

The Organ Club Newsletter

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1. NOTICES

Membership Matters

Thank you for renewing and the many who have added extra. If you are reading this on the website because you have not been circulated, then I have not had your renewal or other notification from you. Only those who have renewed will be getting OCJ2019/2 that is also due for circulation in June.

A big thanks to John Miley and James Parsons for their running the recent Ushaw weekend - and gaining us new members - I hope all who participated had a rewarding time.

Playing standards

At a recent meeting it became clear that some of those who attend are unsure of how we try to ensure good standards with playing.

If you wish to play, you sign the playing sheet that our Console Steward [usually David Willey] has, and after the demonstration and the opportunity for those wishing to photograph the console, he will read a playing list, usually starting with the most skilled and then alternating with less skills.

When the console is requested by many attending, it may be necessary to put the 5-minute rule in place - 5 minutes includes registration as well as playing. He will normally rotate players so as many as possible have the opportunity to play. Some players may ask for registration assistance, but others do not, so please do not change stops whilst someone is playing without their agreement.

Our skilled players can go to a console not previously seen and produce good music, but those with less experience may play a piece well on the organ known to you, but trying to play the same on a different instrument in front of other players can be hard work - so please if you are by the console keep your comments to yourself.

The Organ Club is there for education and enjoyment. Numbers attending meetings have dropped in recent years - and I would like to see greater member participation.

Visit costs

Finally, the costs for each event are put into the Newsletter, this helps pay for visit notes and donations to each venue. Coach costs are shared between users, but usually capped at £15 per person on day visits - to hire a coach now is often around the £400 sum - with all the new vehicle regulations, the old-cheap coach is now history. So, when attending a meeting, please ensure to come prepared, payment either by cash or cheque. Then there are no awkward moments!

CDs, DVDs, Books and Leaflets

I still have many CDs and DVDs looking for a new home - all have been checked to ensure in good order. A large number of books, and leaflets also available as are copies of the day visit notes back to the 1970s. Please e-mail me for the PDF lists. They have got to be cleared!

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September 2019 Newsletter contributions: please email notices by August 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

Monday July 8th 2019: Southwark Cathedral

***** Bookings to John Varney by July 1st please *****

We apologise for the very short notice, but this meeting was organised after the last (May) newsletter was printed. If you have opted to receive electronic versions of newsletters as well as this printed version, you will have received a 'newsletter extra' which gave some weeks' notice of this meeting.

Peter Wright, Organist and Director of Music is due to retire on the 14th July after many years of dedicated and distinguished service.

At **13:10**, Peter will be giving his last organ recital at the Cathedral, and members may wish to attend this recital, before the evening event.

Peter will be delighted to meet members following Choral Evensong, which starts at 17:30. He will talk to us and give a demonstration on the organ before allowing members to play. This is a unique opportunity for the Organ Club to honour Peter and to pay tribute to him and wish him a happy retirement.

Costs: £5 per head - on the same basis as the Kings College Strand visit, to be collected after the Choral Evensong.

Travel; the nearest station is **London Bridge - Jubilee & Northern Lines** plus main line. The Tooley Street entrance and exit re-opened at London Bridge Station. The Cathedral's website says they highly recommend that, should you be using this station, you exit onto Tooley Street opposite the Hay's Galleria, cross the road, head west and walk to the Cathedral going past London Bridge Hospital, under London Bridge and past the London Tombs and Mudlark Public House, entering through our courtyard on the north side of the Cathedral.

Bookings to John Varney, jvarneyguildford@icloud.com or telephone 01483 574326 by July 1st 2019.

Saturday July 20th 2019: visit to Malvern Link, Newland and Malvern Priory

11:00-12:30 St Matthias, Church Road, Malvern Link, WR14 1LX
Organ by Nicholson 1833, restored by Trevor Tipple 1990 and 2005
Pedal 4, Great 8, Swell 11

13:15-14:30 St Leonard Newland and The Beauchamp Community WR13 5AX

Organ: Nicholson (Date Unknown)
Great 7, Swell 6, Pedal 1

Display of the work of "The Archive of Recorded Church Music", a selection of Treasures from the world's largest collection of choir recordings in the English cathedral tradition

15:15-17:00 Malvern Priory WR14 3ET

Organ by Nicholson 1879, rebuilt by Rushworth and Dreaper in 1927 and 1977, and further overhauled by Nicholson in 2003.
Great 10 Swell 14, Choir 6, Solo 8, Pedal 10

Travel: The 08:22 from Paddington (destination Hereford) arrives at Malvern Link Station at 10:59. Arrive at train at least 2 minutes early.

