-mail during 2022 it is vital I am advised. Advising another member of the committee could delay your receiving information.

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** or mobile 07802 715634 (SMS or text, please do not use voicemail).

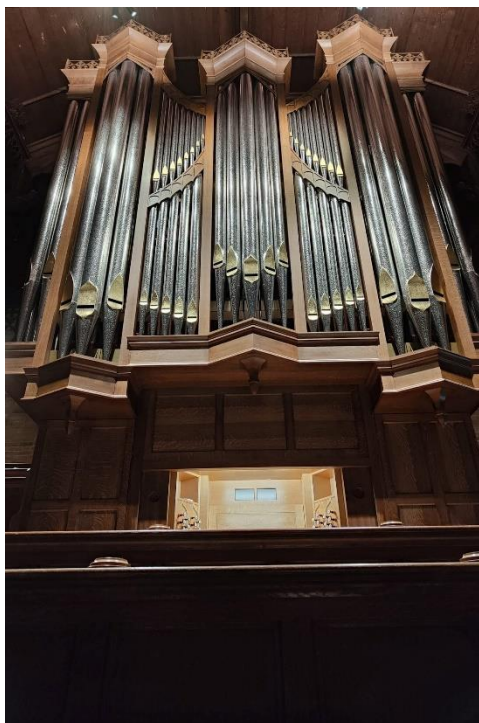
January 2023 Newsletter contributions

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

John Belling (Newsletter Editor)

2. CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday November 19th 2022: Radley



Today we visit the organs in Radley Parish Church and in Radley College Chapel, following an illustrated talk given by our President, Paul Hale, about his recent organ projects, which include Radley College Chapel.

Organ at Radley College Chapel by Nicholson & Co of Malvern, installed 2021.

Gt: 11; Sw:13; Ch: 11;
Ped: 18

Image: School Organists' Association

10:30 meet at Radley College, a 9-12 minute walk from Radley station, depending on speed. For those driving, parking at the College is allowed.

11:00 Panelled Room: a 'PowerPoint' presentation by Paul Hale about his recent most interesting organ projects as a consultant, concluding with Radley College Chapel's new Nicholson organ.

12:30 walk to the *Bowyer Arms* (next to station car park; a 10-13 min walk) for lunch

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 organ in Radley parish church, St James the Great, Church Road OX14 2JE.

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

17:30 (approx.) ends.

Note: could car drivers please help ferry around those members whose best walking days are behind them.

Cost of visit: £10 - lunch not included.

To book places on this visit, please contact Paul Hale (our President) by November 12th, stating if you would like lunch at the *Bower Arms*, at paulhale@diaphone.clara.net

Tel:01949 836170 mob: 07974 931057

Travel (communicated by Mark Jameson):

Bus: please note that the Oxford bus 35 that was the main route to Radley from Oxford has been replaced by a fast X2 that **by-passes Radley**.

Oxford Bus *City13* runs between Oxford and Abingdon and calls at Radley Railway station. On Saturdays, the service is ½ hourly.

<https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/13?date=2022-11-19&direction=outbound>

Rail: One route is to get to Reading (for Londoners, Elizabeth line, 70 mins, free to Freedom Pass holders), then train from Reading to Didcot Parkway, then take the Didcot Parkway to Radley shuttle service.

09:07 from Didcot Parkway, arr. Radley 09:16,

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Full details from:

<https://www.gwr.com/travel-information/train-times> (timetable **T8**).

Alternatively, from London, you can take a GWR train direct from Paddington to Didcot, GWR link as above, timetable **T1**, then take the Didcot Parkway to Radley shuttle service (timetable **T8**).

End of day return trains from Radley:

To Oxford, then Banbury - 16:15, 18:17

To Oxford only: 17:15, 19:15

To Didcot: 16:13, 17:13, 18:13, 19:13, 20:15 - takes about 10 mins



The organ console at Radley College Chapel.

Photo by Paul Hale.

**Thursday December 29th 2022:
The London Organ Competition
St Clement Danes Church, Strand, London WC2R 1DH**



Image: The Organ Club

The London Organ Competition will take place at St. Clement Danes in the Strand starting at 14:00.

We have 12 candidates competing in the **Junior Section** (ages up to and including 16).

Unfortunately, this year we have not had enough candidates for the Senior Section to be viable, so the Competition will be only on this one day.

Charge for the day for members attending is £10 to be collected in cash on the day, when the visit notes will be issued.

We are pleased to announce that the judges this year will be:

- Peter Wright, Organist Emeritus of Southwark Cathedral
- Jonathan Hope, Assistant Organist at Gloucester Cathedral.

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 18th 2023: Stowe School & Stony Stratford

Saturday March 18th 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!

Saturday March 25th 2023: Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8EP

OCSO ENTERTAINS

Five of our young members will take part in a recital for members, followed by refreshments.

Full details in the next newsletter.

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 on page 12.

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-november-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!**

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

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

Stars and Saints

Admission: £10

NB: Norman Harper's recent CD, *Church bells beyond the Stars*, recorded at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, (reviewed in the last Organ Club Journal 2022/2 p 52 - "a great CD") will be on sale at this and the next listed event at St Paul's Knightsbridge.

St. Paul's Knightsbridge, London SW1X 8SH

Nov 26th 19:00 *The Peter Tranchell Centenary Musical Soirée and Reception*

The programme will include organ, piano and choral music by Peter Tranchell, performed by Kevin Bowyer, Organ Club member Norman Harper, James Thomas and the Choir of Gonville & Caius College Cambridge directed by Matthew Martin.

