

# 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 4-5 of this newsletter, including how to register your interest.

### **2020 Membership - reminder**

The November 2019 & January 2020 Newsletters gave details of the rates – unchanged from 2019 year. **The renewal date was 1<sup>st</sup> January.** All those due to renew who ask for their Newsletters by post had a posted renewal form, whilst the majority who have newsletters sent electronically, had a link in the January Newsletter to download the renewal form. There is also a renewal form without banking information on the website. All payments by cheque received by 12<sup>th</sup> February have been banked and electronic payments are checked frequently. At the time of writing (16<sup>th</sup> February) only about half of the membership has renewed – thank you very much, and thank you for donations, where added to your renewals.

Your membership number appears on the envelope label of each Journal, and for those with posted Newsletters, on the Newsletter envelope. If the number starts with '19', **you are still due to renew.**

The constitution states that renewals are due to complete by the end of the month in which the AGM is held, i.e. by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Your prompt attention to renewals is requested. Please ensure all matters relating to membership and mailing list updates are sent to me; if they go elsewhere, any change could get overlooked.

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.

## **May 2020 Newsletter contributions**

Please email notices by April 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 March 21st 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 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 Alphage is in Montrose Avenue. The entrance is in St Alphage 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 Alphage 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.

### **Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 – National Organ Day, Clapham**

April 18th is RCO National Organ Day 2020, and there are events at various churches.

11:00 **St Paul's Church**, Rectory Grove, Clapham, SW4 0DR

This event has been arranged by the organist Alan Saggerson.

The church which has never been visited by the club is a fine building built in 1815, and houses a 2 manual 20 stop 1877 organ by Forster & Andrews. It is almost untouched tonally, and was thoroughly restored by Andrew Cooper of the Isle of Wight in 2019, after having been almost unplayable for a number of years.

There will be an opportunity to hear and play the organ. There will be light refreshments available. At 2pm there will be a series of short recitals by local organists. Admission is free and donations are welcome. There is a rehearsal for Choral Evensong at 4pm for anyone who would like to take part.

**16:00 Clapham Methodist Church**, 121 High Street, Clapham, SW4 7JR  
Members will have the opportunity to hear and play the 2 manual 14 stop Harrison & Harrison organ of 1903 built for Kirbymoorside Methodist Church Yorkshire in 1903, and installed at Clapham in 1980. In 2018 it was cleaned and the pedal action electrified by B C Shepherd & Sons, who have maintained the organ since its installation. This will be a first visit for the club. We are grateful to the organist Dorothy Blincoe for agreeing to host the visit.

**17:30** Refreshments back at **St Paul's Church**

**18:00** Choral Evensong with the St Paul's Singers and guests (Canticles: John Ireland in C)

There is free street parking available at St Paul's Church. It is an approximately 12 minute walk from St Paul's Church to Clapham Methodist Church. Parking is difficult near the Methodist Church.

Please contact me to let me know if you intend to come by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Email: [bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com](mailto:bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com) Tel: 020 8958 2461.

## **Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2020: churches in Goring & Streatley**

Goring and Streatley are adjacent villages, in Oxfordshire and Berkshire respectively, separated by the River Thames and joined by a bridge.

11:00 **Goring Free Church**, High St, Goring, Reading RG8 9AT

Organ by Gern, rebuilt restored by Brian Carlick in 1998

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **St Mary Streatley**, Church Lane, High Street, RG8 9HU

Two-manual organ by Jennings 2004

16:00 **St Thomas**, Manor Road, Goring, Reading RG8 9DS

Three-manual organ, 1887 Monk/1930 Bishop

Day visit notes will be available electronically ahead of the visit.

Member participation cost: £5.00.

Please book via Mark Jameson: email [markmdjameson@btinternet.com](mailto:markmdjameson@btinternet.com) , or telephone 01189 344212.

Further details, including travel suggestions, will appear in the next (May) newsletter.

## **Fri May 22<sup>nd</sup> to (Bank Holiday) Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2020**

### **The Third Ushaw Organ Weekend**

An informal and sociable weekend, focused upon

- lifting your organ playing – with encouraging tuition in small groups intended for players at all ages and stages
- enjoying recitals given by premier players – intended for organists at all ages and stages
- with organ exploration and cultural recreation for observers – all in a truly uplifting setting.

For further details, contact Vice President James Parsons:

[contact@jamesparsons.org](mailto:contact@jamesparsons.org) .

**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 - "New" Windsor parish churches.**

We will visit five churches: All Saints (1931 Hunter, last OC visit in 1931 when organ was new!), Holy Trinity, St Edward RC, St Stephen, Methodist Church. 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 Bishopscoat 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

Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Jamie Andrews (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](#) online.

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

Organ by Cavaillé-Coll - looked after by Eric and John Shepherd.

1st Sunday of the Month, 3pm to 4pm, retiring collection

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 15:00 Neil Wright (Abbey Organist and Club member)

Jun 7<sup>th</sup> 15:00 Nicolas Pichon (Lille)

Jul 5<sup>th</sup> 15:00 Johannes Trümpler (Dresden)

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

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

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

Organ: JW Walker 1963, restored 2006, 3 manuals, 46 stops.

International Organ Series 2020

Apr 25<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Mitchell Miller (USA)

May 30<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Peter Wright (London)

Jun 27<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Jennifer Chou (Australia)

Jul 25<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Katelyn Emerson (USA)

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Isabelle Demers (USA)

Admission free, retiring collection.

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

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

Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)

May 11<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)

Admission £6

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

Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> 13:00 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)

Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)

Admission £6

**Royal Festival Hall, Belvedere Road, London SE1 8XX**

May 26<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)

**Leeds Town Hall, The Headrow, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS1 3AD**

Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Thomas Trotter (Birmingham City Organist)

**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.

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.

### **Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, University Campus, Guildford GU2 7UP**

Summer Organ Festival: celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Louis Vierne. Programmes will include Vierne's *Pieces de Fantaisie*.

Jul 30<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Richard Moore  
Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Richard Pinel  
Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Alessandro Bianchi  
Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Daniel Cook  
Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Katherine Dienes-Williams

### **St John Baptist, 5 Market Place, Cirencester, GL7 2NX**

May 6<sup>th</sup> 13.10 Peter King (Organist Emeritus, Bath Abbey)  
Retiring collection

### **Welsh Church of Central London W1**

Lunchtime Organ Recitals 2020, Wednesday 13:05 – 13:30

(Preceded by Bible fellowship in hall 12 noon + cuppa)

Retiring collection towards expenses and organ maintenance

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Tom Daggett OBE (St Paul's Cathedral)  
Apr 15<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Adrian Gunning (St John the Evangelist, London)  
May 20<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Simon Williams (St Georges Hanover Square)  
Jun 17<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Benjamin Newlove (St. Michael's Cornhill, &  
Organ Scholar St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge)  
July 15<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Jeremiah Stephenson (All Saints Margaret St W1)  
Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Anthony Gritten (Professor, Royal Academy of Music)

### **St John the Evangelist, Church Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 6BX**

May 30<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Norman Harper (London)

### **St Mary Redcliffe, Redcliffe Way, Bristol BS1 6RA**

Jun 11<sup>th</sup> 13:15 Norman Harper (London)

### **All Saints' Clifton, Pembroke Road, Bristol, BS8 2HY**

Jun 13<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Norman Harper (London)

### **Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street, Old Portsmouth, Hamps, PO1 2HA**

Jul 2<sup>nd</sup> 13:10 Norman Harper (London)

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