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§ 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:

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First Name			
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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

My contacts: e-mail: markmdjameson@btinternet.com 0044 /01189 344212

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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The Organ Club Newsletter

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1. NOTICES

Arrangements for the **Birmingham tour** (September 13th – 19th) are nearly finalised, and already, nearly 50 members have booked for the tour. Big thanks to Paul Hale and John Varney for their endeavours in planning this tour, spanning many interesting organs, both great and small.

Bookings are still open, so, if you are interested in joining this fascinating tour, please email Paul Hale at PaulHale@diaphone.clara.net. See the entry in section 2 below for more information.

But before that, past President Eric Shepherd has put together a wonderful day visit to **Hastings & St Leonards** on Saturday May 20th, where we will visit three churches, and will have plenty of time to explore the old town. Full details are to be found in the entry at the start of section 2 below.

Newsletter, and other information - Distribution via e-mail

As a result of an issue which came to light at the recent Club meeting in Kensington, the mailing list for e-mail Newsletters and other Club announcements now includes all members who have provided their e-mail address. The existing printed and posted Newsletter distribution is not altered.

If you have an e-mail address which we do not have, please do advise. I am aware some members with e-mail have to use public facilities for printing.

With e-mail notifications, delete what you do not want, but please avoid unsubscribing as it makes reconnecting using Mailchimp (this is the format used by our Newsletter Editor) much more difficult. E-mail is vital; postal deliveries remain very fickle, sometimes letter post in some areas is reduced to once a week.

2023 Membership

Still only about half our membership have renewed – and whilst basic expenses have increased, the **membership rate for adults (£30)** remains unchanged since 2015, despite vastly increased postal and overheads costs.

The **Young person's rate of £12** has been unchanged since 2019.

Your current membership number appears on the address labels of the Journal and posted Newsletters. If the number starts with "22" – then please renew as soon as possible, renewals were due by 31st March.

The costs of producing the Journal have risen sharply, paper and printing costs have vastly increased to which VAT was added from 2015. It is only through the generosity of members who have added extra to their payment, and to the volunteers who give their time and often pay for costs related to setting up visits, that we have been able to maintain the basic £30 rate.

Your 2023 membership renewal form is found on the back page of printed Newsletters or as an attachment with e-mail Newsletters. The constitution states that unless renewal is completed by the end the month in which the AGM is held, membership automatically ceases.

Renewal rates: Ordinary (UK) £30, £40 for outside the UK Postal zone. Young members: £12 UK, £22 non-UK. Second or more persons at one address – 50% rate, appropriate to age.

Payment options- bank transfer or UK Cheque. See form.

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@btinternet.com, landline telephone [no message facility currently] 01189 344212 in emergency only.

Outcomes of the 2023 AGM 2023: appointment of officers

At the last AGM (25/03/2023 at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church), it was agreed that **Paul Hale** continues as President and that **John Varney** was adopted as President Elect to take over from Paul at the 2024 AGM.

Other officers were confirmed in post and the following committee members were approved to stand during the coming year:

Patrick Flynn; Andrew Stevens; John Miley; Philip Prior;
Leslie Bevis-Smith; Eric Shepherd; John Oldham and Philip Luke.

July 2023 Newsletter contributions

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

John Belling (Newsletter Editor)

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

May 15th 13:00 David Goode
May 22nd 13:00 Timothy Byram-Wigfield
Jun 5th 13:00 Makoto James
Jun 12th 13:00 Colin Walsh
Jun 19th 13:00 Christopher Herrick
Jun 26th 13:00 James Lancelot

Methodist Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NH

Organ Matinees 2023, Sundays at 15:00

May 21st 13:00 Eva Robert Brodacki (DoM of the Priory Church of Our Lady & St Cuthbert, Worksop)
Jun 16th 13:00 Martin Setchell (curator of Christchurch Town Hall organ, New Zealand)

Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street, London E1 6LY

May 16th 19:30 David Graham (Professor of Organ, RCM)
Jun 19th 19:30 RAM Student Showcase
Jul 10th 13:00 Bine Bryndorf (as part of St Albans Organ Festival)
Jul 17th 19:30 Ben Bloor (London Oratory)

Admission £12 online or at the door.

