

**RECITALS** A listing of concerts by, or promoted by, our members

**Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans AL1 3XG**

Recitals arranged by the New School of Organ Studies

Tuesdays 12.30 – 13.15 (Lunches 12.00 -12.20, and after the recital)

May 6 Travis Baker, St Michael's, Highgate May 13 Nicholas Hare, St Albans  
May 20 Tim Roe, Holy Trinity, Prince Consort Road SW7  
May 27 Nicholas King, St John's, Boxmoor  
June 3 Mary Cook, St Albans and Robin Coxon, St Francis, Welwyn Garden City  
June 10 Roy Meek, St Augustine's, Limbury June 17 Philip Drew, Holy Spirit Church, Southsea  
June 24 Linden Innes-Hopkins, St Andrew's, Enfield

**St John the Evangelist RC Church Duncan Terrace Islington**

Messiaen & Scandinavian Organ Music Saturdays at 7.30pm

May 31 Jan Börjesson, Sweden June 28 Travis Baker, St Michael's Highgate  
Saturdays at 7.30pm, Admission free/collection

**Luton Bury Park UR**

May 1 Roger Carter, St Johns Harpenden May 8 Roy Meek, St Augustines Luton  
May 15 Shean Bowers, St Saviours Oxtou May 22 Julian Collings, St Augustines Kensington  
May 29 Helen Collins & Richard Heyes, Organ/Piano duets  
June 5 Michael Wynn St Marys Priory Warrington June 12 Cyril Baker, Lerwick Shetland  
June 19 Peter Moorse, Cheddington June 26 Richard Hills, Bourne Street London  
Details from David Clark 01582 663336

**St Mary The Virgin, Upper Rock Gardens/St James's Street, Brighton**

See [www.stmaryschurchbrighton.co.uk](http://www.stmaryschurchbrighton.co.uk) for full information

Saturdays at 2.30pm

May 3 Bill Sibbey, St Mary's Church  
May 10 Christopher Harris, Crowborough  
May 17 Michael Cook, Brighton  
May 31 Ashley Tidy, Toronto, Canada  
June 14 Celebrity Recital By Richard Hills, St Mary's Bourne St, London

**St Alphage Church, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, HA8 ODN**

June 7 Anthony Halliday, Melbourne, Australia. Organ Recitalist & Concert Pianist, former organist at St. Alphage)

**Victoria Hall Hanley 12 noon**

May 17 John Pryer June 21 Ian Tracey

**Alexandra Palace 7.30pm**

May 18 Roy Massey

**King's College Chapel, Cambridge**

Free admission. Saturdays at 6.30pm, apart from Tom Winpenny's recital which will be at 7.30pm

May 3 Daniel Hyde May 10 Peter Stevens May 17 Tom Kimber May 22 Tom Winpenny  
May 24 Stephen Cleobury May 31 Christopher Stokes June 7 Mark Browne  
June 14 David Ponsford

**St Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich All Tuesdays at 1.10 pm**

May 6 James Thomas (St Edmundsbury Cathedral) May 13 Octave, 8-voice ensemble  
May 20 John Keys, Nottingham May 27 Alan Loader, baritone  
June 3 Colin Walsh, Lincoln Cathedral 10 June Tower Chamber Choir  
17 June Hans Hielscher (Wiesbaden, Germany) 24 June Messiaen - Quartet for the End of Time

T H E  R G A N C L U B

*President: Robin Coxon*

**NEWSLETTER MAY 2008**

**July newsletter contributions:** please send by June 25<sup>th</sup> to Tim Roe, Trinity Flat, Kensington Gore, SW7 2QU Tel 020 7581 3493 Newsletter@organclub.org

**Journal contributions:** please send by May 16<sup>th</sup> to Richard Blanch, 1 Chedburgh, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2PU Tel 01707 322166 Journal@organclub.org

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**Eton College Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

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David Goode, our host, will demonstrate the organs in School Hall (the Dutch baroque organ, II/21 restored Flentrop 1973), Lower Chapel (III/41, Tickell 2000) and College Chapel (IV/55 Hill 1885/1902 restored Mander 1987). There will also be time for members to play.

