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**Ireland Tour 2005**

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Details of the places we are to visit appeared in outline in the November 2004 Newsletter. The arrangements have now progressed to the stage where it is now possible to invite members to participate in the tour.

We shall be staying in good quality hotels in the centre of Dublin, Waterford and Cork. As participants may wish to arrive at an earlier date or stay on after the tour has ended, full contact details will be given in the first mail-out. Accommodation during the tour will be on a bed and breakfast basis plus dinners at the hotels on four nights and a dinner on the last night at a quality restaurant in Kinsale. This will enable participants to follow their own preferences for dinners on the other three nights. So that we can tailor participants' accommodation requirements more closely to personal preferences, the booking form contains more alternatives than recent tours.

Regrettably, Aer Lingus would only offer a £1 discount for a group flight and required the money from a credit card at once. Since this would have taken place before the publication of this newsletter, it was clearly not financially viable. It has been decided that a much better and cheaper alternative is to fly Ryanair (as used on the 1987 tour) from Stansted on Saturday 28 May at 10:55 on flight FR209 to Dublin (price indicated recently was GBP19.99) arriving 12:05 and to return from Cork on Sunday 05 June at 17:20 on flight FR906 to Stansted (price indicated recently was EUR39.99) arriving 18:40. Snacks can be purchased in-flight and, from recent experience, are of a good standard. As bookings for these flights have to be made over the internet, it should be possible for most members to book their own flights. For those who do not have access to the internet, the Treasurer will make a booking for you on receipt of the required information on the booking form. However, it must be understood that participants will have to accept whatever cost the Treasurer is able to obtain and payment for the flights will have to be made in his personal name as it will be charged to his personal credit card. The earlier you book the cheaper the price will be, in general, as internet booking prices can rise considerably, especially if a particular flight shows a surge in bookings. For those unfamiliar with access to and arrangements at Stansted, full details will be provided in a mail-out. Please note that the Club cannot be responsible for costs incurred or cancellations, so please ensure you are covered from the date of booking by adequate travel/medical insurance.

The tour coach will meet the Stansted flight (all others who may have come from elsewhere at the same time may join the coach, of course) and will transport us to the hotel in Dublin. The tour itself will start from the hotel at 14:45 on Saturday 28 May.

The initial deposit cheque will be banked at the end of January and subsequent cheque(s) as soon as received.

Costs are expected to be about £650 (but no more than £700) basic with a single supplement about £265 at the present exchange rate.

I hope you will be able to come on what promises to be a very fulfilling tour with plenty of wonderful countryside added for good measure. Places are limited so please send in your booking forms (included with this Newsletter) as soon as possible together with the deposit cheque.

*Eric Shepherd*

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**Cambridge Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

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Two organs from the 1890s restored in 2002, and two new in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Come, and enjoy!

**10:30 Girton College**

The 2002 organ by St-Martin of Switzerland:

Grand 16 8 8 4 2 IV-V(1 $\frac{1}{3}$ )\* Récit 8 8 8 4 II(2)\* 8

Positif 8 4 2 II(2 $\frac{2}{3}$ )\* III(1 $\frac{1}{3}$ )\* 8 Solo 16 8 V

Pedal 16 8 8 4 16 \* when the stop is half drawn, only pipes at (this pitch) sound

**12:00 Our Lady and the English Martyrs (OLEM), Hills Road.**

The 1890 Abbott & Smith organ was designed by CV Stanford and restored by Nicholson in 2002:

Great 16 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 8 4 Swell 16 8 8 8 8 4 2 II 16 8 8 4

Choir 8 8 8 8 4 2 16 8 8 Pedal 16 16 8 16

Lunch: your own arrangements

**14:15 Selwyn College**

The Létourneau organ was installed in summer 2004, blessed on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October and will be inaugurated by Naji Hakim on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January:

Grand 16 8 8 4 4 2 IV III 8 Récit 8 8 8 4 4 2 IV 16 8 8

Positif 8 4 4 2 1 $\frac{1}{3}$  8 Pedal 16 16 8 4 16 8

**15:30 Queens' College**

The Binns organ of 1892, restored by Harrison & Harrison in 2002 has

Great 16 8 8 8 4 4 2 $\frac{2}{3}$  2 III 8 Swell 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 III 8 8

Choir 8 8 8 4 2 8 8 Pedal 16 16 10 $\frac{2}{3}$  8 8

There is no tea arranged, but this can easily be obtained in the city.

You may wish to visit King's College (Evensong 17:30, Organ Recital 18:30) or St John's College (Evensong 18:30): further details of these on the day.