WALKING is the best route from Malvern Link Station to St Matthias, Out of the station – and on to the main A449 Worcester Road. 2nd Left is Cromwell Road – opposite a post office – turn into Cromwell and to end – sharp left at end of road. Turn right into Redland Road – and St Matthias on right – entrance in Church Road.

St Matthias to St Leonard Newland, WR13 5AX
RETRACE route back to A449 Worcester Road

BUS 44/44A/44B short journey to Townsend Way – large roundabout with A449 bus stop opposite URC Church on A449, 4 buses per hour - about 4 or 5 bus stops . St Leonards on Right.

Walkers – along Church Road to end – turn right at end into Lower Howsell Road and at A449 turn left. Carry on until you get to the roundabout – a big Morrisons on the right – where you pick up the bus to get back to MALVERN. To MALVERN - No.44 bus calls at Morrisons at xx.41, xx56, xx11 & xx.26 Church Street nearest point to Priory – timetable running time 22 minutes Return train from Gt. Malvern Station at 1745, arrives Paddington at 2027.

Bookings please to John Varney - jvarneyguildford@icloud.com or 01483 574326 by Sunday 14th July.

Cost: Usual day charge of £5 applies.

Saturday August 17th 2019: Colchester

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

10:00-10:55 Castle Methodist Church, Maidenburgh Street, CO1 1TT
2 manual organ by Cedric Arnold of Thaxted 1971. Most of the organ was from the previous church in Culver Street which was demolished as part of town centre redevelopment.

Great 8, 8, 4, 4, 2, 2/3, 2, II

Swell 8, 8, 4, 4, 2, 11/3, 8, 8

Pedal 16, 8, 4, 16

The church will be open from approx 09:30 for any early arrivals and Teas and Coffees will be available although they must not be taken into the church itself.

11:00-12:00 Colchester Town Hall, High Street, CO1 1PJ
3 manual organ by Norman and Beard 1902 recently restored in 2015 by Harrison and Harrison Ltd
We will be met here by Ian Ray (borough organist and organist of Lion Walk) who has very kindly arranged our visit here today

Great 16, 8, 8, 4, 4, 2, IV, 8, 4

Swell 16, 8, 8, 8, 8, 4, 2, IV, 8, 8

Choir 8, 8, 8, 4, 8

Pedal 16, 16, 8, 8.

12:00-13.30 Lunch Break - numerous eating places within the town centre

13:30-15:00 Lion Walk URC, Lion Walk Precinct CO1 1LX

Organ built for the new church in 1986 by Hill Norman and Beard incorporating most of the old Willis/Walker organ from the old church of which just the spire remains

Great 16, Swell 14, Choir 13, Pedal 17

There is much borrowing of reeds from one department to another.

15:15-16:45 St. James P.C., East Hill CO1 2QW

Much of this organ was from the old church of St Nicholas which stood imposingly in the High Street. The organ at that time had three manuals but is now just over 2 manuals as rebuilt by Cedric Arnold in 1970

Great 11, Swell 14, Pedal 11

Teas and Coffees will be available.

17:00-18.30 St. Boltoph P.C. Church Walk CO2 7EE

The organ that we see today was originally a two manual Walker rebuilt with all new mechanical action to the manuals by Cedric Arnold in 1966

Great 7, Swell 7, Choir 5, Pedal 10

Bookings by 9 August to Andrew Stevens a.stevens405@btinternet.com, or phone 01440 730085.

Parking is not possible at any of these venues: however Colchester does have numerous car parks with one at Castle Road which is just off Roman Road opposite St James Church and costs £7 for 12 hours.

There is also 'park and ride' at Junction 28 of the A12, CO4 5JA with frequent buses into the Town Centre, but please check times of last buses back in the afternoon. Cost £3.

