

The Organ Club Newsletter

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1. NOTICES

Change of President

Unfortunately, the President Elect, Peter Owen, is no longer able to take up the Presidency in March due to an excess of 2019 commitments.

Eric Shepherd has kindly stepped into the breach, and is prepared to accept the Presidency for one year.

As you know, Eric has wide experience as a Club Member and as a Past President, and is an ideal candidate for the position.

Eric will be proposed to the AGM (March 16th, see below) for election.

Membership and Subscriptions for 2019

Further to Notice 1 in the November Newsletter, all members due to renew at 1st January 2019 will be sent a posted renewal notice. I omitted to mention that the £10 postal supplement for overseas members is unchanged. Our Treasurer does not wish to put the renewal form on electronic mailing or our web site. The form includes two extra items:

(1) around 50 members still have to sign the GDPR box on data protection. GDPR controls not only computer records but also paper records. Please ensure that you have signed.

(2) our Treasurer, who is an expert in running Charity Management, has studied our Constitution and how The Organ Club operates, and feels that we now qualify as a Charity. Following lengthy discussions, the Committee agreed to explore this and an application is being made. To avoid the cost of an extra mailing there is now a box to sign so we are able to obtain Gift Aid. We will use the NEWSLETTER to let you know the outcome. If you do not pay sufficient Income Tax please put a line through this box and do not sign the Gift Aid box.

It is VITAL on this renewal that everyone either posts or scans their renewal form back to me to be able to complete the membership renewal. If you pay your renewal by standing order or other electronic means, please ensure that you have the correct membership rate.

It is essential that all correspondence and payments relating to MEMBERSHIP are sent to me.

My contacts: markmdjameson@btinternet.com, tel: 01189 344212.

Mark Jameson, Membership Secretary

Sales of items from deceased members

I have a large number of CDs, DVDs, books, leaflets etc., looking for new homes, listed on pdf documents, from as little as 1p upward plus postage. Roger Bartlett died in September 2018 and many of the CDs & DVDs are new to the listing. Please contact me for a pdf copy, at:

markmdjameson@btinternet.com, tel: 01189 344212.

Mark Jameson, Membership Secretary

March 2019 Newsletter contributions: Please email notices by February 10th at the latest to John Belling (newsletter@organclub.org), or write to him at: 42 Cunningham Park, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 4QJ.

Finally, The Organ Club committee wishes all members a Very Happy New Year, with many enjoyable visits and outings!

2. CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday January 19th 2019 -

Master Class at St. George's Hanover Square

Our January meeting will be a Masterclass with Simon Williams at St George's Hanover Square, St George Street, London W1S 1FX, from 2pm to 4pm. Playing members are invited to play a piece to Simon - please contact John Miley by email to cegb36@gmail.com to let him know the piece you would like to play.

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 below.

Saturday February 16th 2019

Unfortunately, we have had to **cancel the visit to Hereford Cathedral** planned for Saturday February 9th, as the winter timetables did not allow for reasonable access to Hereford.

Our Committee member, John Henderson, has arranged an alternative visit in Central London on Saturday February 16th to his church, St. Matthew's Bayswater, 29 St Petersburgh Place, W2 4LA, from 11.30 to 13.30.

The organ is a 1913 Walker, restored by Walker in 2000, and consists of: Choir 6, Swell 12, Great 11, Pedal 9.

We hope also to have an afternoon visit to another church in the same area, and if you would like further information about this, please email the President cegb36@gmail.com who will be able to provide full information by the end of January.

Saturday March 16th 2019: AGM St Albans Organ Theatre

The AGM will take place at the St Albans Organ Theatre at 13:00 and will be followed by a demonstration of the Theatre's collections, including the two playable pipe organs, the Spurden Rutt and the Wurlitzer. We will also have the world first performance of a card book production of "Ride on a fast train" by Ad Wammes which was played to us at the 2018 AGM by Thomas Trotter. Ad Wammes is coming over from Holland to attend the event so members will have a chance to meet him.

The Theatre is providing a buffet tea around 4pm, and at 5.30pm the St Albans International Festival Society is arranging an organ recital at St Saviour's Church by Edward Higginbottom, the retired Organist of New College, Oxford. St Saviour's is a short walk from the Theatre so members may like to complete the day with attendance at the recital.

Travel: St Albans Organ Theatre. 320 Camp Road, St Albans AL1 5PE.

Train to St Alban's City Station., exit to Victoria Road, turn left; left again at Breakspear Avenue, at end is Camp Road. Turn right into Camp Road, follow to no. 320 which is next to Camp School.

Museum telephone number is 03003 656565.

Entry to the AGM is of course free to members, but the charge for the demonstrations plus the buffet tea is £10.

Please inform John Miley at cegb36@gmail.com (01780 470015) by Wednesday 6th March to signify your prospective attendance and also whether you wish to partake of the tea.

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**).

Saturday April 13th 2019: visit within Central London.

May 18th 2019: Visit to Leicester.

May weekend 2019: Masterclass visit to Durham and Newcastle being arranged by James Parsons.

Saturday June 15th 2019: morning - The Chapel of Christ the Redeemer, Culham Court Estate; afternoon - Maidenhead St Luke's followed by St Andrew & St Mary.

Saturday July 20th 2019: Newland Chapel of Beauchamp Community; Malvern Link St Matthias; Great Malvern Priory.

Saturday August 17th 2019: Colchester.

Saturday September 26th 2020, Canterbury Cathedral & its new organ.

To whet your appetite, the following are also planned:

(a) **4th quarter 2019:** a Yorkshire tour, where we anticipate visiting the Cathedrals, Abbeys and Minsters of Wakefield, Selby, Dewsbury, Howden and Beverley, amongst other venues;

(b) **2020:** Tour of Isle of Man - details to follow when available.

3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

Sam Giddy's tour

Sam is arriving from Australia on January 7th 2019 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:

Thursday	January 10 th	- Chester Cathedral	1pm
Friday	January 11 th	- Oakham Parish Church	7:30pm
Saturday	January 12 th	- St James Church, Bushey	12 noon
		— Coffee from 11:00, light lunched from 13:00	
Sunday	January 13 th	- Guildford Cathedral	3pm
Monday	January 14 th	- Holbrook School, Ipswich	1:30pm
Wednesday	January 16 th	- Blackburn Cathedral	1:10pm
Saturday	January 19 th	- St George's Hanover Square	5pm

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

Mar 2nd 19:30 Jane Watts (Concert Organist)

Admission £10, including refreshments.

Reading Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG11QH

Jan 28th 13:00 Andy Baldwin, [Berkshire Organists' President]

Mar 25th 13:00 Dr William McVicker [Reading Town Hall Organ Curator]

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP

Jan 26th from 12:00 Organ Day, to include presentations, Masterclass directed by Dame Gillian Weir, and a recital by Michael Stephens-Jones, winner of the 2016 London Organ Competition. Free till 17:00.

17:00 buffet (£5), 18:00 recital by Isabelle Demers (£7, booking required).

<https://organistsonline.org/bloomsbury/bcbcday.html>

Feb 23rd 16:00 Tom Winpenny (St Albans Cathedral)

Mar 30th 16:00 Simon Gledhill (London)

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