

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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## 1. NOTICES

**Isle of Man Tour – September 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2020, based in Douglas**

More details are on pages 4-6 of this newsletter, including how to register your interest.

### **2020 Membership and Subscriptions**

**Renewal time!** Rates unchanged from 2019, and as given in November 2019 Newsletter. **UK Royal Mail** area membership: **£30**. A second person sharing your mailing – 50% discount - **£15**. **Young** members – all to **18** years and those in full time study up to the age of **30** - **£12**.

If your address is **outside the UK Royal Mail postal zone** there is **£10** supplement that helps to cover postage. Those members who gained another member in 2019 get a single £5 discount on their membership, and they must state who they gained on the renewal form. Our financial year is January to December those due to renew, should do so as soon as possible please.

The banking information is as for previous years, if you have a query about payment methods **please contact me**. The Club cannot accept credit or debit card payments, so a direct bank transfer please, or UK cheque.

I am trying this year to send out the renewal form by e-mail for those members due to renew who are on the e-mailing list. Those members who have the Newsletter by post will get their renewal form by post. The form that comes by e-mail will only have UK banking – if you are an overseas member please contact me for BIC and IBAN information; the systems used for 2019 may be used again so long as the payment after any currency charges matches the UK rates in the first paragraph.

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

GDPR requires ALL changes to membership information – e-mails/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 e-mail for ALL correspondence is [markmdjameson@btinternet.com](mailto:markmdjameson@btinternet.com); landline is **01189 344212** and text messages (NOT e-mail) can be sent to my mobile **07802 715634**.

*Mark Jameson (Membership Secretary)*

## **The Organ Club Website**

The 2020 Club Archive downloads are now available on the website - see [www.organclub.org](http://www.organclub.org)

## **Yorkshire Tour 2019 – DVD now available**

If anyone on the recent Yorkshire tour would like a copy of a 6 hour DVD, do please get in touch with Keith Rawlings on **01822 834033**.

If no reply, please leave a message including your telephone number, and Keith will get back to you.

## **HOT OFF THE PRESS – Organ Club Competition Winners**

### Junior Section

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: Timothy Stewart**, who played Bach *Komm Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott BWV651* and Vierne - *Toccata in B Minor from Suite No.2*

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Edward Byrne**, who played Bach *St Anne Fugue BWV552b* and Demessieux - *Te Deum Op.11*

### Senior Section

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: Laura Schlappa**, who played Bach *Fugue in D Dur BWV532*, and Guillou *Toccata No. 9*

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize: James Tett** - Bach *Choral Prelude BWV654* and Boellmann - *Priere a Notre Dame and Toccata*

All the playing was to a very high standard.  
Full report will be in the Organ Club Journal.

Our thanks have gone to all involved in the organising, hosting, judges and the players for all their hard work.

## **March 2020 Newsletter contributions**

Please email notices by February 16<sup>th</sup> at the latest to John Belling, Organ Club newsletter editor, at [newsletter@organclub.org](mailto:newsletter@organclub.org), or write to him at:

42 Cunningham Park, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 4QJ

## 2. CLUB MEETINGS

### **Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2020: Bloomsbury Organ Day**

The Bloomsbury Organ Day takes place at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8EP on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Grealley, 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/bcbcdays.html> .

### **Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2020: Masterclass with Jonathan Rennert**

The February meeting, on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2020: AGM St Alphage, Burnt Oak**

The Annual General Meeting of the Organ Club will take place at the St Alphage, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, HA8 0DN at 14:00.

Entry to the AGM is free to members.

After the AGM, at 15:00, there will be an organ recital given by Eleni Keventsidou to include *Variations & Fugue on an Original Theme* by Max Reger, this piece being the topic of Eleni's doctorate. It is a complex piece, lasting about ½ hour.

Tea will be served in the Parish Room at about 16:00, for which there will be a charge.

There will be a chance for members to play the organ after tea.

Travel: St Alphege is in Montrose Avenue. The entrance is in St Alphege Walk. There are no parking restrictions on a Saturday, but allow time to find a space. Burnt Oak Underground station is approximately a 15 minute walk. The easiest way is to walk up Watling Avenue to the traffic lights, then turn left into the Edgware Road, then first left into Montrose Avenue. St Alphege Walk is on the left a short distance down Montrose Avenue.

Please inform Eric Shepherd at [bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com](mailto:bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com) by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 if you expect to attend the AGM.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> June: walking tour - "Lower" Windsor parish churches.**

We will visit about 5 churches (including All Saints, last OC visit in 1931 when organ was new, and Holy Trinity Garrison church), not normally on the tourist trail!