**Travel:** A coach will meet the 09:15 from Kings Cross due in Cambridge at 10:01 (*Don't be tempted to take the 09:06 which arrives at 10:25*), and will take us to Girton and back to OLEM for the 12:00 visit, the rest of the visits will be on foot.

The station car park has 280 spaces and both long and short term parking.  
There are frequent buses (City, Citi1, Citi3) from Emmanuel Street to the station taking 5 – 10 mins.

Cambridge	17.15	17.31	17.45	17.54	18.15	18.31	18.45	18.54	19.31	19.54	20.31
Kings Cross	18.03	18.31	18.34	19.19	19.03	19.30	19.33	20.18	20.31	21.18	21.30

Names, please, for the coach by **Wednesday 16th February** to Robin Coxon  
robin.coxon@ntlworld.com tel: 01707 324011

*Robin Coxon*

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## London W1 St James Spanish Place / All Souls Langham Place 15<sup>th</sup> January

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**13:00 St James**, Spanish Place, at the southern end of Marylebone High Street, equidistant from Baker Street and Marble Arch tube stops. A magnificent buttressed neo-Gothic church, opened in 1890. The organ, situated in the triforium above the sanctuary, was built in 1922 by Alfred Hunter and Sons of Clapham, London. Because of the striking and unusual acoustics of the building, it was voiced by the builder in the church and remains today exactly in its original tonal design. Hunter built a number of very fine instruments throughout the country but the one in St James's is regarded by organists and organ builders as the finest example of his superb craftsmanship. Five ranks of pipes were retained from the Gray and Davidson organ (previously by the famous eighteenth century builder, Samuel Green) originally in the Spanish Chapel. The present organ has fifty three ranks of pipes on three manuals and pedals. Wind pressures are from three and a half inches for flue-work to ten inches for the heavy reeds.

**15:00 All Souls**, Langham Place. Details as announced in the November newsletter. Our member Gerard Brooks, the Associate Director of Music at All Souls', will give an illustrated lecture entitled *The English Organ and the interpretation of French Music*. The lecture-demonstration will end at 16:30, after which the organ will be available for members to play until 17:30. There are many tea-houses and restaurants nearby to suit all tastes.

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## St Giles, Cripplegate : new organs

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Organ Club members are probably aware that we are trying to raise £300k for organs at St Giles. I was wondering whether a possible fundraising event might be for members to play the St Giles organ for one or more hours each, in return for a minimum donation of £10 per hour.

Many members enjoy playing large organs; and some prefer to do it privately. This could be an opportunity for members to play one of London's larger tracker action organs with a full set of playing aids, have a thoroughly good time, and support the St Giles Organ Project.

I envisage setting one or more days aside for OC members at St Giles, depending on the level of interest. Timings (and dates could be quite flexible and would be managed by me).

*David Wakefield*

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## Membership subscriptions

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### Subscriptions for 2005

The Committee has agreed subscriptions in 2005 should remain the same as for 2004, namely Senior £19, Ordinary £26, Student £10.

*Richard Blanch*

### New Ways of Paying Subscriptions

In 2005 we are introducing two new ways of paying your subscription to the Organ Club in addition to the usual way by cheque. Let me first review the background to this.

At successive AGMs members have raised the question of paying their subscription by different methods such as Standing Order, Direct Debit and Credit Card. A number of Treasurers have researched these and unfortunately all have suffered from two major drawbacks: the cost of collection and/or a reduction in subscription income. To an individual using one of these methods there may be no cost but there would be a cost to the Club. At the moment the Club gets about 10% of its revenue from donations and we foresee that this would reduce if any of these methods were used. This 'double whammy' of increased cost coupled with decreased subscription income means that these are not feasible.

However the modern trend towards personal banking, where the individual manages their own account without intervention from the Bank, provides members with two new ways of paying subscriptions without the drawbacks mentioned above: internet banking and telephone banking. Both offer the opportunity to set up bank transfers from your account into another bank account. I am sure that many of you will already be using these as I do for paying utilities and credit card bills.

To set up the transfer to the Club you need to provide these pieces of information:

<b>Account Name</b>	The Organ Club
<b>Account Sort Code</b>	20-31-52
<b>Account Number</b>	00655171
<b>Reference</b>	<i>your surname and postcode</i>
<b>Amount</b>	<i>the amount</i>
<b>Date of Transfer</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> January each year

The account sort code and account number shown above are those of the Organ Club at Barclays Bank 114 Fenchurch Street London. For the reference I need your surname and the postcode from your address to uniquely identify you. The amount you transfer can of course include any donation you wish to make to the Club. When I receive your transfer I will send to you a Membership Card as a confirmation of the receipt of your subscription. These new payment methods are of course optional and you can continue to pay by cheque if you wish.

*Steve Dunk*