This bus service, I am fairly certain, also stops at the Railway Station. There are frequent rail services into Colchester and the fast train takes approximately 50 minutes from London Liverpool Street.

Saturday September 28th 2019 (NB: **not** 3rd Saturday)

Visit to Edington

We shall be visiting Edington Priory, St. Mary Steeple Aston.

We are also endeavouring to arrange visits to Westbury URC and/or Westbury Methodist, but this is not yet confirmed.

Full details including travel arrangements in the September Newsletter.
Arranged John Varney

Tour: Monday 14th to Friday 18th October 28th 2019

South & East Ridings of Yorkshire Tour

We will be based in Wakefield for the duration of the tour, and transport will be via coach to the various destinations, where required.

Whilst most of the visits are confirmed, a couple or so are not, so there could be some minor changes to the programme. Bearing this in mind, the days of the tour are planned as follows:

Mon 14th Oct: Huddersfield (4 organs): Town Hall, University (St Paul's Hall and Phipps Concert Hall), St Patrick's RC Church;

Tue 15th Oct (4 organs): Selby Abbey, Howden Minster, Beverley Minster and Beverley St. Mary's;

Wed 16th Oct (3 organs): Wakefield Cathedral, Unitarian Church Wakefield, Barnsley Metro Centre Compton Theatre Organ;

Thurs 17th Oct (4 organs): Dewsbury Minster, Mirfield Parish Church, Mirfield Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield Methodist Church;

Fri 18th Oct (2 organs): Pontefract Parish Church of St Giles, Doncaster Minster.

Further details regarding accommodation and booking will be given in the next (September) newsletter.

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**).

Fri/Sat December 27/28th 2019: Central London
Organ Club Competition

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

2020 September or October: Tour of Isle of Man – to include Trams and Steam Trains. Details to follow when available.

3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

St Alphage, 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 (St Michael's Episcopal Church,
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan USA)
following Choral Evensong by St Mary's Singers at 18.00

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

Jul 15th 13:00 Andrzej Malitowski (Royal Academy of Music)
Tickets £5

Sep 14th 11:00 & 12:00 Heritage Open Day

Demonstrations on the Father Willis followed by the opportunity to come
and try your hand at the 4m Willis in 1882 condition WITHOUT modern
playing aids!

Holy Cross, 45 Wellington Street, Leicester, LE1 6HW

Jul 4th 13:15 Philip Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

New Testament Church of God College Street, Northampton, NN1 2QP.

Jul 18th 13:10 Philip Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

Aug 15th 13:10 Philip Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

Bury Park U.R.C, Waldeck Road, Luton, LU1 1HG.

Aug 1st 12:15 Philip Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

St Margaret's St Margaret's Way, Leicester, LE1 3EB.

Aug 8th 13:00 Philip Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP

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 Edmund's, Larkswood 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

Jun 29th 19:30 William Fox (St Paul's Cathedral)

Jul 27th 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 Cavaillé-Coll

Programme for 2019, 15:00 to 16:00

[Neil Wright OC member - DOM at the Abbey.

Organ looked after by Eric and John Shepherd!]

July 7th 15:00 Loreto Aramendi, Basilica Santa Maria del Coro,
San Sebastián, Spain

Aug 4th 15:00 Richard Brasier, Upminster, Essex

Sep 1st 15:00 David Bendix Nielsen, Roskilde Cathedral, Denmark

Oct 6th 15:00 Neil Wright, Farnborough Abbey

Dec 15th 15:00 Advent Concert – Neil Wright

Admission free, with retiring collection

St James's Church, Bushey, WD23 1BD

Jun 15th 12:00 Philip Drew and David Hansell

Recital duration is 45 minutes. Coffee served from 11:00

Light Lunches served from 13:00

Truro Cathedral, St Mary's Street, Truro, TR1 2AF

Aug 30th 13:10 Timothy Easter (Harpenden)

Winchester Cathedral, The Close, Winchester, SO23 9LS

Sep 3rd 13:00 Timothy Easter (Harpenden)

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

Aug 18th 15:00 Gerard Brooks (Methodist Central Hall)

Welsh Church of Central London, 30 Eastcastle Street, W1W 8DJ

Aug 21st 13:15 Gerard Brooks (Methodist Central Hall)

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