Travel to WINDSOR GWR station, then on foot. More nearer the time.

**September 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2020: Isle of Man Tour -**

**A week exploring organs, with some Victorian transport**

The Isle of Man has much of interest. We will focus on seeing some of the organs in the some of the many churches and chapels on the island, but will also have the opportunity to experience Victorian rail travel and in the process see some splendid scenery in this essentially rural country.

The island is a Crown Protectorate with its own parliament, legal system and currency. As an independent state of fewer than 90,000 residents that recognises the Queen as 'Lord of Mann', it has never been a member of the EU.

The organs are mostly small and Victorian or Edwardian in origin, and the majority are of 2-manuals (we shall see the only 3-manual on the island, the 1886/1913 Hill in Douglas).

Accommodation has been block-booked in the new Premier Inn in the centre of Douglas, very convenient for shops and restaurants and within an easy walk of the ferry terminal, bus terminal and promenade. All rooms can be set up for either single occupancy, double or twin. There is a reasonable eating facility at the hotel, but also a range of other options close by for breakfast and evening meals.

Travel arrangements to and from IOM will need to be made by members at their own expense, to arrive by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September and leave on or after Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. There are daily ferries to/from Liverpool and Heysham (enabling travel between Douglas and the London area by 'sail and rail' within a day), and flights by BA, Flybe, EasyJet and Aer Lingus linking the IOM to various locations in the UK and Eire. Pricing and availability of seats on these are generally better the earlier you can book.

### **Cost of Tour**

The budget is still being worked on, and once finalised those who register an interest will be contacted with details. It will help with budgeting if you ensure that Don Roworth ([don.roworth@mcb.net](mailto:don.roworth@mcb.net), or text to **07624 318785**) knows likely numbers as early as possible, so please ensure he does know of your interest.

The Tour price will include 6 nights accommodation at the Premier Inn, all on-island transport (private coach, train and tram), and a contribution towards overheads - principally production of the tour booklet and fees for the venues. Participants will be responsible for all meals and their travel to/from Douglas.

### **Draft Outline of Itinerary**

Each day will start at the Premier Inn (coach on 4 days, walking locally on one day). Wednesday will definitely be in Douglas, but the other days may be interchanged.

Please be aware that these are **plans only - please do not try to contact the venues as not all are public buildings, and the sequences and availability may change.**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September: CENTRAL & WEST:** Coach to Braddan, Marown, Peel, Kirkmichael and Bishopscout private chapel. Lunch at Peel Cathedral 'Big Table'.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September: EAST:** Coach to Onchan, Laxey and Ramsey. Lunch in Ramsey. Electric Tramway back to Douglas.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Douglas:** Walking tour of several churches, taking in a Wurlitzer concert at Marina Arcade. Lunch in Douglas. (There may later be an opportunity to sample a horse tram and to visit the Groudle Glen Railway, if running.)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September: NORTH:** Coach to Lezayre, Sulby, Ballaugh and Jurby. Lunch in Ballaugh. (Possible afternoon opportunity to visit Laxey Wheel and/or Snaefell Mountain Railway).

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September: SOUTH:** Train to Port Erin. Coach to Port St Mary, Malew, King William's College, Ballasalla. Lunch probably in Castletown or Ballasalla. (Some members may wish to return to Douglas by train from Ballasalla, but this might mean missing the last venue.)

**Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> 2020, Canterbury Cathedral** & its new organ.

### **3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS**

**St Alphage, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, HA8 0DN**

*Organ built 2002 by B C Shepherd & Sons, incorporating Father Willis pipes from 1857*

Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Gordon Stewart (Huddersfield Town Hall)  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> 19:30 Tom Winpenny (St Albans Cathedral)  
Jun 6<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Yuki Ihara (Tokyo, Japan)  
Jun 27<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Anthony Halliday (St Francis Church, Melbourne)  
Jul 4<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Rosemary Evans (St Alphage, Burnt Oak)  
Sep 5<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Steve Bowey (St Mary's Church, Shaw-cum-Donnington, Berks)

Admission £10, including refreshments.

Also:

Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 15.00 – Organ Club AGM recital

**Eleni Keventsidou** *International Recitalist, Organ & Piano teacher  
Rugby School & Kent College Canterbury*

Music to include *Variations & Fugue on an Original Theme* by Max Reger.

