

The Organ Club Newsletter

Number 112

January 2023

1. NOTICES

First of all, on behalf of the committee, I would like to wish all members a very Happy New Year! We have some very exciting visits lined up, and we look forward to our first tour, to the Birmingham area, since the start of the pandemic. We now have a firm date, September 13th – 19th, for this tour – please see the entry on page 4 of this newsletter.

2023 Membership

The November 2022 Newsletter provided the details required to renew, and a form to complete if there are any changes to your contact information appears on the back page. I do not need the form back if there are no changes, but it is vital if making an electronic payment your surname and postcode [UK], nation [outside UK] appear with your payment.

A number of members have started to use <https://wise.com> if making a payment internationally – safer than PayPal. Please do not use my own PayPal account.

Thank you to all who renew promptly, I am aware times are difficult for many and that your continued membership is very much appreciated.

ALL changes to membership information – e-mails/telephone number/address must be sent to me not to any other officer. **Preferred contact is by e-mail** markmdjameson@gmail.com, landline telephone [no message facility currently] 01189 344212 in emergency only.

Organ composer/performer anniversaries 2023

I have noted the following century and ½ century anniversaries for 2023 – surprisingly few (maybe you can discover more?):

William Byrd	1543 – 1623
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens	1823 – 1881
Jan Zach	1713 – 1773

March 2023 Newsletter contributions

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

John Belling (Newsletter Editor)

2. CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday January 28th 2023: Bloomsbury Organ Day at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8EP

The Bloomsbury Organ Day takes place at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8EP on Saturday January 28th 2023, 12:30-19:30.

The theme for the day is **Trocadero and Town Halls**, spanning theatre organs, town hall organs, and the music that they inspired.

Entry is free, but there is an afternoon buffet at £6, and a charge of £7 for the celebrity recital at 18:00 – 19:00, given by Richard Hills.

There will be recitals and presentations throughout the afternoon, and there are always a number of displays (including the Organ Club desk) where you can purchase music and CDs.

Further details, including an online registration form, can be found at:
<https://organistsonline.org/bloomsbury/introduction.html>

Saturday February 18th 2023: Stony Stratford, Shenley Church End & Stowe School Chapel

10:30 Meet at Stony Stratford (**St Mary & St Giles**); welcome and coffee/tea then [10:45-12:00] look at the organ, which is a III/38 Willis rebuilt by F H Browne in 2011. Our host for the day, Jonathan Kingston, will meet us here.

12:00 -13:30 members forage for lunch in Stony Stratford, following which those without cars are offered lifts by those with cars and proceed at 13:30 south-east to:

13:45 **Shenley Church End, St Mary**. A II/17 by Walker (c.1870 & c.1880), restored in 1926 by Kingsgate Davidson. Leave at 15:15 for:

15:45 **Stowe School Chapel**, where Jonathan Kingston will talk to us and demonstrate the famous IV/77 Rushworth & Dreaper (1929) / A E Davies (1961) / Cousans (2003), after which members can play. The afternoon ends whenever everyone has played.

There is no need to pre-book. A visit charge of £10 will be collected from members on the day.

Saturday 25th February 2023: Masterclass at St. Mary's, St Mary's Close, 14 High St, Maidenhead SL6 1YY, with David Goode.

Five young members will take part in the class from 2 to 4pm, each playing a piece for comments by David.

Visit notes will be sent to members in early February.

Please note, there is no parking at church.

Meeting charge will be £10.

There is no need to book: just turn up!

For drivers, I am informed by Mark Jameson that there is parking available next to the Church in the adjacent Sainsbury car park; for other parking spots, see <https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/transport-and-streets/parking/car-parks-and-park-and-ride/car-park/hines-meadow>

Saturday March 18th 2023: AGM at St Peter's Church, St Peter's Gate, Nottingham, NG1 2NW

St Peter's is in the Broadmarsh area of the city, a 10-minute walk from the railway station, 8 minutes from the new bus station, or 3 minutes from the bus & tram stops in Old Market Square.

14:00 Organ recital by the President on the 2010 'Rogers with pipes' III/55 digital/pipe hybrid with 703 pipes, one of the most successful of its type.

15:00 AGM

15:45 (approx.) Refreshments and opportunities for member both to socialise and also to try the unusual organ.

At the 2023 AGM, we are particularly looking for any club members interested in joining the committee as General Secretary, or elected committee members. Committee meetings are held via Zoom, 4-5 times a year. Anyone interested in standing for any of these positions, or that would like more information, please contact John Henderson, treasurer@organclub.org.

