

The Organ Club Newsletter

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1. NOTICES

As we appear to be approaching some semblance of the old normality, we all hope that concert halls and other music venues will soon be welcoming in a culture-starved population. As evidence, we are delighted to announce our first visit since the start of the pandemic more than a year ago - this will be a visit to Gorleston/Lowestoft on Saturday July 17th, and full details are given in section 2 (Club Meetings). This will be an excellent opportunity to renew acquaintances around the organ console!

There are also some tempting visits coming up, 'in the pipeline', see section 2.

John Belling (Newsletter Editor)

2021 Membership - reminder

A big thank you to the many who have renewed directly through electronic banking this year – much safer in lockdown. A special thank you to all who have added a donation to their subscription renewal.

There are still **9** members outstanding to renew. Please – do keep in touch – **the renewal form is shown on page 2**. The renewal date was 1st January.

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Mark Jameson (Membership Secretary)

Dear Member

REMINDER: YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP

Our January Newsletter carried the renewal form as an attachment when sent by e-mail or printed to those who received it by post. A reminder was issued with the March 2021 Newsletter.

Newsletters are being published and the first of 3 Journals has been distributed. Visits are subject to COVID19 rules and may mean a plan could suffer last minute alteration. Booking for visits will be mandatory, no turning up without booking because of the track and trace rules.

Our Adult UK membership rate is £30, outside the UK Postal Zones £40, two-year renewals - please double the payment.

Only return this form if your contact details are changed

Your Surname <small>PRINT PLEASE</small>		Title	
First Name			
E-mail: <small>PRINT PLEASE</small>			
Telephone/s:			
Name of Joint member/s at the same address			
Your postal address including post code:			

*GDPR rules: I provide the mailing lists for both printed & e-mail Newsletters, and for the Journal. If a printed Newsletter or Journal is damaged/missing contact me. **All membership matters should be directed to the Membership Secretary.** Contacting other officers only delays response, and breaches confidentiality.*

ELECTRONIC BANKING [Preferred]:	
Reference:	Your Surname & Postcode
Amount:	<i>the sum you are paying</i>
Account name:	The Organ Club
Account sort code: 20-31-52	Account number: 00655171
INTERNATIONAL: SWIFT: BUKBGB22 IBAN: GB27 BUKB 2031 5200 6551 71	
CHEQUES: please put your postcode on the back and send to:	
THE ORGAN CLUB c/o Mark Jameson, 92 The Hawthorns, CHARVIL, Reading RG10 9TS	

*PAYPAL: **Only** for overseas members without access to £STG payments. Payment has to be as a friend, not business – contact Mark Jameson. Those who have paid previously this way know the account information.*

My contacts: e-mail: markmdjameson@btinternet.com Phone: 01189 344212

Thank you for renewing – I endeavour to acknowledge as many renewals as possible

Mark Jameson, Hon Membership Secretary

Organ for sale – owned by Gerard Brooks



I bought this organ about four years ago from a private vendor in Holland. It was made by Van Vulpen, (<https://www.vulpen-orgel.nl/?p=364>), a Dutch organ building company in Utrecht who made quite a number of these small chamber/house organs in the late 1970s and 80s, designed to fit within normal ceilings. Van Vulpen assessed and dismantled the organ and made minor refurbishments (replacing felts etc.) and then brought it over and installed it in my home.

It has two manuals and seven stops as follows:

Man 1 Gedackt 8' , Flute 4', Larigot 1 1/3

Man 2 Gedackt 8' (shared with manual 1, but with its own stop knob), Principal 2', Regal 8' (situated at the front of the case for easy tuning access)

Ped Sordun 16' - a soft reed, which is situated under the manuals and behind the pedalboard, giving easy access for tuning. The volume is adjustable by opening or closing the footboard via a stop knob.

Couplers: Man 1 to Pedal, Man 2 to pedal, Man 1 to Man 2.

Dimensions: Height 218cm Width 133cm Depth (to back of bench) 122 cm.

Manual compass c-g 56 notes

Pedal compass c-f 30 notes

Weight: about 350kgs. Mechanical action throughout.