Tickets £5 for the Soirée only, and £35 for Soirée and Reception

More details can be found at:

<https://peter-tranchell.uk/the-peter-tranchell-centenary-musical-soiree-and-reception-26th-november-2022-st-pauls-knightsbridge> .

Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, SE1 9DA

Jan 16th 13:20 Norman Harper (St George's Cathedral, Southwark)

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP

Nov 26th 16:00 D'Arcy Trinkwon (Concert Organist)

All recitals free with retiring collection, followed at 5pm by a light buffet.

2023:

Jan 28th 13:00 Bloomsbury Organ Day: *Trocadero & Town Halls*

<https://www.theladyorganist.com/event/bloomsbury-organ-day-2023/>

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

Nov 8th 13:10 William Peart (Universität der Künste, Berlin)

Nov 22nd 13:10 Stephen King (Brentwood Cathedral)

Dec 6th 13:10 Richard Hobson (Grosvenor Chapel)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Nov 15th 13:10 Callum Anderson (St Mary's, Putney)

Nov 29th 13:10 Travis Baker (St Leonard's, Streatham)

Dec 13th 13:10 James Johnstone (Professor, Royal Academy of Music)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Glyn Lang Memorial Series

Nov 16th 13:05 Rebecca Taylor with Gwyn Owen trumpet

(Former Organ Scholar Lincoln College Oxford / Director A5 Brass)

Dec 21st 13:05 Andrew Caskie (MD Nicholson & Co., & Malvern Priory)

Admission free / retiring collection

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

(See poster on page 11 for more details, and for December dates)

Nov 7th 13:00 Jonathan Lilley (Waltham Abbey)

Nov 14th 13:00 Dr Anthony Gritten

Nov 21st 13:00 James Banville

Nov 28th 13:00 Christopher Saward (Church of the Annunciation,
Marble Arch)

Admission free (retiring collection)

Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX

César Franck and the French Organ School

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

Dec 1st 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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Some of the 3,500 pipes of our 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 Popplewell. 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.

Monday 7 November, 1pm
JONATHAN LILLEY
 (Waltham Abbey)

WILLS <i>Alkmaar</i> Prelude & Fugue	9
WILLS Etheldreda Rag	4
MUSSORGSKY, arr Wills Pictures at an Exhibition (15 mm)	36

LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

in St Michael's Cornhill

MONDAYS AT ONE

November-December 2022

Monday 14 November, 1pm
ANTHONY GRITTEN

WIDOR Marcia (<i>Symphonie</i> 3)	6
GRUNENWALD 2 Hymnes	17
ROTH Hommage à César Franck	16
LEFÉBURE-WELY Grand Offertoire in c	6

Monday 21 November, 1pm
JAMES BANVILLE

HOSKING Paeon for St Cecilia	7
HAWES Interlude & Scherzo	6
LIDDLE Homophony, op 15	12
LIDDLE Agnus Dei, op 6	1
BACH, arr Giessen Chaconne (<i>Partita</i> 2)	15

Monday 28 November, 1pm
CHRISTOPHER SAWARD
 (The Annunciation, Marble Arch)

PANUFNIK fff (Fulham Festival Fanfare)	1
HOWELLS Rhapsody 2 in E flat	8
LIDDLE Barely Starlit Sea, op 14	9
BACH Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572	8
LIDDLE Polyphony in T major	4
DURUFLÉ Prélude (<i>Suite</i> , op 5)	8
VIERNE Allegro Vivace (<i>Symphonie</i> 1)	4
ELGAR Pomp & Circumstance March 4	7

Monday 5 December, 1pm
MAKOTO JAMES

(Assistant, St Michael's Cornhill)

BUXTEHUDE Praeludium in g, BuxWV149	8
BACH Nun komm, BWV 659	5
BRUHNS Nun komm	10
BACH Nun komm, BWV 660	4
ESCAICH Evocatiō III	9
BACH Nun komm, BWV 661	3
DEMESSIEUX Rorate Caeli	2
DUPRÉ Le monde dans l'attente	8

Monday 12 December, 1pm
JEREMIAH STEPHENSON
 performs Messiaen's iconic 50-minute
 meditation on the Advent and Christmas
 stories, *La Nativité du Seigneur*



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November 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

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.

READING Minster Church of St Mary RG1 2LN 12.30 Friday Organ Recitals

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

10 November recital by Jonathan Holl

NEWBURY Methodist – Northbrook Street RG14 1AN

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

OXFORD – Merton College, Merton Street, OX1 4JD

1.15pm Lunchtime recitals are held every Thursday during Michaelmas and Trinity terms.

27 October: **Owen Chan**, Senior Organ Scholar

3 November: **Mark Shepherd**, Director of Music at Charterhouse School. Marking 200th anniversary of César Franck

10 November: **Daniel Cook**, Durham Cathedral Organist, celebrating 150th birthday of Ralph Vaughan Williams

Friday 11 November, Robert Quinney, Director of the Choir of New College Oxford, [150th RVW Birthday]

17 November: **Dr Colin Walsh**, Organist Emeritus Lincoln Cathedral

24 November: **Benjamin Nicholas**, Bodley Fellow & Reed Rubin Organist & Director of Music

1 December: **François Cloete**, Junior Organ Scholar, Merton



The organ at St James's Clerkenwell, by George Pike England, 1792.

We were on an *Institute of Physics* walk around Clerkenwell (yes, nothing to do with Physics!), which included this church, and its picturesque organ.

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