

The Organ Club Newsletter

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1. NOTICES

Our new President

We welcome our new President, Eric Shepherd, who has much experience in the role, having been President before. On behalf of members, I should like to express our thanks to Past-President John Miley, for his guidance throughout the past year.

Membership and Subscriptions for 2019

I thank the majority of members who have renewed, and especially those who have paid the membership rate and added a little extra. As at 13th April I await renewals from 56 members. Members living outside the Royal Mail postal zone had an e-mail reminder from me on 13 April, but those in the UK will get a printed posted form.

Our Constitution states that renewals must be completed by the AGM month end, i.e. 31st March. Renewals are due annually on 1st January. We send the January Newsletter with renewal form early in January. If you are taking part in the Ushaw Organ Weekend, to qualify for the Member discount, you **MUST** have sent your renewal payment to me in advance of your application to take part. ALL renewals must be sent to me, either by post or if making an electronic payment the completed membership renewal form must be scanned and sent to me by e-mail at markmdjameson@btinternet.com . Do not send renewal payments to any other officer of the Club.

There are changes for 2019 in membership information. The NEWSLETTER standard distribution is now by E-MAIL for all members; however, if it is not possible to access it that way, then for ORDINARY membership [£30] you can opt for the printed version. Young members paying **£12** do not qualify without prior agreement for printed copies.

I am still awaiting GDPR completed forms from 16 members, unless I have forms or other agreement from you, then I can no longer leave you on the mailing list.

N.B The membership e-mail is no longer functioning, please use the above.

Mark Jameson, Membership Secretary

July 2019 Newsletter contributions: please email notices by June 16th at the latest to John Belling (newsletter@organclub.org), or write to him at: 42 Cunningham Park, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 4QJ.

2. CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday May 18th 2019: Visit to Leicester

11:00: St Margaret's Church, St Margarets Way, LE1 3EB

The medieval church dates from the 13th century

The 4 manual organ, originally 1773 Crang & Hancock, case attributed to Father Smith, has {Pedal 16, Choir 12, Great 13, Swell 16, Solo 7}.

The last major rebuild was by Nicholson & Co Ltd. in 1954.

12:15: Lunch, advised to walk back to city centre for choice of hostelryes.

13:15: Central Baptist Church, Charles St, LE1 1LA

The current organ, build by Nicholson & Co Ltd., dates from 1861, with tracker action has {Great 8, Swell 8, Pedal 3}. It is now maintained by Ian Carter of Cousins Organs of Leicester

14:15: Bishop St Methodist Church, 10a Bishop St, Town Hall Square, LE1 6AF

The current organ, by Groves and Mitchell, 1858, was completely rebuilt by Hill Norman & Beard in 1936, most recent renovation by Groves of Nottingham. The organ has {Great 10, Swell 13, Choir 11, Pedal 8}.

16:00: Holy Cross Priory, 45 Wellington Street, LE1 6HW

Originally built by Kirtland & Jardine in 1849 in St Mary's Preston, the was moved to its current location by Peter Collins in 1996, and has {Pedal 4, Choir 5, Great 8, Swell 10}

Bookings: **BY 10th MAY**, preferably by email to: philipbricher@icloud.com . or by telephone 07882 170460. Please indicate your mode of transport.

Cost: £5

Travel – trains: St Pancras 09:34, arr Leicester 10:42, or

St Pancras 10:02, arr Leicester 11:04.

The first church, St Margaret's, is 0.9 mile WALK - say about 20/25 minutes.
BUS - come out of station - turn left walk AWAY from centre to cross road and get a No. 22A bus that will take you to the top end of Charles Street Bus stand. Cross using the walks under the bypass to the church, which should be visible from this point. At St Margaret's, collect the day visit notes which has a map of Leicester on front.

CAR - there are many car parks in central Leicester.

Tuesday 21st May 2019: King's College Chapel

This meeting has been organised by Past-President **Colin Menzies**, who has been a regular attender at choral services in the chapel for many years.

The Club has been invited to **King's College, Strand, London WC2R 2LS** to hear the choir and recently rebuilt organ in the large Chapel at the heart of the main campus, situated at the east end of Strand (almost opposite the church of St Mary-le-Strand).

Meet at main entrance for Kings College, arrive **17:00 to 17:15**, service starts at **17.30** - you have to allow time to get through security.

At **17:30** the choir – well-known through regular BBC broadcasts and a number of recent CDs – will sing choral evensong under the direction of Dr Joseph Fort, the Director of Music, and accompanied by Michael Butterfield, the organ scholar. After the service (**18:20** approx.), members will have the chapel to themselves to play the organ: the meeting will end at **19:30**.

The instrument, sited on a west gallery above the main entrance to the Chapel with a striking façade of intricately-painted display pipes, was originally built by Father Willis but was rebuilt and enlarged on a number of subsequent occasions. Last year Mander Organs undertook a major rebuild, with new action and a new console behind the choir-stalls; some new pipework and some revoicing of existing pipes has resulted in a more cohesive tonal palette. See **NPOR F00097** for more detail.