The organ has a straight pedalboard and the dimensions are compact. Its light and even mechanical action demands (and therefore teaches) careful touch and technique. Access to the pipes is easy via the front doors, and both reed stops are situated at the front of the case for tuning access. The display pipes are real but non-speaking. It has an integral blower and a small bellows all within the case. Due to building work the organ has been partially dismantled (pipes removed and packed in pipe racks) - again by Van Vulpen - and stored in our adjoining garage. It is in excellent cosmetic and mechanical condition apart from a faint coffee ring mark on the right hand side of the console from the previous owner. A demonstration recording of an identical instrument can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVccZma94Dw>

Price £20,000. Contact: Gerard Brooks West Malling, Kent
gb@gerardbrooks.org.uk Tel. 01732 848162 / 07906 661191

Organ Appeal: 'sponsor a pipe' at All Saint's Cheltenham



I would also like to share with you all some exciting news regarding our Organ Appeal.

Our "[Sponsor-a-Pipe](#)" website is now live. An introductory video can be found [here](#). The site features a revolutionary interactive "virtual console" that allows you to select a stop and press a "virtual key" to hear a sample of the pipe you have chosen. As you can imagine, sampling 2,500+ pipes for this was not a quick process!

The site also features lots of information about the instrument and the work to be carried out, as well as recordings, photographs, etc.

The organ is also available for visitors to use. Please feel free to contact me if you would be interested in visiting.

Take care,

Alex Fishburn (All Saints', Cheltenham)

WALT DISNEY ORGAN - See our latest OCJ

Our member Eric Bradley spotted an omission in the specification of the Walt Disney Concert Hall Organ (OCJ 2021/1, page 11) - Pedal 64Ft stop. Yes - an addition, and there are other changes, not showing on the organ-builders' and other web sites, that have been made to this instrument. The organ builder has been in touch and there will be a follow up in the next Journal.

The Father Willis Organ at Hereford Cathedral

The organist has just released an interesting 13-minute video describing the organ, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Father Willis (b. 27/4/1821), which you can view on YouTube:

[\(641\) The Father Willis organ at Hereford Cathedral - YouTube](#)

MALTON, North Yorkshire - The Wesley Centre

A contact made during the writing of the Christmas stamps article (OCJ 2021/1, pages 28 - 33) has led to the discovery of an interesting project taking place in Malton. The Forster & Andrews organ, originally in the Royal Normal College for the Blind in Upper Norwood, London and latterly in Hailsham Parish Church, is currently at Henry Willis in Liverpool for restoration and installation later in 2022 at the Wesley Centre. As a result I am delighted to welcome Paul Emberley who is running the project to Organ Club Membership. More details to follow.

Loan of music sets for choirs

Committee member Judith Howard has asked me to repeat this note, which first appeared in the January newsletter:

“As we are currently without a choir, we are able to loan out sets of music to other choirs who may need copies - all standard traditional repertoire, from Tallis to Rutter. Over 200 anthems plus Anglican service settings (Evensong and Communion) plus lots of carols and carol books.

Alternatively, if any church with a choir has room for the equivalent of 2 office cupboards and is interested in having the whole collection on long-term loan, we would consider this.

We also have available a quantity of adult-sized robes, red cassocks and white surplices - second-hand, so in varying condition!

I can forward music list on an Excel spreadsheet to anyone interested.

Email address: howardjudith@btinternet.com . “

The Organ Club Website

The 2020 Club Archive downloads are now available on the website - see www.organclub.org

July 2021 Newsletter contributions

Please email notices by June 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

2. CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday July 17th 2021: Gorleston/Lowestoft

(Originally scheduled for July 18th 2020).

We expect that this visit will be our first after the projected end of lockdown restrictions in June, and we are obviously **very much looking forward to this!!**

11:00 St Andrew's P.C. Gorleston, Church Road NR31 6LR
3 manual N&B 1904, originally in St John's Lowestoft before being dismantled and taken to Norwich R.C. Cathedral where it was never erected but was sold on to St Andrew's Gorleston and installed there in 1979 by Wood Wordsworth
Gt 11, Sw 13, Pos 6, Ped 10

12.30 – 14:00 Lunch

There is the possibility of a lunchtime visit to St John the Baptist, Lound with its spectacular Ninian Comper case. The organ is currently being overhauled and electrified by Boggis of Diss, and might be finished by this date. Our President, Paul Hale, is the consultant, and will explain the refurbishment plans to members. The church is certainly worth a visit just to see the case and is somewhere for members to eat their packed lunches providing permission is granted.

