

Two photos from Yorkshire Tour, October 2019



Newsletter editor at the console of the 5-manual organ at Wakefield Cathedral



Organ at Beverley Minster, framed by the piers and Early English vaulting

The Organ Club Newsletter

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1. NOTICES

Isle of Man Tour proposal – September 2020

More details are on page 5 of this newsletter, including how to register your interest.

2020 Membership

I am pleased to advise that membership rates for the 2020 calendar year are unchanged - £30 standard membership and £12 for young members (Young: at 1st January 2020 all up to 18 years, and those in full time study or apprenticeships up to 30 years). Your membership number will appear on the envelope label for The Journal, and on posted Newsletters. If the number starts with “19” then renewal is due in the period 2nd January to 31st March (See Constitution, item 3d & 3f). The usual form will be mailed in January Newsletter including banking information.

The Newsletter is sent out as standard by electronic means – Mailchimp – please ensure your computer (particularly if you have a Company or School based email address) recognizes THE ORGAN CLUB. The Newsletter can always be found on the website. If you do not have email or are unable to print, a printed issue is available. Online & email versions are updated so please keep an eye on the Club’s web site.

GDPR requires ALL changes to membership information – emails/telephone number/address must be sent to me not to any other officer.

My contact details are shown on page 3 of each Journal; my email for ALL correspondence is markmdjameson@btinternet.com ; landline is **01189 344212**, and text messages (NOT email) can be sent to my mobile **07802 715634**.

Future Charity Status & Membership

Progress has been slower than hoped. Our Treasurer, Neville Joseph, continues working on this, and our General Secretary, John Henderson, has been examining our Constitution to ensure our practice is accurate.

176 members promptly agreed to Gift Aid (when renewing for 2019) with many others saying they would check once Charity status was granted – thus showing agreement for the Club to attain Charity status.

The late Philip Weston, who drew up the Constitution in 1998, set it to provide for this change.

When dealing with officialdom, almost the first question every time is a request for the Charity Number. Please support this change. The confidential forms will remain with the Membership Secretary.

Sales of items from Bequests

Progress has been made this autumn due to the generosity of several members, and I am now down to one stack of boxes. I still have many books, leaflets, specifications and CD/DVDs available. Some extra CDs have been added.

There are now just two PDF lists – books etc, 411 items (18 pages), CD/DVD 98 (7 pages). If a printed list is needed, please send £5 as a contribution to paper, ink, envelope and postage costs. Contact information as above.

Mark Jameson (Membership Secretary)

January 2020 Newsletter contributions

Please email notices by December 16th at the latest to John Belling, Organ Club newsletter editor, at newsletter@organclub.org, or write to him at:

42 Cunningham Park,
Harrow,
Middlesex,
HA1 4QJ

Nov 23rd 18:40 Margaret Phillips (Professor of Organ,
Royal College of Music)

Nov 30th 18:40 Christopher Whitton (Emmanuel College, Cambridge)

Royal Hospital School Chapel, Holbrook IP9 2RX

Sat 1st February 2020 (RCO Study Day)

“The art of making instant music!” - improvising on the organ
For the parish organist, and more advanced players.

The ability to improvise is an important skill – especially for the church organist – and it is fun! There are always moments during a service when pieces need to be extended or suitable music played for a short time. Improvisation is an “age-old skill and a wonderful practical and creative resource”.

Come and find out how to do it; or come and take your existing skills to a whole new level!

Observers also most welcome – come and pick up tips whilst relaxing and listening to others play.

The course will be directed by Ronny Krippner (“*A phenomenal improviser*” BBC Music Magazine) and Drew Cantrill-Fenwick (“*a formidable musician*” NZ Herald)

11:00 Refreshments & registration

11:15 Improvisation demonstration/recital by Ronny Krippner

12:00 Workshop 1

13:15 Lunch break

14:00 Workshop 2

15:15 Refreshments

15:45 Organ recital by Drew Cantrill-Fenwick

Featuring music by Litaize, Boëly, Franck and Vierne.