**11:45** We meet in College Chapel and then go to School Hall

**14:00** Lower Chapel

**15:00** College Chapel

We will finish with a cup of tea at about 16:00, which allows time for those who wish to attend Evensong (17:15) at St George's Chapel, Windsor to get there.

There is a map of Eton on the website [www.etoncollege.com/](http://www.etoncollege.com/) (click on SEARCH on the top bar, enter 'central Eton map', and the first result should give you the scrollable map.

☉ Lunch is available for some. The maximum cost for the visit, for those booking lunch, will be about £10 (yes, this includes the lunch!).

Please let **Paul Langston** ([paul.langston@ntlworld.com](mailto:paul.langston@ntlworld.com) 01707 320896) know if you intend to come – and whether you wish to book lunch or not – by **Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**Travel**

09:51 from Paddington arrives Windsor & Eton Central at 10:26 (change at Slough)

10:15 from Paddington arrives Windsor & Eton Central at 10:56 (change at Slough)

09:58 from Waterloo arrives Windsor & Eton Riverside at 10:51

10:28 from Waterloo arrives Windsor & Eton Riverside at 11:21

From either station allow 15 – 20 minutes to Eton College, crossing the footbridge over the Thames and continuing down Eton High Street.

By car it is probably best to use one of the Windsor car parks and walk as above.

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## Marlborough College & surrounding area Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Giles Dimock, who was educated at the College, and our President have arranged today's visits.

**10:45** Coach leaves from Swindon rail station. Please note, *exact timings* are not yet set.

### Christ Church, Swindon SN1 3HB

A very fine church built 1851 by Sir George Gilbert Scott and known as The Old Lady on The Hill. Gray & Davidson 1851, enlarged & modernised in 1951 (G&D) and 1970 (Percy Daniel), repairs 1998 (Meakins).

Gt: OD, StoppedD, Dulc, Ppal, Flute, 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, III, Trumpet, Clarion

Sw: OD, StoppedD, Salcl, Vox Ang, Gems, 15<sup>th</sup>, Sifflöte, Cymbel, Fag, Cornpn, Oboe

Ped: OD, Bourd, Quint, Ppal, Bass Fl, 15<sup>th</sup>, Oct Fl, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fag, Clarion.

### St John the Baptist, Wroughton SN4 9JS

An attractive 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> century church in a large village. J.G.Haskins & Co (Keyes Bros) 1927 but exceptional quality of strings/flutes voicing indicates much previous pipework re-used. Haskins only built about 20 organs so this is a rarity. New stops and a general refurbishment 2006 (Foster-Waite).

Gt: OD1, OD2, Clarabella, Dulc, Harm Fl, Ppal, 15<sup>th</sup>, II, Trumpet, Clarinet

Sw: OD, ViolinD, Lieb Ged, Vox Cel, Salcl, Gems, 15<sup>th</sup>, Sesq, Contra Oboe, Cornpn

Ped: OD, Bourd, Ppal, Bass Fl, Ppal, Flute

🎧 own arrangements.

### Marlborough College SN8 1NW

The superb new organ of 62 stops by Rudolph Von Beckerath, including two 32' Pedal ranks. Gt 15 stops, Sw 18, Pos 10, Solo 7, Ped 12

No tea, as this is the day off for College staff. Instead, it is proposed to visit a stately home with a recently-built organ in the style of a German classical builder. As they say, this is an unrepeatable offer to hear an unusual organ in magnificent surroundings. Arrangements for this are not finalised but the admission fee will be £6. So total cost will be around £15, including the coach.