14:30 Our Lady Star of the Seas, Lowestoft, Gordon Road NR32 1NL
3 manual N&B 1900 untouched
Gt 7, Sw 8, Ch 4, Ped 2
Teas and Coffees will hopefully be served later as the church must be vacated by 4pm. Donations please.

17:00 St Peter and St John P.C. Kirkley, Rectory Road, NR33 0ED
2 manual Brindley and Foster 1881 enlarged to 4 manuals in the 1890s by N&B
Gt 10, Sw 9, Ch 6, Solo 6, Ped 4

Bookings to a.stevens405@btinternet.com or 01440 730085 by July 10th.
Visit costs £10

I am hoping that the whole visit can be done with those who can drive being able to give lifts to those who cannot. I also hope that between car drivers a good ferry service can be arranged for those arriving by train at Great Yarmouth railway station where trains at the moment appear to run approximately every 30 minutes.

There is a large church car park at Gorleston and car parks for Our Lady Star of the seas are very close by and are £3 for 4 hours. Kirkley is street parking outside the church and adjacent roads.

I am also prepared to go via Norwich and so could pick people up from the station there if that helps.

I also think that packed lunches are the order of the day given that pubs, cafés and restaurants will most likely be very busy and service could be slow.

Organised by Andrew Stevens

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**, particularly in view of the Covid-19 pandemic).

Saturday September 25th 2021, Canterbury Cathedral

We are invited to Choral Evensong, after which David Newsholme, acting Director of Music at the Cathedral, will give a short recital, after which members can play. This is an exciting opportunity to see, hear and play a large new organ by Harrison & Harrison Ltd, based on the Father Willis pipework. You can whet your appetite by viewing some interesting video clips of the restoration – just Google “YouTube New Organ Installed – Canterbury Cathedral”.

We also hope to visit another church before lunch and then be conducted on a guided tour of the cathedral in the afternoon, following which there will be tea and then we are invited to observe the cathedral choir being rehearsed for Evensong - a great privilege, perhaps helped by the fact that David Newsholme is the President's godson!

Saturday October 16th 2021: Cirencester

We start with a brief visit to Down Ampney [1/9 Walker] on the way to Central Cirencester - St John Baptist and its new 4m Harrison, also based on a body of Fr. Willis pipes.

This will be followed by a walk to Holy Trinity Watermoor 3/29 Bishop. To end the day, to Ampney Crucis, the organ restored in 2019 - 2/13 “ANON”. The key church is St John's and the sequences may change in the light of events. A coach is being sought to collect members from Swindon Station. More details when available.

Saturday November 20th 2021: St Alphage, Burnt Oak, HA8 0DN

This is a special visit: our new President, Paul Hale, will describe some of his most interesting recent and current projects as an organ consultant, and Eleni Keventsidou will give a recital which was to have been given at the AGM, if not for the pandemic restrictions then in place. This will be a 'meet the President' opportunity for members!

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th December 2021: The London Organ Competition 2021

(St. Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2R 1DH)

Saturday February 19th 2022: Master Class at Merton College

The Master Class will be given by Benjamin Nicholas on the fine new Dobson organ in Merton College Chapel, followed by Choral Evensong at New College, where the President was organ scholar, 1971-74.

Saturday March 19th 2022: AGM

Details nearer the time, but please note the date!

Saturday May 21st 2022: visit to Guildford, including Cathedral

Now confirmed. Details nearer the time.

Isle of Man Tour (Originally scheduled for September 2020)

We are now looking to hold this tour in September **2022** with the expectation of avoiding Covid related problems – dates to be decided, but will be a week between September 5th and 17th.

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.

Further details will be published nearer to the date.

Saturday October 15th 2022: Visit to Fotheringhay

Details nearer the time

May 2023 Mini-tour - Buckfast Abbey

Very unfortunately, this visit, planned to take place this month, has had to be postponed: the Abbey is closed to the public at present, and the monks are shielding. We very much hope to reschedule the tour for May 2023, if convenient with the Abbey.

June 2023: walking tour - "Lower" Windsor parish churches.

(Originally scheduled for June 20th 2020).

Covid19 and pre-existing long term planning for 2022 events in Windsor mean that this visit has been rescheduled to June 2023.