Participants (maximum of 6 in each group): £30 (for masterclass & recital);

Observers also most welcome: £15 (for masterclass & recital);

Lunch is available to purchase at £5;

Admission to concluding Recital only: £10.

Bookings for the Workshop: participants & observers, in advance please, via David Poulter at RHS: Email: DPoulter@royalhospitalschool.org

Tickets for the 15:45 Recital also available in advance or on the door

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

Organ by Cavaillé-Coll

(Neil Wright OC member - DOM at the Abbey. organ looked after by Eric and John Shepherd!)

Dec 15th 15:00 Advent Concert – Neil Wright

Admission free, with retiring collection.

Wrap warmly as there is no heating in the Abbey.

Sometimes Abbey farm eggs for sale at £1.80 per box – VERY tasty!! Also CDs featuring the organ.

Shrewsbury Abbey, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6BS

Jan 4th 12:00 Paul Greally (Royal College of Organists)

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

Nov 21st 13:10 Philip Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

Dec 19th 13:10 Philip Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

St Mary & St Giles, Church Street, Stony Stratford, Bucks, MK11 1BD

Dec 6th 12:30 Philip Bricher (Holy Trinity, Northampton)

St Lawrence Church, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2BW

Organ Recitals – 53rd season - Tuesday at **20:00**, usually finish by 21:15.

Nov 5th Tansy Castledine (DOM & Organist, Peterborough Cathedral)

Dec 3rd David Poulter (Chester & Coventry)

And in 2020:

Jan 7th Paul Carr

Feb 4th Peter Wright (recently retired from Southwark Cathedral)

Mar 3rd Kristel Aer (Estonia)

Apr 7th Anna Lapwood (Pembroke College, Cambridge)

May 5th Peter King (Organist Emeritus, Bath Abbey)

Tickets £10 at the door, but there is usually a season ticket for those able to attend regularly.

For getting home, Alton Station 21:44 arrives Waterloo 22:58 (via Aldershot, Woking and Clapham Junction). Allow 15 minutes to get from church to station walking.

King's College Chapel, King's Parade, Cambridge CB2 1ST

Michaelmas term organ recitals, duration ~45 minutes, free admission.

Nov 2nd 18:40 Daniel Hyde (King's College)

Nov 9th 18:40 Richard Gowers (Organ Scholar 2014-17)

Nov 16th 18:40 Tomé Olives (Santa Maria Church, Mahon,
and Ciutadella Cathedral, Menorca)

2. CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday November 16th 2019: Bishop's Stortford

11:00 St Michaels P.C. Windhill, CM23 2ND

Recently reconstructed in 2016 by Mander Organs, this is now basically a new organ using almost all of the original 1888 Kirkland pipework with additions by Walkers, Nicholsons and Manders.

It is now a very fine Parish Church Organ - Gt 12; Sw 10; Ch 12; Ped 10.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

There are numerous eateries in Town within very easy walking distance of this and the next church.

14:15 Water Lane U.R.C. Water Lane, CM23 2JZ

Organ by William Hill 1898, rebuilt by H.N&B in 1952 with pneumatic action and then again in 1995 when it was electrified and a detached console added. Gt 8; Sw 10; Ped 6.

16:00 All Saints' Hockerill, Stansted Road, CM23 2DY

Overhauled and enlarged earlier this year by Willis, who built the original organ in 1937. The organ uses the extension principle owing to an extremely tight chamber and now produces a noble sound in this beautiful church. Gt 11; Sw 10; Ped 10.

Tea and coffee will be provided, for which there will be a donations plate.

17:30 Hockerill Anglo European College, Dunmow Road, CM23 5HX

Originally by Hill (1878) and then overhauled by H.N&B in 1923, the organ was then drastically altered by Anthony Worsdell before being returned to its original specification by Johnsons in more recent years. Gt 5; Sw 4; Ped 2.