Gt: 16 8 8 4 4 2 II III 8 4 **Sw:** 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 16 8 8 8
Ch: 8 8 4 4 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ 2 1 $\frac{3}{5}$ 8 **Ped:** 16 16 8 8 4 III 16 8

Meeting charge: £5

Booking: via **Colin Menzies**, preferably by e-mail to:

menziescolin@gmail.com,

or by post to him at: 17 Bickenhall Mansions, London W1U 6BP,
or 07787 552606 in case of emergency.

More detailed directions and joining instructions will be sent to those wishing to attend.

Friday May 31st to Sunday June 2nd 2019:

Ushaw Organ Weekend

An invitation to organists at all ages and stages, observers, and all seeking a holiday weekend of inspiring music-making and cultural exploration in Durham's stunning historic setting, and Newcastle's dynamic cityscape. The weekend is hosted at Ushaw College, 5 miles from Durham, and is curated by James Parsons, with sponsorship from The Newcastle & District Society of Organists.

- Organists – tune-in to tuition from DAVID GOODE, JAMES PARSONS, BRIGITTE HARRIS and WILLIAM SAUNDERS; build skills and performance confidence in non-competitive, supportive classes – at Ushaw and in Durham College Chapels;
- attend ORGAN RECITALS by David Goode in Durham Cathedral on Friday May 31st at 19:30, and by virtuoso WILLIAM SAUNDERS in St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw College on Saturday 1 June at 14:00 (programme includes Iain Farrington's entertaining ANIMAL PARADE);
- welcome to Durham Cathedral Organ loft with Daniel Cook and David Goode;
- play in Participants' Concert at Ushaw;
- socialise over Dinner in The Parlour at Ushaw – a handsome and intimate setting;
- discover Durham and Ushaw's art treasures; leisure pursuits on the Ushaw estate, and stroll through delightful parkland in bloom;
- on Friday 31 May (from 10.30): guided 'organ crawl' to notable organs in nearby Newcastle-upon-Tyne (there are lots!);
- group transport by minibus.

Costs: **£185** covers full participation: Tuition, Participants' Concert, Recital, Dinner and Organ Club membership for 2019.

For members who have already completed their membership renewal for 2019, a reduced payment of **£150** applies. Membership, if not renewed prior to booking this event, is deemed to have lapsed, and the full rate of **£185.00** applies. Observers/students pay only **£95**.

For membership renewals, please refer to section 1 of this newsletter.

Participants should book own accommodation in the area – ensuite rooms at Ushaw are highly recommended - **£50/night B & B** (phone 0191 373 8500) Reserve your place - please send a deposit of **£50** (cheques payable THE ORGAN CLUB) to: Ushaw Organ Weekend, 7 Pridmore Close, Woodnewton, Peterborough, PE8 5EY

Enquiries: email to contact@jamesparsons.org

Saturday 15th June 2019: Culham & Maidenhead

10:30: the visit starts at Maidenhead Station, coach to the Chapel of Christ the Redeemer at Culham, between Hurley and Henley-on-Thames within the private Culham estate. A new chapel, a new Mander organ, with some particularly interesting features.

Pedal Bourdon 16, Manual GG, AA, C to A3 60 notes,

Stops are divided at mid-C except for the Open Diapason & Principal; 8,8,4,4, 2 $\frac{2}{3}$, 2, 1 $\frac{3}{5}$, 8. Extras: thunder pedal, Cymbelstern, Nightingale and Bear.

By coach only for this visit.

The coach will return to Maidenhead and set down for the lunch break.

Directions to reach the afternoon churches are in the day visit notes.

14:00: St Luke's, Norfolk Road, SL6 7AX – local free parking is possible.

St Luke's organ is an 1867 Flight & Robson made into a new organ in 1901 by Hill who added the Choir, it is the care of Walkers since 1949.

Gt 16,8,8,8,4,4,2 III, 8; **Sw** 16,8,8,8,8,4,2, II,8,8,4; **Ch** 8,8,8,4,8, **Ped** 16,16,8.

16.30: St Andrew & St Mary, Borough Church, SL6 1YY.

The new organ is by Groves of Nottingham using recycled material from a Walker and a Rushworth organ, reworked to make this new instrument.

Our member, Paul Hale, was the Adviser for this project.

Gt: 16, 8, 8, 8, 4, 4, 2 $\frac{2}{3}$, 2, IV, 8; **Sw:** 8, 8, 8, 8, 4, 2, III, 16, 8, 8, 4;

Ch: 8, 8, 4, 4, 2 $\frac{2}{3}$, 2, 2, 1 $\frac{3}{5}$, 8, 8, 4;

Ped: 32D, 16D, 16, 16, 16, 8, 8, 4, IV, 32D, 16, 16, 8.

Space precluded pipes for the "D" stops.

18:00: Finish

Costs: Coach £10 per head, [no cars for Culham]. Organ Club cost: £5

Travel – by train:

09.27 Paddington [to Didcot, depart platform 14] arrives Maidenhead 10.04

09.42 Paddington [to Reading, depart platform 11] arrives Maidenhead 10.21

Trains run about every 15 minutes. Same in the evening.