September 2023: Birmingham tour

Details nearer the time

3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

There is a good chance that recitals planned for June onwards will take place. Members should consult www.organrecitals.com for further information on potential recitals, **but they should check with the venue before setting out.**

St Bartholomew's Church, Ann St, Brighton BN1 4GP

Jun 8th 13:00 Alan Ireland (Hove)

[Please note change of date – was previously advertised as May 11th]

To check nearer the time: 0797 102 4889

St Mary Abchurch, Abchurch Lane, EC4N 7BA

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

Admission free – refreshments available

The Temple Church, off Fleet Street, London EC4Y 7BB

Jun 3rd 19:30 Roger Sayer (Temple Church)

Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, SE1 9DA

Jun 18th 13:20 Norman Harper (London)

St John the Evangelist
Duncan Terrace
Islington N1 8AL

International Organ Series 2021

May 29th Mitchell Miller (USA -
 Graduate of Oberlin & studying with Nathan Laube at
 Hochschule Stuttgart, Germany) - Rameau, Buxtehude, Wammas,
 Siffer, Brahms & Durufle P&F on the home Alain

June 19th Nathan Laube (USA -
 Professor at Hochschule Stuttgart, Germany and Concert
 organist) - Dupré, de Cizany, Durufle Veni Creator & Schmidt Chaconne

July 31st Katelyn Emerson (USA &
 Germany - Concert organist) - Bach, Langelis & Durufle Suite
No recital in August

Sept 25th Isabelle Demers (USA &
 Canada - Concert organist) - Bach, Vierne & Stravinsky

Saturdays at 7.30pm
 Organ by J W Walker 1963
 Admission free with collection: Angel Tube
 Buses: 4 19 30 38 73 205 341

St. Alphage
 Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex. HA8 0DN
ORGAN RECITALS 2021
 Organ built 2002 by B. C. Shepherd & Sons incorporating Father Willis pipes from 1857



SATURDAYS at 7.30pm	Admission £10
5th June ROSEMARY EVANS (St. Alphage, Burnt Oak)	
3rd July GILLIAN BLYTHMAN (Thatcham, Berkshire)	
4th September STEVE BOWEY (St. Mary, Shaw-cum-Donnington, Berkshire)	
2nd October TOM WINPENNY (Assistant Master of Music, St. Alban's Cathedral)	
SAT 20th November at 3.00pm	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	

Tel: 020-8958-2461

ALL SAINTS' CHELTENHAM
ORGAN RECITALS
 Saturdays at 7:30pm

31st July
JONATHAN HOPE
Gloucester Cathedral

25th September
ALEXANDER FISHBURN
All Saints' Cheltenham

30th October
CHRISTOPHER STRANGE
Peterborough Cathedral

All Saints' Road, Cheltenham, GL52 2HG
 www.allsaintschelt.net

Recitals starting with May 19th are expected to take place



Organ Recitals 2021

Glyn Lang memorial series

12 noon Bible study & cuppa in hall

Recital 1 05pm -1 35pm

Retiring collection towards expenses and organ maintenance

Ionawr 20 January - Rebecca Taylor and Gwyn Owen trumpet **Postponed**

former Organ Scholar Lincoln College Oxford : Director A5 Brass

Chwefror 17 February - Malcolm Archer **Postponed**

former Director of Music St Paul's Cathedral

Mawrth 17 March - Prof. Dr Noël Tredinnick **Postponed**

Emeritus Director of Music All Souls Langham Place

Ebrill 21 April - Robert Jones **Postponed**

Director of Music St Brides Fleet Street

Mai 19 May - Mark Uglow

Organist & Director of Music St Mary Abbots Kensington

Mehffin 16 June - Adrian Gunning*

Organist & Director of Music St John the Evangelist Duncan Terrace N1

Gorffennaf 21 July - Jeremiah Stephenson*

Assistant Director of Music All Saints Margaret St W1

Awst 18 August - Richard Hobson*

Organist & Director of Music Grosvenor Chapel

Medi 15 September - Michael Andrews

Director of Music All Souls Langham Place W1

Hydref 20 October - Gerard Brooks

Director of Music Central Hall Westminster

Curator Organist Christ Church Spitalfields

President, Royal College of Organists 2019-22

Tachwedd 17 November - Dr Anthony Gritten*

Head of Undergraduate Programmes Royal Academy of Music London

Rhagfyr 15 December - Rosemary Evans*

Organist St Alphage Burnt Oak

** Postponed from 2020*

And finally !!



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