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

OCSO ENTERTAINS

Five of our young members will each play 2 pieces at a recital in Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church from 2 to 4.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Church Refectory. Full details will be available in the next newsletter.

Saturday April 15th: Kensington Churches

We hope to be able to hold the rearranged visit to Kensington, and will be emailing all that registered interest with further details, and will also include these in the March newsletter. For anyone that did not register, or can't remember if they registered, please email treasurer@organclub.org to do so.

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

The Devon/Buckfast mini-tour has had to be postponed until 2024 because Buckfast Abbey cannot now manage any suitable dates this year. On **May 20th** Eric Shepherd will instead be arranging a tour of some interesting organs in the Newbury area, so please keep the date in your diaries.

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

Saturday July 15th 2023: Goring-on-Thames

A chance to experience the interesting rebuilt 3-manual organ (Monk / Bishop / Clevedon) at St Thomas' Church, Goring-on-Thames, designed and supervised by the President, who will talk and play before members try it. It is planned first to visit two other organs in the area. More details to follow shortly.

September 13th – 19th 2023: Birmingham tour

The President writes: Club members will be delighted to learn that we have agreement from both Symphony Hall and the Town Hall to visit their wonderful organs (dates/times under discussion), invitations to play the organs in both cathedrals, a masterclass with Daniel Moulton on the new Flentrop organ in the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, a day in the Solihull

area including Solihull School, a day in the Wolverhampton area including the wonderful organs at St Peter's and at Walsall Town Hall, a trip to the famous Willis at Wylde Green and the Harrison at Boldmere, plus time to explore several fine city centre churches and organs, including the 4-manual Harrison / Compton at St Martin in the Bull Ring.

Accommodation will be in the New Street Premier Inn, which Club members will need to book for themselves - though not until I can absolutely confirm the dates, please.

We plan to meet by mid/late-morning on the 13th and disperse after breakfast on the 19th, so that gives us 5½ days of visits. Costs yet to be finalised - we aim to limit the use of a coach to one or two days; public transport in the area is good. Do come along: John Varney and I are so looking forward to sharing with a large group of members the organs which inspired our youth!

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

Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, SE1 9DA

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

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

Glyn Lang Memorial Series - See poster on page 8 for details.

Admission free / retiring collection

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

Lunchtime series: MONDAYS at 1pm

Jan 16th Andreana Chan Pembroke College, Cambridge

Mar 6th Marilyn Harper Christ's Chapel, Dulwich [& OC Member]

May 15th Gillian Blythman Thatcham – note the revised date

Jul 3rd Eton College organ student

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-january-2023>

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!**

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP

Feb 25th 16:00 Francesca Massey (Concert Organist)

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

Also: two club meetings (see section 2) are hosted here:

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

Mar 25th 16:00 OCSO Entertains

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

Jan 17th 13:10 Jeremiah Stephenson (All Saints, Margaret Street)

Jan 31st 13:10 James Orford (London)

Feb 14th 13:10 Thomas Allery (St Mary-le-Bow & Temple Church)

Feb 28th 13:10 Zsombor Tóth-Vajna (Royal College of Music)

Mar 14th 13:10 Nicholas Morris (St George's)

Mar 28th 13:10 Iain Quinn (Florida State University, USA)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Jan 10th 13:10 Richard Hobson (Grosvenor Chapel)

Jan 24th 13:10 Jonathan Bunney (St Giles-in-the-Fields)

Feb 7th 13:10 Ophelia Omar (Royal Academy of Music)

Feb 21st 13:10 Jason Tang (Organ Scholar, Grosvenor Chapel)

Mar 7th 13:10 Christopher Herrick

Mar 21st 13:10 Andrew Benson-Wilson

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

(See poster on page 10 for full details of January recitals)

Feb 6th 13:00 Philip Berg (The King's Chapel of the Savoy)

Feb 13th 13:00 Jonathan Rennert (St Michael's Cornhill)

Feb 20th 13:00 Samuel Ali

Feb 27th 13:00 Makoto James

Mar 6th 13:00 Malcolm Archer (formerly St Paul's Cathedral)

Mar 13th 13:00 *World Premiere of a major new composition by
Jonathan Hagger*

Martin Baker (formerly Westminster Cathedral)

Admission free (retiring collection)

St Thomas' Church, Manor Road, Goring-on-Thames, RG8 9DS

(We shall be visiting this church on July 15th, see page 4 above)

Feb 11th 19:00 Inaugural recital on the rebuilt 3-manual organ given by
Thomas Trotter, £12 admission.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inaugural-organ-concert-st-thomas-church-goring-sat-11-feb-2023-7pm-tickets-481318736297>

Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London

- Jan 26th 19:00 OAE concert to include Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony
Mar 3rd 19:30 Robert Quinney plays JS Bach
May 6th 19:30 LPO concert to include Janáček's Glagolitic Mass
May 7th 19:30 Philharmonia concert to include Saint-Saëns
Organ Symphony
May 25th 19:30 Philharmonia concert to include Poulenc's Organ Concerto
May 31st 19:30 Olivier Latry plays Wagner

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London

- Jan 22nd 08:00, 12:00, 16:00: Daniel Pioro & James McVinnie perform
Biber's Rosary Sonatas, with accompanying talks.

St Lawrence Church, Church Street, Alton GU34 2BW

- Tuesdays at 20.00 (doors open 19:30 - refreshments available)
Feb 7th 20:00 Katherine Dienes-Williams (Guildford Cathedral)
Mar 7th 20:00 Mark Shepherd (Charterhouse School)
Apr 4th 20:00 Travis Baker (St Leonard's Church, Streatham, London)
May 2nd 20.00 Luke Bond (St George's Chapel, Windsor)

Admission: £10.00 at the door

<https://www.altonorgansociety.co.uk/styled-13/>

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

Please refer to the posters on page 11 for full details of Saturday recitals.

Additionally:

SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2023

at 6.00pm

**ROSEMARY
EVANS**

(Organist, St. Alphage, Burnt Oak)

Programme to include works by Andriessen, Bach, Bruhns, Franck & Gigout

Admission free with Retiring Collection



Organ

Recitals

2023

Glyn Lang memorial series

12 noon Bible study & cuppa in hall

Recital 1 05pm - 1 35pm

*Retiring collection towards expenses and organ maintenance except**

Ionawr 18 January - Jeremiah Stephenson

Assistant Director of Music All Saints Margaret St W1

Chwefror 15 February - Dr William McVicker

Curator organist Royal Festival Hall Organ London

Mawrth 15 March - Dr Anthony Gritten

Head of Undergraduate Programmes Royal Academy of Music London

Ebrill 19 April - Jeffrey Howard

Organist & Director of Music Metropolitan Cathedral of St David's Cardiff

Mai 17 May - Tim Stuart

Organist, St Mary the Virgin, Mold, Flintshire

Mehffin 21 June - Makoto James

*Former Organ Scholar Christ Church College Oxford
Organ Scholar St Michael Cornhill*

Celebrity Recital*

Gorffennaf 1 July 2pm - Thomas Trotter

Ticket £10 at the door

Gorffennaf 19 July - Alastair Stone

Organ Scholar Pembroke College Oxford

Awst 16 August - Edward Batting

Organist & Director of Music St Alban the Martyr Holborn EC1

Medi 20 September - Iestyn Evans

St James's Spanish Place

Hydref 18 October - Gerard Brooks

Director of Music Central Hall Westminster

Curator Organist Christ Church Spitalfields

President, Royal College of Organists 2019-22

Tachwedd 15 November - Rosemary Evans

(St. Alban, Burnt Oak, Edgware)

Rhagfyr 20 December - Laurence Caldecote

*Llanwrda, Carmarthenshire
(Assistant - All Saints Northampton)*



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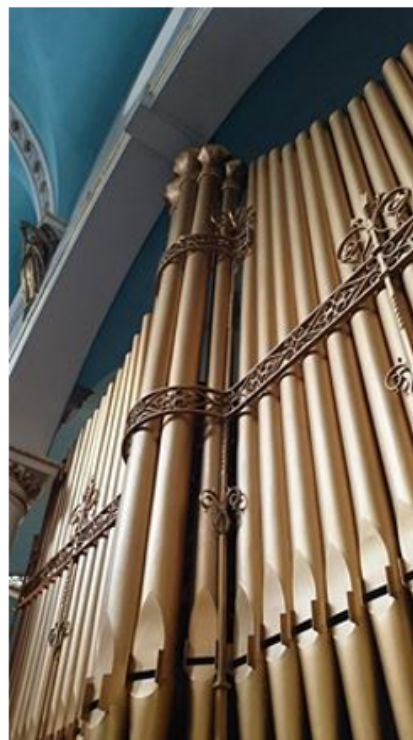
**2022/2023 SEASON (56TH YEAR) OF ORGAN CONCERTS
HELD AT
ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, ALTON, HAMPSHIRE GU34 2BW
TUESDAYS @ 8.00 PM**