Car parking - there are numerous town centre car parks very close to the first two churches with just a short ten to fifteen minute walk up the hill to Hockerill in the afternoon. Charge is £4.40 for all day parking.

For those who don't feel like walking up the Hill to All Saints there will be parking available at the Anglo European college (only available in the afternoon) which is just around the corner from All Saints.

There is also parking at the first church (St Michaels) for just 3 or 4 cars strictly for those with walking difficulties please.

Regular trains from London to Bishop's Stortford.

Bookings by 9th November to a.stevens405@btinternet.com
or tel 01440 730085.

December 27th & 28th 2019:

The London Organ Competition at St. Clement Danes.

Fri 27th December at 14:00 - Junior Competition (ages up to 16)

Sat 28th December at 14:00 - Senior Competition (17-19)

Meeting fee for Members: £5 for each day.

The judges this year are:

Tansy Castledine (Director of Music and Organist, Peterborough Cathedral)

Richard Moore (Assistant Director of Music, Guildford Cathedral)

Note for competitors.

The Senior Section is now full. There are vacancies for the Junior Section.

Please apply by Monday 18th November.

Details on the Club website: www.organclub.org

Saturday January 25th 2020: Bloomsbury Organ Day

The Bloomsbury Organ Day takes place at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8EP on Saturday January 25th 2020, 12:30-19:00.

Entry is free, but there is an afternoon buffet at £5, and a charge of £7 for the celebrity recital at 18:00 – 19:00, given by Catherine Ennis.

Dame Gillian Weir is giving a Masterclass during the afternoon, and at 13:00 there is a recital by OCSO member Paul Greally, Organ Scholar Elect at King's College Cambridge, and winner of the junior section of the 2017 London Organ Competition.

Further details (and a registration form which you are asked to complete) can be found at: <https://organistsonline.org/bloomsbury/bcbcday.html> .

Saturday February 15th 2020:

Masterclass with Jonathan Rennert

The February meeting, on Saturday February 15th 2020, commences with a Masterclass at St. Michael's Cornhill at 14:00 with **Jonathan Rennert**, the resident organist, and will feature four of our OCSO members.

After the Masterclass, there will be playing time for members.

Meeting charge: £5.

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

2020 September : Isle of Man Tour proposal

Subject to being able to obtain hotel accommodation, it is proposed to run this tour for the week commencing **Monday September 14th 2020**, exact dates have yet to be resolved.

The Isle of Man has a lot of history, interesting organs, steam trains, trams etc. - many of our members have shown a keen interest in "historic" transport.

Would members please contact **Don Roworth**, who is the organiser, to get an idea of numbers - email address don.roworth@mcb.net .

Don is being supported by Pat Flynn patrick.voxhumana@gmail.com .

For those without email, please contact Mark Jameson – his contact details can be found on page 1 of this newsletter.

There is a lot of preparation ahead of running any tour.

3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

Reading Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG11QH

Lunchtime Series 2019/20, Mondays at 13:00

Nov 18th 13:00 Benjamin Chewter (London)

Jan 20th 13:00 David Pether (Reading)

Mar 16th 13:00 Eton College Student

May 18th 13:00 Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music,
St Marylebone PC

Jul 20th 13:00 David Quinn of Bradfield College

Admission £5.

All Saints' Church, Downshire Square, Reading RG1 6NN

Nov 30th 19:30 Christine Wells (St. Mary the Virgin, Hambleton)

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP

Nov 30th 16:00 Ghislaine Rees-Trapp (Highgate School)

Bury Park URC, Waldeck Road, Luton, LU1 1HG

Nov 28th 12:15 Philip Prior (St Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall, Colchester)

Keble College Chapel, Keble Road, Oxford, OX1 3PG

Nov 7th 20:30 Adrian Gunning (St John the Evangelist, Islington)