

The Organ Club Newsletter

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1. NOTICES

GDPR

Thank you to 320 members and complimentaries who have returned a notice to the Membership Secretary giving permission for the Club to communicate with you with respect to Club matters. I am still waiting for 200 - mainly members to respond.

If you have not yet done so and you are on our mailing list, please just send Mark Jameson an email (membership@organclub.org) or a note by post (to 92, The Hawthorns, Charvil, Reading. RG10 9TS) giving this permission.

Full details of our GDPR Policy are available on the Club Website.

Mark Jameson, Membership Secretary

The London Organ Competition

The competition for teenagers will be held on Saturday December 29th at St. Clement Danes Church in the Strand. Times will be confirmed in the November Newsletter. The Judges this year will be our distinguished Vice-President Roy Massey, and the organist and composer Paul Ayres.

The closing date for entries is Monday 5th November, but for OCSO members aged 19 and under, please get your application in as soon as possible.

Full details on the Club Website <https://organclub.org/competition/>.

November Newsletter contributions: please email notices by 16th October at the latest to John Belling (newsletter@organclub.org), or write to him at: 42 Cunningham Park, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 4QJ.

2. CLUB MEETINGS

Sunday September 30th 2018 – Hatchlands House

Hatchlands contains the Cobbe Collection of musical instruments, Europe's largest collection of keyboard instruments associated with famous composers, and including a 3 manual Walker Organ built in 1904 for Lord Rendel at Hatchlands House. Our member John Bartlett, has arranged the visit in association with Mark Harvey of the site staff, and will host an afternoon visit to the music room from 2 to 4pm with a short introduction to the organ and then an offer for those who would like to play.

The house is now run by the National Trust, and there is a café on site which is open until 5pm.

The suggested plan for the visit is:

12 noon: arrive and take refreshments or lunch in the café, followed by a look at the park and gardens

2-4 pm: music room visit

4 pm: tea in the café

National Trust Members will be able to obtain free entrance to the house, the group rate being £8.50 for those who are not in the Trust. Refreshments in the café can be purchased individually.

Transport arrangements (kindly provided by Mark Jameson)

There is ample parking at the house. Postcode: GU4 7RT

To be there for LUNCH ahead of visit:

09:30 London Waterloo - check platform before boarding.

10:12 Guildford Station platform 2 arrival

Exit station, turn left – over River Wey bridge A322 and Onslow Street ahead of you – cross road walk right turning into North Street, then left into Friary Bus station – it should be signed!

10:40 Friary Bus Station, bus Stand 17, take bus 479 to Epsom, 'Buses Excetera' service – not TFL card. Tell driver you need to leave bus at the 'East Clandon for Hatchlands' stop, journey time 20 minutes approximately.

Cost of bus journey: £2.50 single, £4.30 return, CASH ONLY.

To miss lunch, but to be there in time for 2pm visit start:

11:30 London Waterloo - check platform before boarding

12:10 Guildford Station platform 2 arrival

12:40 Friary Bus Station, Stand 17 route 479 to Epsom

Tell driver you need to leave bus at the 'East Clandon for Hatchlands' stop, journey time 20 minutes approximately.

Return: Last bus for return to Guildford:

16:47 Opposite this morning's stop approx. ('request' stop – please hail bus)

17:07 Guildford, Friary Bus Station – then walk to Guildford Station

17:35 Guildford platform 5 arrives Waterloo 18:14

NB: allow at least 10 minutes to walk from House to A246 main road (turn RIGHT/WEST towards Guildford) plus 5 minutes to reach the bus stop.

If you prefer to take a taxi?

City Cabs and Cars: 01483 888 666; Guildford Radio Taxis: 01483 888 666;
GM Station Cars: 01483 566 566

We have to give Hatchlands the group numbers a week in advance, so please book your place with John Miley (cegb36@gmail.com) or by telephone to 01780 470015 by Wednesday 12th September.

October 5th -7th 2018 - Nene Valley Study Weekend

Arranged by John Miley.

For the October meeting (taking place on the first weekend), the Club has arranged a study weekend for playing members; non playing members will be equally welcome as observers. For players, this is an opportunity to study with some of the best teachers in the country on the excellent organs in the Oundle area, and greatly improve the playing of your pieces.

There will be 3 professional tutors: Vice Presidents Anne Marsden Thomas MBE, James Parsons, and Richard Brasier, who will give the opening recital on the Frobenius Organ in Oundle School Chapel on the evening of Friday 5th October.

Cost:

For playing members, the cost is £130 which includes: opening recital by Richard Brasier, Saturday evening course dinner including wine with WOW caterer Gloria and team, and hands on tuition and practice at excellent mechanical action organs.

For observers, the cost is £40 to include the Friday evening opening recital the Saturday evening dinner, and observation of the masterclasses.

A hotel list is available for applicants, or observers might just like to attend on the Saturday 6th October at a cost of £10.

If you would like to book a place, please contact John Miley (cegb36@aol.com) or phone 01780 470015 by Sunday 30th September.

November 17th - it is hoped to visit the Freemasons' Hall and other London Churches: arrangements are not yet confirmed. See next issue of newsletter.

December 29th - London Organ Competition – see Notices section above.

Saturday January 19th 2019 - Master Class at St. George's Hanover Square

Our January meeting next year will be on Saturday 19th January 2019 at 2pm and will be a Masterclass with Simon Williams at St George's Hanover Square. If you would like to take part in the Masterclass, please let the President know by email to cegb36@aol.com as soon as possible.

The class will be followed at 5pm by an organ recital given by the talented OCSO member Sam Giddy from Sydney, Australia. Sam is undertaking a tour around England, details of which please refer to section 3 immediately below.

3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

Sam Giddy's tour

Sam is arriving from Australia on January 7th and will be playing a number of recitals around the country. Members living in the local areas will be very welcome to attend the recitals, and there will be an opportunity to meet Sam at each location. The dates are as follows, and the times of the recitals not mentioned will be in the November Newsletter.

Thursday	January 10 th	- Chester Cathedral	
Friday	January 11 th	- Oakham Parish Church	7.30pm
Saturday	January 12 th	- St James Church, Bushey	12 noon
Sunday	January 13 th	- Guildford Cathedral	
Monday	January 14 th	- Holbrook School, Ipswich	1.30pm
Wednesday	January 16 th	- Blackburn Cathedral	
Saturday	January 19 th	- St George's Hanover Square	5pm

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

Sept 1st 19:30 Graham Barber (St Bartholomew, Armley, Leeds)
Oct 6th 19:30 David Gammie (Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon)
Admission £10, including refreshments.

Reading Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG11QH

Oct 8th 13:00-13:50 Relf Clark (Didcot), programme to include music by:
Bach, Mendelssohn, Rheinberger, Karg-Elert, Parry, Clark and Mushel.
Tickets £5
Nov12th: programme and player to be announced.

Leeds Town Hall, The Headrow, Leeds, LS1 3AD

Oct 8th 13:05 Paul Greally (Pinner Parish Church), OCSO member and Junior Winner at the 2016 London Organ competition.
Programme - <http://www.organrecitals.com/1/1903leeds.pdf>

St John's Duncan Terrace , Islington N1 8AL

Sept 29th 19:30: Alberto Brigandi (St Joseph's Highgate Hill)
works by Bach, Vierne, Duruflé, Rogg & Bovet
Oct 27th 19:30: Marko Sever (St Albans Abbey)
works by Bach, Mozart, Vierne & Alain

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