- 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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LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

in St Michael's Cornhill

MONDAYS AT ONE

January 2023

Monday 9 January, 1pm

JONATHAN RENNERT

(Lunchtime recital no 468)

<u>REGER</u> Danksalm, op 145/2	7
<u>BURNEY</u> Fugue in f	3
<u>RHEINBERGER</u> Pastoral (Sonata 20)	4
<u>STANLEY</u> Voluntary in D, op 5/8	9
<u>RHEINBERGER</u> Sonata 6 in e flat (4mm)	24

Monday 16 January, 1pm

CHARLES FRANCIS

(St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton)

<u>BACH</u> Prelude & Fugue in a, BWV 543	11
<u>LISZT</u> Resignazione	2
<u>ALKAN</u> From Grands Préludes: Allegro - Andantino - Scherzando	9
<u>FRANCK</u> Cantabile	7
<u>MENDELSSOHN</u> Sonata 1 (4mm)	16

Monday 23 January, 1pm

MAKOTO JAMES

(Assistant, St Michael's Cornhill)

<u>BACH</u> Pastorale in F, BWV 590	13
<u>GUILMANT</u> Pastorale (Sonata 1)	8
<u>FRANCK</u> Pastorale, op 19/4	9
<u>BOUVARD</u> Variations sur un Noël Basque	5
<u>LITAIZE</u> Lied	7
<u>LITAIZE</u> Epiphanie (1984)	7
<i>With thanks for the generous sponsorship of this recital by Philip Mills.</i>	

Monday 30 January, 1pm

BENJAMIN NEWLOVE

(St Alfege, Greenwich)

<u>BACH</u> Prelude & Fugue in g, BWV 535	8
<u>BACH</u> Helft mir, Gottes Güte, BWV 613	2
<u>BACH</u> Das alte Jahr vergangen, BWV 614	2
<u>BACH</u> In Dir ist Freude, BWV 615	4
<u>BRUHNS</u> Präludium in e ('Great')	9
<u>FROBERGER</u> Canzona 1 in d, FbWV 301	6
<u>BUXTEHUDE</u> Präludium in g, BuxWV 163	8
<u>BACH</u> Prelude & Fugue in c, BWV 546	11

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 Nicholsons 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.

St. Alphage

Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex. HA8 0DN

SATURDAY ORGAN RECITALS 2023

Organ built 2002 by B.C. Shepherd & Sons incorporating Father Willis pipes from 1857



At 7.30pm (*except 3rd June at 3.00pm)

Admission £10

13th May **CHRISTOPHER HERRICK** (Concert Organist)

*3rd June **ROSEMARY EVANS** (St. Alphage) at 3.00pm

1st July **SIMON LAWFORD** (Notre Dame de France, Leicester Square)

5th August **CHRIS TOTNEY**

(Director of Music, St. Benet Fink, Tottenham & Development Assistant, Britten Sinfonia)

2nd September **ANNE PAGE** (Concert Organist)

20th Anniversary of opening recital January 2003

by John Scott at St. Alphage Church



Dear Member

YOUR 2023 MEMBERSHIP

Please use this form – or a photocopy – to renew your membership.

UK ADULT	£30	UK YOUNG §	£12	2 nd or more, member – as JOINT Member/s 50%	£
OUTSIDE UK Postal area ADULT	£40	OUTSIDE UK Postal area YOUNG	£22	DONATIONS: £:	TOTAL: £

§ At 1/1/23: All to 18 years, up to 30 years if still in full time unwaged education or in an apprenticeship [not just music]

Our Adult UK membership rate of is unchanged since 2015. This covers the cost of producing and posting the Journal & Newsletter, insurances, and other overheads. If you gained the Club a new member during 2022, **please identify who.** A single discount of £5 can reduce your payment.

Please complete the box below and e-mail or post to me:

Your Surname PRINT PLEASE		Title	
First Name			
E-mail: PRINT PLEASE			
Telephone/s:			
Name of Joint member/s at the same address			
Your postal address including post code:			

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Account sort code: 20-31-52 **Account number:** 00655171

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May I suggest use of <https://wise.com> – if you do not have access to a £GBP account.

[Please do NOT use my paypal account, the above is safer. You have to register to use the service, already used by USA members]

CHEQUES: please put your postcode on the back and send to:

THE ORGAN CLUB c/o Mark Jameson, 92 The Hawthorns, CHARVIL, Reading RG10 9TS

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Thank you for renewing – I try to acknowledge but there may be a considerable delay between receipt and when I am able to bank cheques.

Mark Jameson, Hon Membership Secretary

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