<https://www.ccspts.org/organrecitals>

Fairfield Halls Park Lane, Croydon CR9 1DG

Jun 8th 13:30 Andrew Scott (St Michael & All Angels, Croydon)
Jun 29th 13:30 Jonathan Holmes (Director of Music St Mary's Ewell)
Jul 13th 13:30 Norman Harper (London)
Sep 21st 13:30 Marilyn Harper (Christ's Chapel Dulwich, London)

Selby Abbey, The Crescent, Selby, YO8 4PU

Jun 13th 12:30 Franz Hauk (Liebfrauenmünster Ingolstadt)
Jun 20th 12:30 Henry Fairs (Berlin Hochschule)
Jun 27th 12:30 Geoffrey Coffin (York)
Admission free (retiring collection)

St John the Evangelist Church, Sidcup, DA14 6BX

May 30th 19:30 Tim Harper (Ripon Cathedral)

Magnuskerk, Bellingwolde, Netherlands (Schnitger organ)

Aug 13th 16:00 Marilyn & Norman Harper (OC members)
<https://www.societyofwomenorganists.co.uk/event-details/marilyn-and-norman-harper-organ-recital>

St Edmund's, Larkwood Road, Chingford, E4 9DS

Jul 30th 15:00 Jan Liebermann (Germany)

Ring 01189 960 6060 to book, or online at [READING ARTS](https://whatsonreading.com/venues/concert-hall/whats-on/lunchtime-organ-recital-may-2023), or quick link:
<https://whatsonreading.com/venues/concert-hall/whats-on/lunchtime-organ-recital-may-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

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

May 27th 16:00 Peter King (Organist Emeritus - Bath Abbey)

Jun 24th 16:00 Eleni Keventsidou (Athens, London)

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

May 2nd 13:10 Kyoko Canaway (Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge)

May 9th 13:10 Laura Schlappa (Munich)

May 23rd 13:10 Charles Maxtone-Smith (Royal Academy of Music)

Jun 6th 13:10 Andrew Arthur (Trinity Hall, Cambridge)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

May 16th 13:10 Charles Francis (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)

May 30th 13:10 Miriam Reveley (St George's Chapel, Windsor)

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

Jun 27th 13:10 Kayol Lam (Leipzig)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

May 13th 19:30 Christopher Herrick (Concert Organist)

Jun 3rd 15:00 Rosemary Evans (St Alphage)

Jul 1st 19:30 Simon Lawford (Notre Dame de France, Leicester Square)

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

Organ by Walker 1963

May 27th 19:30 James Orford (Assistant DOM at St Paul's Church, Knightbridge)

Jun 24th 19:30 Jennifer Chou

Admission: free with collection; Angel Tube; buses 4 19 30 38 73 205 341

<https://islingtonchurchconcerts.org/> - note new website.

Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London

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

2. CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday May 20th 2023: Hastings & St Leonards

This visit has been organised by past President Eric Shepherd.

What could be nicer than a day by the seaside in the historic towns of St Leonards and Hastings, and visiting three varied organs. It is many years since the Club visited Hastings.

We start at the large Anglo Catholic **Christ Church**, Silchester Road, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex TN37 6GL at 11am.

Silchester Road is the side road where the entrance is, but it turns off the main road called London Road which goes down to the seafront. The station St Leonards Warrior Square is just off London Road, and Christ Church is only a short walk (downhill from the station). It is about 1.6 miles from Christ Church to Hastings Old Town. Members with cars can take those without transport.

The organ is a large 3/46 organ originally built by Holdich in 1882, rebuilt by Norman & Beard in 1902, and rebuilt at the west end of the church by Willis in 1930.

