

You are cordially invited to join

Derby and District Organists' Association

Not only organists

may join DDOA. As well as players of all abilities, amateur and professional, we welcome choral singers, ministers and clergy, organ builders, and all music lovers with an interest in the organ.



Anyone who wishes to learn more about the organ, its history, its construction, and its music will find our activities of great interest. Meetings are held eight or nine times a year.

We draw on a considerable range of expertise within and beyond our membership for talks, recitals and presentations on all aspects of organ and choral music. We mark significant anniversaries: recently the Wesleys, Mendelssohn, and the English Hymnal.

Meetings in recent seasons have included a presentation by an organ builder, a session on changing approaches to the interpretation of organ classics, a workshop on playing French organ music, Bach as a teacher, the organ in concerted music, J.L. Krebs, Russian church choral music, recitals by members, a workshop on improvisation, and coaching

sessions for players from novices to experienced performers.



We visit organs large and small in the District and within reach of it, always with the opportunity to hear about, play, and listen to them.

Each year we plan a similar programme of visits, and we include the annual dinner (which is quite a highlight of our activities and always features a lively speaker).

Most of all, we need you to support and reinforce our activities. If you join us, you may if you wish contribute actively to our work. Here are two ways which are of particular interest:

We are immensely proud of our ongoing educational project **Children and the Organ**, which is attracting nationwide interest in successfully fostering knowledge of the organ and its music among young people.

Numerous recent half-day events in collaboration with primary-school children, the programme for which is integrated with the national curriculum, have more recently been followed by days for older teenagers and young adults. Members willing and able to participate in these occasions are invited to consider joining the team. The photos show organ pipes being demonstrated and a collaborative artistic response by young children to their class's half day in church with the organ.



Our lively **Newsletter** is of high quality, but it will only remain so if members will contribute to it: so please join us and express your opinions on all matters concerning the work and activity of organists and church musicians in general. Past issues can be seen on the website, and you will see there that we have recently written about new and restored organs – for example, a series of notes on the Royal Festival Hall by members who have listened to and even briefly played this instrument. There was a forum on the role of recorded music in church weddings and funerals; we publish accounts and reviews of recitals and events, visits to organs abroad, and to master classes and courses here and overseas. We have short articles on composers and their music.



We maintain an attractive website: www.derbyorganists.co.uk.

We are affiliated to the Incorporated Association of Organists. This national body with international links is of considerable value to the Association.

How to join or to receive further information

By all means come to any of our meetings (which are open, except, for legal reasons, for the Children and the Organ events) and approach officers or Committee. Alternatively, write to mail@derbyorganists.co.uk, or to the Secretary at 24 Oaklands Avenue, Derby DE23 2QG. If joining, please give the details requested on the slip below.

The current **Secretary** is Stephen Johns.

The subscription at present is £15.00 per year. Young people studying the organ have free membership.

Your name:.....

Address:.....

.....e-mail:.....

Telephone:.....

Are you an organist/choirmaster/choir member/clergy/other music lover?
[Please mark as appropriate]

If an organist, do you play regularly for services? Please indicate the church(es).

Are you available to deputise?

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