

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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## 1. NOTICES

The **Birmingham Tour** is just a couple of months away now, and interest has been such that the tour is now fully booked! Thanks to our President, Paul Hale, for his heroic efforts in putting together this magnificent tour.

But before that, our Membership Secretary, Mark Jameson, has put together a wonderful day visit to **Goring-on-Thames** on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>, where we will visit four churches.

Full details are to be found in the entry at the start of section 2 below.

### 2023 Membership

At the current time, 9 young members have not renewed, and about 20 adult members are outstanding to renew. I cannot do more to remind you - the renewal form has been on each Newsletter since the start of the year and, at the time of mailing the MAY newsletter, all those outstanding were sent a posted printed renewal form. I do not want to remove members, but in effect by not renewing those are being paid for by those who have renewed - very unfair. So please, complete your renewals.

If you are financially embarrassed then contact either the Secretary John Henderson or myself, we do listen - we are a club, not a commercial organisation who just stop sending information when a renewal is not received on time. The final renewal form is on the back page of this Newsletter.

**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](mailto:markmdjameson@btinternet.com), landline telephone [no message facility currently] 01189 344212 in emergency only.

## Organ Club Newsletter Scoop – see it here first!

NEW STAMP: Poland: Historic Organ Series issued 17 JUNE 2023

Organ Featured is at LEŻAJSK in the Basilica of the Annunciation

Church website: <http://www.lezajsk.bernardyni.pl/>

Organ Case 1693, 1905 new organ in old case, most recent restoration 1967 Robert Polcyn [www.polcyn.com.pl/](http://www.polcyn.com.pl/) 3m/40ss



## September 2023 Newsletter contributions

Please email notices by August 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 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.

Tea/coffee served on arrival, donations bowl provided.

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 11<sup>th</sup> February. Paul will give a talk about this instrument at the start of the visit.

The new console is pictured left.

**Cost:** £5 per member - it would help to have the right money please, payment either on the day in banknotes OR by bank transfer to the Club account - sort code 20-31-52, account *The Organ Club* 00655171, reference your surname & post code.

#### 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.

**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.

**Booking – essential**, contact Mark Jameson – e-mail preferred – [markmdjameson@btinternet.com](mailto:markmdjameson@btinternet.com), land line telephone 01189 344212 [not for messages], 07802 715634 [mobile – phone or text message not voice mail]. **Please book by 9<sup>th</sup> July.**

### **Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> 2023: Swindon Visit**

*Communicated by Mark Jameson*

Members of The Berkshire Organists' Association [BOA] are visiting SWINDON and I am very aware that quite a number of OC members failed to reach SWINDON in August 2022 because of a rail strike. Following the OC visit - see OCJ 2022/3 - pages 24 to 31, the organ at St Barnabas has had its stolen pipes replaced, and there are changes taking place at Holy Rood in service format. The BOA were planning this visit for 2024, but have had to bring forward in order to enjoy that organ. I am advised that the organist at Holy Rood is planning a special demo for those who attend by a well-known player.

The BOA plan is to commence the visit at Christ Church [10:45], then to Holy Rood [13:00] and finish at St Barnabas [15:30], where I hope tea can be offered. Should you wish to take part, please contact Mark Jameson [see Goring for details] More information will be provided to those who contact me - but please just don't turn up without contacting me first.

The central stopping place for buses in central Swindon is closed for 4 years, from the GWR station to Christ Church - bus 11, downhill walk via a park to Holy Rood, bus 17 from there to St Barnabas and back to the station. Day visit notes sending to those who take part.

One other point - can I encourage members to plan a short break in the area - BOA Swindon on 12th August, enjoy the area in the week, then take part in the visit that is already announced for NEWBURY on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

# Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> 2023: a visit to the historic town of Newbury

Today, we will be visiting three churches.

**10:30 Newbury Methodist Church**, 56 Northbrook Street, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 1AN.

11:00am demonstration of organ, and members play until 12:30.

Organ originally by Hunter built in 1898 using casework from former organ. Rebuilt 1963 by Gray & Davison, Trumpet rank added 1993 by B C Shepherd & Son. Major overhaul following restoration of the church, 2014. 3 manuals 36 stops.

Park either in Pelican Car Park, Pelican Lane, Newbury, RG14 1NU, Pay & Display; or Parkway Shopping Car Park RG14 1ED, pay on return; or West Street Car Park, Pay & Display, RG14 1HA. There are other car parks in West Street too.

Coffee and cake available in church hall, please bring **cash**.

**Lunch:** There are several places within walking distance of the Methodist Church to obtain lunch on Northbrook Street, or nearby.