We will leave at about 12:30pm and make our way to Hastings Old Town, where there are a number of pubs, restaurants and fish and chip cafes. I have allowed more than two hours to get to the old town and have lunch, and look around the old town and antique shops.

At 2:45, we go to **All Saints Church**, 1 All Saints' Street, TN34 3BP (which is inland from the seafront), one of two medieval churches, (the other one St Clements now has a Viscount electronic).

The organ at All Saints has a very fine 1878 Father Willis 3 manual with 25 stops.

It was cleaned and overhauled with the keyboards and pedalboard restored in 2021 by B C Shepherd & Sons.

The church has a well attended organ recital series during the summer with many well known organists playing.

Tea will be provided at the church at about 3:45.

At 4:30 we will go to **St Mary Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church** for 1 hour, across the road from All Saints to visit the 2 manual Lewis organ which was built for All Saints Galley Hill, Swanscombe, Kent. When the church closed it was installed at Hastings by John Males of Eastbourne.

High Street and All Saints' Street are two old roads which have considerable character with many old buildings. The busy road in between these two roads is called The Bourne which is more modern, and has not got much character. Foyles War television programme was filmed in Hastings Old town.

Parking is not that easy in the road near Christ Church. There is a car park at St Leonard Warrior Square Station, Station Approach, St Leonards on Sea TN37 6HL.

Parking in the roads near All Saints is difficult. There is a car park at Rock-a-Nore Road TN34 3DW, along the sea front at the bottom of East Hill. Allow time to get from this car park to All Saints Church.

The **meeting charge** is £10, which will be collected on the day by Eric Shepherd.

Bookings to Eric Shepherd at bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com by 10th May please.

Please let Eric know if you want to partake of tea at All Saints.

Saturday June 17th 2023: walking tour - "Lower"

Windsor parish churches. (Organised by Mark Jameson)

This is arranged as a walking visit around the lower part of the town, away from the main tourist areas. Draft notes have been prepared and will be available ahead of the visit in electronic format. Printed notes will be in A5 booklet format.

10:30 All Saints Church, Francis Road.

1931 Hunter – last seen by the Club in 1931. Great 10, Swell 8, Pedal 4 stops. Console access via a steep, narrow, spiral wood staircase, room only for the player and one other.

11:45 Holy Trinity Garrison Church, Trinity Place.

c1926 Conacher, rebuilt 1984 Rushworth & Dreaper, repaired in 1994 by John Budgen.

Choir 5, Swell 10, Great 10, Pedal 5; console on upper level, stone stairway.

14:00 St Edward RC, Dorset Road.

c1867 Bevington, rebuilt and altered 1977 by Bowen Organs, and looked after by B C Shepherd & Sons.

Great 8, Swell 7, Pedal 5.

15:00 St Stephen & St Agnes, Clewer.

Walker, by 1894, 2013 Peter Collins, work not finished, but completed 2021 by Principal Pipe Organs;

Great 11, Swell 11, Pedal 4. Console at floor level in Chancel.

Signs of HS2 will be evident near the RBC, for its Birmingham station will be at Curzon Street - revitalising the original 1838 Curzon Street Station, the terminus of the original line from Euston Station.

The appearance of the building mirrored that of the long-lost and much-lamented Euston Arch at the other end of the line, both the designs of Philip Hardwick (1792-1870).

Members may remember that the RCO almost moved there when our Vice President Dr Roy Massey MBE was RCO President, but alas the plans eventually came to nothing.

Could you please email me at PaulHale@diaphone.clara.net once you have decided on your accommodation costs (remember the Premier Inn New Street is full for our dates), worked out what your meal costs might be for the 5.5 days (6 nights, or 5 nights if you leave mid-evening after the last organ visit on Monday 18th) we are there, and have decided that if the additional amount payable to the Club is not too large, you could afford the Tour and would be interested in adding your name[s] provisionally to the ~50 members and guests who have already done this. The need for these provisional names is so that I can work out a per capita cost based on numbers, after which we should be able to let you all know the approximate Tour charge (should be less than £200, depending on number of attendees).