**19:00** Coach arrives back at Swindon station.

Travel: A saver return Paddington/Swindon is indicated at £37 but 2 single tickets (First Minute Leisure Std) booked online should cost from £7.50 upwards each. These are indicative only as the times & fares have not yet been released. Outward 09:00 (arr 09:55) or 09:30 (arr 10:30), return 19:11 (arr 20:14) or 19:29 (arr 20:31).

Bookings: to the Treasurer ([RichardBlanch@aol.com](mailto:RichardBlanch@aol.com), 01707 322166), and whether you want the coach or will come by your own transport. So that we can advise both the College and the last venue how many will be coming, please ensure you make a booking by Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. R.B.

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## Membership matters

With this newsletter, for those who have yet to pay for 2008, is a reminder form. Please look at the label with this mailing. If the number starts with a "7" your membership has expired, so please renew. If the number starts with an "8" you are paid for 2008. The constitution states that renewals are due by the time of the AGM. Everyone has had their newsletters and Journals, so there is no excuse now to delay renewal.

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## Thames Valley Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August

We shall be visiting four churches in the Thames Valley, where the Organ Club has not been previously. Starting in Lower Caversham at St. John the Baptist, we have a 2m F H Browne with a particularly nicely decorated case. The organ was recently the subject of a full survey as part of a student study. Then we move up the hill to St. Andrew's Caversham which has a 1912 2m Hill – this organ is highly regarded locally. Lunch will be at this church **You will need to provide yourself with a picnic as there are no pubs locally.** After lunch we drive through Caversham and Shiplake to St. Margaret Harpsden. This has a Holdich, rebuilt by Hunter (2m), in a building that is interesting, where you have to hunt the history. Finally, we drive the short distance into Henley and to Christchurch URC where our member Keith Bance has recently carried out a major rebuild and enlargement of a much altered Hill. Keith has arranged tea at this venue.

**Travel** – please use the coach if you can. Coach departs Reading bus station [stop SQ] at 11 am and will return there around 6.30 pm. Parking at both the first and last venues can be difficult.

**Lunchtime food** – either bring your own, or stop at one of the many booths [including an M&S] outside the ticket barriers at Reading Station. Bookings, after 24<sup>th</sup> July but by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August to me please: 01189 344212 or [markmdjameson@btinternet.com](mailto:markmdjameson@btinternet.com) Mark Jameson

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## Meetings charge

At the AGM it was suggested that the visits charge be increased from £1 where no coach is hired. This would make more money available to give reasonable donations to the churches and other places that are visited during the year. The figure has been £1 for many years. The committee has now considered this issue and has decided that in future the charge will be increased to £5 where there is no coach. This a large percentage increase, but still a very modest amount for a day's visit.

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## Paris Tour 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009

Progress is being made with the arrangements. The provisional plan is to visit over 30 organs, mainly in Paris, but with two visits by coach, to Rouen and the Versailles area. It is hoped to visit all the famous organs, and some lesser known ones. Our member Gerard Brooks, who studied in Paris, is helping to arrange the visits.

We have engaged the services of a travel agent who arranges special interest tours. They are booking a hotel in the centre of Paris, and are making arrangements for coaches for the days out of Paris.

The plan is that members would make their own travel arrangements to the hotel in Paris. This allows for more flexibility for members who travel from different parts of the country, and also means that people can decide to stay for longer, or to come to part of the tour.

Costs are still being worked out, but the cost of accommodation (bed and breakfast), one evening meal, coaches and metro is likely to be in the region of 800 euros for a double or twin bedded room, and 1200 euros for a single room. To this has to be added the cost of donations to the churches, the tour book production and other administrative costs. As usual, members who wish to find their own accommodation (e.g friends, relations) are welcome to join the tour but priority on the coaches will be given to full-tour participants.

More details will appear in the next newsletter, but it would be helpful to have some idea of numbers of people interested in attending. Please send an email to Richard Blanch [RichardBlanch@aol.com](mailto:RichardBlanch@aol.com) or write to him at 1 Chedburgh, Panshanger, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL7 2PU.