Please organise lifts amongst yourselves for those coming by train to get to the two churches after lunch.

**14:15 St George the Martyr**, 206 Andover Road, Wash Common, Newbury, RG14 6NU.

Organ originally a small extension organ by Walker built in the 1960s. A new much larger organ was built by Walker in 2016 incorporating the existing pipes, with striking copper front pipes.

There are car parks both sides of the church.

**16:00 St John the Evangelist**, St John's Road, Newbury, RG14 7PY.

The large red brick church was designed by Stephen Dykes Bower as the original church by William Butterfield was bombed in the Second World War.

The organ by Gray & Davidson was installed in 1974 by Osmond of Taunton, and came from a redundant church in Newbury, but was reduced to 2 manuals from the original 3. 21 stops.

Tea will be available, please bring **cash**, and the visit will end at 17:30.

There is a car park, and there is also parking in surrounding roads. It is a short walk downhill to the station.

Please, for all visits, **members should bring cash** for the meeting charge and for refreshments.

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

**Bookings** to Eric Shepherd at [bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com](mailto:bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com) by 31<sup>st</sup> July please.

## **September 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2023: Birmingham tour**

The tour is now fully booked – It is heartening that members have shown so much interest!

Members who have booked will receive updates as appropriate, and Visit Notes will be distributed before the start of the tour.

We look forward to welcoming members, who will have the chance to play some amazing organs and experience a vibrant city, full of interesting buildings and culture.

## **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 21<sup>st</sup> 2023: Redhill and Nutfield visit**

We shall be visiting St. Matthews Church, Redhill, St. Joseph's RC Church, and Nutfield Parish Church.

Full details and information in the September newsletter.

### 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

Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> Bolun Tan & Tingshuo Yang (Senior Eton College students)

Sep 25<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Harper Dulwich [OC member]

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Christopher Allsop

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-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.*

Jul 29<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Jan Liebermann (Frankfurt)

Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 16:00 James Orford (St Pauls, Knightsbridge, London)

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Stefan Donner (Vienna)

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

Jul 4<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Colin Andrews (USA)

Jul 18<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Loreto Aramendi (San Sebastian, Spain)

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 13:10 Andrew Benson-Wilson

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Wyatt Smith (USA)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Jul 11<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Christopher Nickol (Glasgow)

Jul 25<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Richard Hobson (Grosvenor Chapel)

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Robert Patterson (St Etheldreda, Ely Place, Holborn)

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 13:10 Margaret Phillips

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

*Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of John Scott's Opening Recital*

Jul 1<sup>st</sup> 19:30 Simon Lawford (Notre Dame de France, Leicester Square)  
Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Chris Totney (St Benet Fink, Tottenham & Britten Sinfonia)  
Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> 19:30 Anne Page (Concert Organist)

Admission £10; refreshments available, donation requested.

**St Nicolas Church, West Mills, Newbury, RG14 5HG**

Jul 13<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Rosemary Evans (St Alphage, Burnt Oak)

Admission free, retiring collection.

**Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, OX1 1BX**

Jul 12<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Riccardo Cossi & Michela Sabadin

Sep 27<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Malcolm Pearce

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Jonathan White

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Christopher Fletcher-Campbell

Admission £6.50 at the door, complimentary tea/coffee

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

Organ by Walker 1963

Jul 29<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Richard Gowers (St George's Hanover Square)

Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Simon Thomas Jacobs

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**

Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> 16:00 Carol Williams ["Mad Rush"]

Tickets £20

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

Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> 13:00 Eleni Keventsidou (Athens)

Jul 10<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Christopher Nickol (Glasgow)

Jul 17<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Loreto Aramendi (Spain)

Jul 24<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Matthew Blaiden

Jul 31<sup>st</sup> 13:00 Makoto James

**Hereford Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Hereford HR1 2NG**

Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30 Rachel Mahon (Coventry Cathedral)

Admission free, retiring collection.



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

### Organ Matinees 2023, Sundays at 15:00

Jul 16<sup>th</sup> 15:00 Martin Setchell (curator of Christchurch Town Hall organ,  
New Zealand)

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 15:00 Martin Kondziella (Berlin)

Sep 17<sup>th</sup> 15:00 Matthew Jorysz (Westminster Abbey)

Admission free, retiring collection.

## **Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street, London E1 6LY**

Jul 17<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Ben Bloor (London Oratory)

Sep 18<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Gerard Brooks [Music for trumpets & organ]

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 19:30 David Ponsford (Oxford)

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Tom Bell (RCO)

Admission £12 online or at the door.