A reply by May 31st would help me to progress the budget and thus let everyone know the Tour charge.

I eagerly look forward to hearing from a whole host of Club Members - this is a chance not to be missed to play some amazing organs and experience a vibrant city, full of interesting buildings and culture.

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

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

Glyn Lang Memorial Series – Please refer to the January 2023 newsletter for details. Admission free / retiring collection.

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

Lunchtime series: MONDAYS at 13:00

May 15th Gillian Blythman Thatcham – note the revised date

Jul 3rd Eton College organ student

Sep 25th Marilyn Harper Dulwich [OC member]

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

I am really pleased to tell you that all venues to whom we wrote, requesting the chance to play the organ, replied in the affirmative. Arranging a day and time at Symphony Hall and the Town Hall was the biggest challenge, but in mid-February the email reached me telling me we'd got both Halls and organs booked.

At that point it seemed clear to me that the Tour was feasible - as long as we attract sufficient Club members (and partners, of course) to spread the overheads affordably.

The cost payable to the Club by each attendee will cover a fee to each of the 18 venues, a masterclass with Daniel Moulton on the new Flentrop at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, a special dinner with invited guests, one day's coach hire, plus incidental costs. A budget is being drawn up at this moment. We will be based at the Premier Inn at New Street Station, but since the first appearance of this note in the March newsletter, we now understand that the Premier Inn New Street is full, and attendees who have not booked here will need to find alternative accommodation. Attendees will also need to make their own arrangements for meals, except for the special dinner on the Friday evening, also their own bus fares on the day which takes us to Wolverhampton and Walsall and on the day that takes us to three organs in the Sutton Coldfield area.

Just to tempt you into putting the dates firmly in your diaries, look up these organs on the NPOR and you'll see why John and I are so excited about sharing our knowledge of these instruments with our friends in the Club: St Philip's Cathedral, St Chad's Cathedral, Symphony Hall, Town Hall, St Martin in the Bull Ring, St Paul's church (Jewellery Quarter), Royal Birmingham Conservatoire [new organ not yet on NPOR], Carrs Lane Chapel, St Alban & St Patrick church, Solihull School Chapel, St Alphege Solihull, St Margaret's Olton [large rebuilt organ not yet on NPOR, but do look at this: <https://paulhale.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/booklet-olton.pdf>], St Peter's Collegiate Church Wolverhampton, Walsall Town Hall, St Matthew Walsall, Emmanuel Wylde Green, St Peter Many [NPOR out of date] and Erdington Abbey [NPOR again out of date].

On the morning of the 19th September, there is an optional extra visit to St. Michael's Church, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, 10.30 am till 12 noon, to see the fine 1962 II/32 'Coventry type' Harrison & Harrison organ.

We will also be visiting the Science Museum (now called 'Thinktank' in its new building near the RBC), walking through the Bull Ring and past the stunning new Central Library, though sadly the beautiful Art Gallery with its sumptuous Pre-Raphaelite holdings will still be closed for renovation.

Refreshments: Not planned. Lunchtime – quite a few local cafes, etc.

Cost £10 per member (Young members' parents -no charge)

How to Get to Windsor – Public Transport:

Trains – Windsor & Eton CENTRAL – Great Western:

£2.20 return from SLOUGH with senior rail card, Elizabeth line free if you have a senior TFL pass. Quicker trains on GWR, Paddington/Windsor with Senior pass is £8.95 return. This station is the closer to the churches we are visiting.

Windsor & Eton RIVERSIDE – further to walk, check South West Trains website.

Green Line Route 702 – 08:35 Bus stop 7, Buckingham Palace Road, Victoria, 08:54 Kensington High Street, Argyll Road arrives Windsor by Theatre Royal 10:12. 15-minute walk to All Saints.

Return journey bus stop by WH Smith, departures at 17:30, 18:45 & 20:24, journey time about an hour.

