



WELCOME ON BOARD!
USHAW ORGAN WEEKEND
Friday 4 to Monday 7 May 2018
hosted at Ushaw College

a pioneer project curated by organist
JAMES PARSONS (founder of Oundle for Organists)
underpinned by



**ENERGISING ORGANISTS AT ALL AGES AND STAGES, OBSERVERS,
AND ALL SEEKING A SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND OF INSPIRING MUSIC-MAKING AND CULTURAL
EXPLORATION IN DURHAM'S STUNNING, HISTORIC SETTING**

27 April 2018

Dear Participants and Colleagues

John Miley (President of The Organ Club) and I are delighted to be welcoming you to our first **Ushaw Organ Weekend (UOW)**.

and look forward to meeting-up in a week's time.

So too is Richard Wilson; he has aided and abetted me in this exciting venture, and will be facilitating many of the practical arrangements.

Some sixteen of you have signed-up – and, even at this stage, our lines are open!

We shall be hosted at

USHAW COLLEGE – Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 9RH

(3.7 miles from Durham Rail Station)

I Attach my scans of the Hospitality leaflet published by Ushaw. This is an amazing place!
(And of course, you can find endless further information and photos online.)

Quite a few of you have booked B & B accommodation at Ushaw.

Check-in can be any time in the afternoon of Friday 4 May.

On arrival, take the left fork on the drive and enter by main door.

Oodles of car-parking space is available.

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An important question for all -

Do you have any special dietary requirements or food allergies?

I really should like to know this BY RETURN IF POSSIBLE – brief email or text 07887 537773 appreciated!

My purpose now is to sketch the timetable and assist with a few handy hints.
All are free to dip and out as wish!

So please read-on carefully – and of course just contact me with any queries.

Warm good greetings and see soon!

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Yes – we begin on

Friday 4 May

at 3pm – (optional) Visit to the workshops world-famous organ builders

Harrison & Harrison Ltd St Johns Rd, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8YH

If arriving by train: it's 2.7 miles from Durham Rail Station – short taxi ride should cost no more than £7;

if travelling by car: head straight there; parking is available;

if you will by then have already booked-in to Ushaw College: we shall make the 4.5 mile trip to Harrisons in cars – and we should have enough cars also to ferry train-travellers back to Ushaw afterwards.

We have not made arrangements for Friday supper at Ushaw (though the Refectory may be able to provide). Two local hosteleries, offering super food, have been recommended to me; both are both very close to Ushaw College:

The New Board Inn, Hill Top, Langley Park Durham DH7 9RL

tel 0191 373 6914

Cross Keys Inn, Front St, Esh, Durham DH7 9QR

tel 0191 373 1279

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7pm

Hear Durham Cathedral Choir in St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw

directed by Daniel Cook, with Frances Massey, organ

Reformation, Reconciliation, Celebration

Programme is **Attached**.

Admission for all full UOW participants is covered –

But for all UOW camp-followers, tickets are available at the door at the concessionary price of £10 each

(please say 'USHAW ORGAN WEEKEND' to stewards)

SATURDAY 5 MAY

7.50am Breakfast for Ushaw residents in The Refectory

Throughout the day both Brigitte Harris, my esteemed tutor-colleague (Director of Music at St Andrew's and St George's West, Edinburgh New Town) and I will coach organists at the consoles of St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw, and St Oswald's Church, Durham City. I know you'll warm to Brigitte, gaining so very much to inspire your organ playing under her guidance.

These sessions aspire to the friendly, supportive and non-competitive.

We shall address repertoire, technique, and some aspects of service playing (including improvisation).

Observers welcome.

During two periods, Daniel Cook will be welcoming us to the Cathedral Organ Loft.

Full timetable for Organ Sessions is still under massage!

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2.30pm

Organ Recital by James Parsons

St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw

see <https://jamesparsons.org/concerts>

retiring collection for UOW camp-followers

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a table d'hôte of French romantic masterworks –

all from the time in which famous Victorian architects, in love with the Gothic sophistication of the Saint-Chapelle in Paris, created, developed and adorned St Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921) *Fantaisie in E flat*

César Franck (1822-1890) *Prière*

Henri Mulet (1878-1967) *Tu es petra*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937) *Impromptu*

Joseph Bonnet (1884-1944) *Romance sans paroles*

Jehan Alain (1911--1940) *Postlude pour l'Office de Complies*

Marcel Dupré (1886--1971) *Prélude et Fugue in G minor*

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7.30 7.30 for 8pm

socialise over Course Dinner in The Parlour at Ushaw

Vegetable Soup with mini-loaf and butter

Slow cooked Northumberland Beef, Horseradish, Red Wine Jus, Pea Shoots

Trio of Desserts - Vanilla Cheesecake, Tart au Citron, Double Choc Brownie

main course served with rosemary new potatoes and vegetables

wine or soft drinks

Dinner is included for all UOW participants.

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Guests will be most welcome @£30/ head.

Guests: please confirm soonest that you would like to join – email or text 07887 537773.

(AND – AS ABOVE – PLEASE NOW INDICATE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS/ ALLERGIES).

SUNDAY 6 MAY

7.50am Breakfast for Ushaw residents in The Refectory

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Throughout the morning, both Brigitte Harris and I will coach organists at the consoles of St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw and St Oswald's Church, Durham.

2.30pm

Participants' Concert at Ushaw -

an Informal Composite Organ Recital in St Cuthbert's Chapel – build your confidence amongst friends!

followed by time-out and Sabbath-rest!

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 7 MAY

7.50am Breakfast for Ushaw residents in The Refectory

8.30am

Off to Newcastle – cars available whilst return train trip North is very quick and cheap.

We shall be welcomed to play and hear the fine mechanical-action organs at NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY, KING'S HALL (brand-new! – 2 manuals and pedals – just made by Bernard Aubertin) and

ST MARY'S RC CATHEDRAL (a recent, well-established and much-admired 3-manual instrument, made by Kenneth Tickell - its handsome cases beautifully complementing the fine Pugin interior of the Cathedral).

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Then it's back to Durham to enjoy

Bank Holiday Baroque

an enchanting organ recital programme played by

CHARLES WOOLER

in **St Oswald's Church, Durham at 1.30pm**

Church Street, Durham DH1 3DQ

Sweelinck Unter den Linden

Buxtehude Ciacona in E minor

Gibbons Fantasia of Foure Parties

Boyce Voluntary in D

Bach Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns wend, BWV655

Bach Liebster Jesu, BWV731

Bach Fantasia and Fugue in G minor BWV542

Fine 3-manual organ made by Peter Collins, with sparkling colours to clothe this repertoire!

FOLLOWED BY 'AFTERNOON TEA' AT THE CHURCH

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Then it's au revoir! We'll all have had a splendid time of it!