Admission Free Sponsored by The Organ Club

**Reading Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG11QH**

Lunchtime Series 2019/20, Mondays at 13:00

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 13:00 David Pether (Reading)  
Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Eton College Student  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Jamie Rogers (Assistant Director of Music,  
St Marylebone PC)  
Jul 20<sup>th</sup> 13:00 David Quinn (Bradfield College)

Admission £5 at the door.

Prebooked tickets offered now £4.50. Ring 01189 960 6060 to book, or look at READING ARTS on line.

**Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP**

Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 18:00 David Davies (Buckfast Abbey) (**please note later time**)

Mar 28<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Peter King (Bath Abbey – Organist Emeritus)

**Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, Worcester, WR1 2LA**

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Adrian Gunning (St John the Evangelist, Islington)

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

Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 14:30 Adrian Gunning (St John the Evangelist, Islington)

*Part of London Organ Day*

Angel Tube; buses: 4 19 30 38 73 205 341

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

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 15:00 Gerard Brooks (Central Hall, Westminster)

**Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX**

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 19:30 Gerard Brooks (Central Hall, Westminster)

**Christ's Chapel, Gallery Road, Dulwich, London SE21 7AD**

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 19:45 Marilyn Harper (Christ's Chapel, Dulwich)

**Birmingham Town Hall, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B3 3DQ**

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)

Admission £6

**Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA**

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)

Admission £6

**St Mary Abchurch, Abchurch Lane, EC4N 7BA**

Tuesdays at 12:30 Ian Shaw (St Mary Abchurch)

Admission free – refreshments available

**St Lawrence Church, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2BW**

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

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Paul Carr (International Concert Organist)

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Peter Wright (recently retired from Southwark Cathedral)

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Kristel Aer (Estonia)

Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Anna Lapwood (Pembroke College, Cambridge)

May 5<sup>th</sup> 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 the station walking.

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

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

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 18:40 Philip Scriven (Cranleigh School)

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 18:40 Daniel Hyde (King's College)

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 18:40 Christopher Too (King's College)

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 18:40 Simon Bell

(Director of Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum and  
Director of Choral Music and Organist at Dean Close School)

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 18:40 Dónal McCann (King's College)

Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 18:40 Jas Hutchinson-Bazely (Nicholas Danby Trust Scholar)

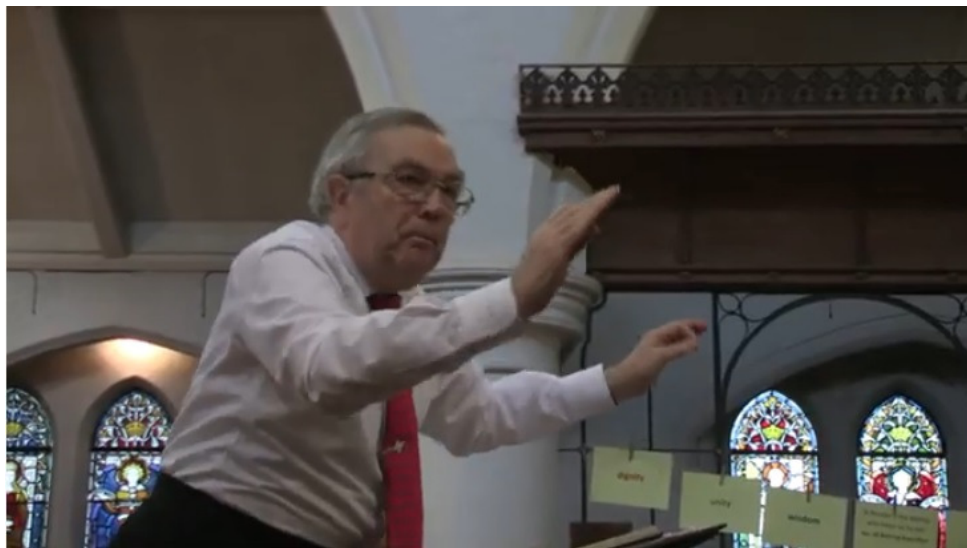
Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 18:40 Kumi Choi

(St Albans Organ Competition: Interpretation First Prize &  
Gold Medal; Peter Hurford Bach Prize; and Douglas May Award )

<https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/chapel/hear-music-at-kings/organ-recitals>

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Organ Club committee member John Varney conducting the Guildford Area U3A choir in the first performance of *WAKE UP! Ring the Changes*, a new carol by Dorothy Kirkman, at St Nicholas Church on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019.