Car Parking

Because Windsor is a very popular tourism area, particularly this year, virtually all street parking is residents only. In the Town Centre there is a multi-story – King Edward is the largest – **SL4 6HX**. Telephone 01628 796239. Car Park is patrolled until 21:30. Blue badge holders free in any bay. The **East Berks College Car Park** is to the south side of The Garrison church, Saturday only and strictly limited to cars. Postcode is **SL4 3AX**, telephone 01628 683880.

Churches: All Saints – only disabled drivers- pre-book with me. Another event being held in the church hall next door. **Garrison Church** – none, see main car parks above. **St Edwards**, very limited – as Garrison Church. **St Stephen's** – limited, must prebook with me, please include vehicle registration number, gated entrance next to church. Suggest use East Berks Car Park for first three churches.

A map showing church locations is on the front of the day visit notes.

Booking – essential, contact Mark Jameson – e-mail preferred – markmdjameson@btinternet.com, land line telephone 01189 344212 (not for messages), 07802 715634 (mobile – phone or text message not voice mail). **By 10th June please.**

Saturday July 15th 2023: Goring-on-Thames

This is another 2020-planned visit delayed by Covid.

The original plan was published in OCJ 2021/1. Since then, St Thomas' organ has now been rebuilt.

Draft notes have been prepared and will be available ahead of the visit in electronic format. Printed notes will be in A5 booklet format.

11:00 Free Church, RG8 9DR

c1909, Gern, Great 6, Swell 4, Pedal 2.

Break for lunch, several local cafés and pubs.

Cross the Thames bridge – pavement wider on right side of the bridge.

14:00 at St Mary Streatley

2004 Jennings, Great 5, Swell 5, Pedal 1.

I think this is the first Jennings organ the Club has visited.

16:00 Our Lady & St John, RC, Ferry Lane – short visit here – Hauptwerk organ ex Graham Eccles.

16:45 St Thomas Goring



Paul Hale was the advisor here and the newly rebuilt organ by Clevedon Organs was opened with a recital by Thomas Trotter on 11th February. Paul will give a talk about this instrument at the start of the visit.

The new console is pictured above.

Refreshments: Not planned. Lunchtime – quite a few local cafes, etc.

Cost: £10 per member [Young member's parents -no charge]

How to get there

Trains from London area: GWR from Paddington, at XX:08 & XX:38 – service to DIDCOT, 09:38 arrives Goring Station at 10:36. NB From May, GWR no longer stops between Paddington & Slough – Elizabeth line only for intermediate stations. More details in GWR timetable T10 available online. *Currently the line is totally closed between Didcot & Oxford - bus replacement, [Nuneham Bridge, by July Newsletter can update].*

By car & parking Use M4 to Junction 12, then west on A4 to large roundabout, turn north on A340 signed for Pangbourne. A340 has many speed cameras! Centre of Pangbourne mini-roundabout – go ahead road is A329 – under rail bridge to Streatley. At traffic lights, turn right onto B4009, cross over Thames and follow church wall to the right into Manor Road, road bears left into Station Road, pub *The Catherine Wheel* on left, narrow entrance to the right leads you to *Wheel Orchard Car Park*. This is the main car park, payment – use mobile, call 0345 434 8008, location code 1420 and use credit or debit card. Alternatively, follow B4009 through village, to top, right turn at the railway bridge, and park in station car park RG8 0EP. Cheaper at £4.20 all day, electronic Apcoa Parking, location code 2129; phone 01895 262 122.

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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!).

September 13th – 19th 2023: Birmingham tour

The President writes:

I am delighted to be able warmly to invite as many members as possible to join me in Birmingham - England's Second City - for the Club's tour on September 13th (early afternoon) to 19th (ends after breakfast). John Varney and I grew up and played organs in the area in the late 1960s and we both recall the range of fine instruments contained in and around the City, along with the organists who were so welcoming to young players.