Travel – by car:

Parking at the station (APCOA) - Shoppenhangers Road, south side of station, £3.90 by credit card. Sainsbury's expensive, street parking around St Luke's - resident restrictions apply Mon-Fri only - but look at sign boards, they vary!
COACH ONLY to Culham.

Food – not provided and no eating on the coach please.

Day Visit Notes: can be issued by e-mail ahead of the visit.

Booking: please book with Mark Jameson at:
markmdjameson@btinternet.com , or 01189 344212, or text 07802 715634
by **Monday 10th June** please.
Mark has to notify Culham of names in advance.

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 July 20th : Malvern, Worcestershire

Malvern Priory. WR14 3ET: 2004 Nicholson 4/51;

Newland Beauchamp Community Chapel WR13 5AX: 2/14 1864 Nicholson restored 2008 Tipple;

Malvern Link, St.Matthias WR14 1LX: 1873 Nicholson restored 2005 2/22.

Full details including travel arrangements in the July Newsletter.

Arranged John Varney/John Miley.

Saturday August 17th 2019 : Colchester

Five churches in central Colchester in walking distance of each other.

Castle Methodist, Town Hall, Lion Walk URC, St James, St.Boltoph.

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

To whet your appetite, the following are also planned:

(a) **2019 October:** a South Yorkshire tour, where we plan to visit cathedrals, abbeys and minsters of Wakefield, Selby, Dewsbury, Howden and Beverley *inter alia*.

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

3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

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

- Jun 29th 19:30 Anthony Halliday (St Francis Church, Melbourne)
Jul 6th 19:30 Marek Stefanski (Cracow, Poland)
Aug 10th 19:30 Christian Schoen (Norcross, Georgia, USA)
Sep 14th 10:30 Simon Lindley (Organist Emeritus, Leeds Minster and
Leeds Town Hall)

Admission £10, including refreshments.

Reading Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG11QH

- May 20th 13:00 Eric Tyson (All Saints', Clifton)
Jul 15th 13:00 Andrzej Malitowski (Royal Academy of Music)
Tickets £5

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP

- May 25th 16:00 Daniel Moulton (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)
Jun 29th 16:00 Gordon Stewart (Kirklees Borough Organist)
Jul 27th 16:00 Stefan Donner (Vienna, Austria)
Sep 28th 16:00 Sebastian Heindl (Hochschule fur Musik, Leipzig, Germany)
Oct 26th 16:00 Jane Watts (Concert Organist)

St Andrew's, Church Street, Rugby, CV21 3PT

- May 7th 13:00 Philip Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

St John's, Broadway, Stratford, London, E15 1NG

- Jun 12th 13:10 Philip Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

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

- Sept 28th 19:30 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)
Ends 21:20 – 22:00; interval with refreshments; admission £10

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

2019 Organ Series: *Baroque & neo Baroque* Organ by Walker 1963

- May 25th 19:30 Sebastian Gillot (RCO prize winner)
Jun 29th 19:30 William Fox (St Paul's Cathedral)
Jul 20th 19:30 Adrian Gunning (St John's Islington)
Sep 21st 19:30 Andrew Caskie (Director of Nicholson & Co organs)

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

St Michael's Abbey, 280 Farnborough Rd, Farnborough, GU14 7NQ

Organ by Cavallé-Coll

May 5 th	15:00	Neil Wright, Farnborough Abbey
June 2 nd	15:00	Gerard Brooks, Westminster Central Hall
July 7 th	15:00	Loreto Aramendi, Basilica Santa Maria del Coro, San Sebastián, Spain
Aug 4 th	15:00	Richard Brasier, Upminster, Essex
Sep 1 st	15:00	David Bendix Nielsen, Roskilde Cathedral, Denmark
Oct 6 th	15:00	Neil Wright, Farnborough Abbey
Dec 15 th	15:00	Advent Concert – Neil Wright

Admission free, with retiring collection

Fire at Notre Dame de Paris

A statement from **Vincent Dubois**, one of the three organiste titulaires at Notre Dame de Paris.

"Contrary to the rumours that circulated early this morning, the great organ is, a priori, saved. There are a few puddles on the left and right, but nothing dramatic. The case would be spared, as well as the pipe work... It's miraculous. We were in contact all night with my colleagues Olivier Latry and Philippe Lefebvre and we no longer believed in it. The stone roof slab that connects the two towers saved the instrument: there is no frame there from the roof, so the water sent by the fire brigade flowed on either side and did not fall on the organ loft. On the other hand, if the vaults of the nave, very weakened, are not quickly consolidated, it will probably be necessary to dismantle the organ and find a workshop large enough to shelter it. There is no such system in the Paris region. The challenge is to know very quickly whether the keystones will withstand the weight of the water and molten lead that has been poured into them. The choir organ did not burn either, but it did take on water completely. We'll have to see what's left of it... It'll take years before we can play this instrument again, but the most important thing was that it didn't end up in ashes. We will be patient and mobilize for its rehabilitation, once it has been closely examined."

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