<https://www.ccs pits.org/organrecitals>

## **Fairfield Halls Park Lane, Croydon CR9 1DG**

Jul 13<sup>th</sup> 13:30 Norman Harper (London)

Sep 21<sup>st</sup> 13:30 Marilyn Harper (Christ's Chapel Dulwich, London)

## **Selby Abbey, The Crescent, Selby, YO8 4PU**

Jul 4<sup>th</sup> 12:30 D'Arcy Trinkwon (International Recitalist)

Jul 11<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Robert Poyser (Beverley Minster)

Jul 18<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Oliver Waterer (Selby Abbey)

Jul 25<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Professor Bernard Haas (Munich Hochschule)

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 12:30 Luca Myers (YOST Organ Scholar)

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Rosemary Field (Worksop Priory)

### Also:

Sep 1<sup>st</sup> 19:00 Martin Baker & John Scott Whitely  
Battle of the Organs

Tickets £20 (+£2 postage), including wine or soft drink

## **St Nicholas Church, Church St, Dereham NR19 1DN**

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Peter King (Organist Emeritus, Bath Abbey)

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Dougal Smith (organist in surrounding parishes)

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Daniel Justin (Catholic Cathedral of  
St John the Baptist, Norwich)

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Richard Bower (DOM, St Nicholas Dereham)

Admission free, retiring collection; refreshments from 12:15.

**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>

## **All Saints Church, All Saints' Street, Hastings, TN34 3BP**

### **SUMMER ORGAN SERIES**

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.

Jul 10 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Ben Morris (York Minster)
Jul 17 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Jeremiah Stephenson (All Saints, Margaret St, London)
Jul 24 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Joseph Beech (Durham Cathedral)
Jul 31 <sup>st</sup>	19:30	Daniel Cook (Durham Cathedral)
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Robert Quinney (New College, Oxford)
Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Margaret Phillips (Concert Organist)
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	19:30	Francesca Massey (Freelance Organist)
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gordon Stewart (Concert Organist) <b>Grand Finale</b>

Tickets at door £12; Season Ticket £72

Further information available from:

Malcolm Lock – mobile 07801 068156; [malcolm.w.lock49@gmail.com](mailto:malcolm.w.lock49@gmail.com)

Full details, including programme listings, can be viewed at:

<https://oldtownparishhastings.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/PROGRAMME-2023.pdf>

**MUSIC AT GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, NR30 1NE**

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS 2023**

- JULY 5 ADAM CHILLINGWORTH *organ*
- JULY 12 ANDREW PEARSON *violin* MARION SMALL *piano*
- JULY 19 BEN GARROD *organ and piano*
- JULY 26 TIMOTHY PATIENT *organist, Eye Parish Church*
- AUGUST 2 CLAUDIA DE SIMONE *soprano* ELIZABETH STACEY *piano*
- AUGUST 9 DAVID PRICE *organ*
- AUGUST 16 DAVID BALLARD *organ*
- AUGUST 23 MARTYN MARSHALL *organ*
- AUGUST 30 LEVANTER WIND QUINTET Anne Bryant *flute*, Sandra Knights *oboe*,  
Chris Knights *clarinet*, Barry Carben *bassoon*, Lynne Roberts *french horn*
- SEPTEMBER 6 ROBBIE CARROLL *assistant organist, Norwich Cathedral*
- SEPTEMBER 13 KATJA RUDA *mezzo soprano*
- SEPTEMBER 20 THE CAROLEAN CHORUS Justin Brindley *MD*, Karen Smith *piano*
- SEPTEMBER 27 (in association with the Great Yarmouth Arts Festival)  
MICHAEL NICHOLAS *organist emeritus, Norwich Cathedral*

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## FINAL NOTICE for 2023 MEMBERSHIP

I am aware costs are rising everywhere – EXCEPT membership of The Organ Club. Your renewal was due by 31<sup>st</sup> March to remain a member – and I have not heard from you. Please renew!

The original was sent as part of the January Newsletter with a reminder in the March Newsletter.

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

§ 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.

The **FORM** is **not** required if your contacts are unchanged from 2022.

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

*All membership matters should be directed to the Membership Secretary. Contacting other officers only delays response, and breaches confidentiality.*

### **ELECTRONIC BANKING [Preferred]:**

**Reference:** Your Surname & Postcode/ZIP  
**Amount:** *the sum you are paying*  
**Account name:** The Organ Club  
**Account sort code:** 20-31-52      **Account number:** 00655171

**INTERNATIONAL:** SWIFT: BUKGB22 IBAN: GB27 BUKB 2031 5200 6551 71

**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*

Mark Jameson, Hon Membership Secretary

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