

Hope and Glory: The British Organ in the Age of Empire (1785-1901)

**Wadham College
University of Oxford
16-19 April 2009**

Draft Schedule (15 Feb 2009)—SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday 16 April:

Conference registration opens 1.00pm

2.00-3.30 (Okinaga Room): Barrie Clark, "British Architecture 1800-1900";
Jim Berrow, "Cases, faces and spaces"

3.30-4.00 Coffee/tea

4.00-5.30: David Shuker, "*The heavens are telling the glory of God* – how a provincial organist changed our view of the universe forever." (Herschel)
Allan Chapman, Nineteenth-century science, society, technology and the organ

7.00: Dinner (Hall), Wadham College

8pm: Concert, Wadham College Chapel

Friday 17 April:

9.30-11.00: Joan Jeffrey, "Islington Tenders";
Nigel Browne, "Subscription and Patronage - The acquisition of organs in provincial England"
Martin Renshaw "1829, A Pivotal Year"

11-11.30 coffee/tea

11.30-1pm: Martin Goetze, the restoration of the Flight organ in Santiago Cathedral, Chile;

Barbara Owen, "Imports And Immigrants: The British Roots of American Organ-Building in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century"

Christopher Gray, "Organs for the Raj"

1-2 Lunch

2-3.30: John Kitchen, "Recording the organ music of William Russell"

Graham Barber, "A Provincial Organist's Library Resurrected: Thomas Cawthra, Organist at St. Bartholomew's Church Armley, 1878 – 1921"

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3.30-4.00 Tea/coffee

4-5.30: Nicola Macrae, "James Jepson Binns"
Paul McKeever "Organ-building in Ireland in the nineteenth century"
David Knight, Hill and Westminster Abbey

6.15 Dinner, New Refectory

8.30 (?) Oxford Town Hall, John Kitchen concert

Saturday 18 April:

9.30-11.00: Christopher Kent, "Scudamore Organs Reconsidered";
John Norman, Development of the Swell box;
David Hemsley, Playing actions and the development of electric action

11-11.30 coffee

11.30-1pm:
Wayne Leupold, "Aspects of English Organ Performance Practices in the Last Half of the Nineteenth Century"
Peter Horton, SS Wesley
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1-2—Lunch

2.00-3.30: Nicholas Thistlethwaite, Two George Coopers and the Organ Reform;
Philip Olleson, S Wesley;
Katharine Pardee, Mendelssohn, Bach, and the organ

3.30-4pm tea

4:00: Jennifer Bate, lecture recital

Conference Dinner, preceded by drinks reception in New Refectory/ College Bar

SUNDAY 19 April:

9.30-11: Judy Barger, "The Hope and Glory of Female Organists in 19thc. England"
Rachel Milestone, 'A Melodious Phenomenon': The Life and Times of a Town Hall Organist"
Christopher Nickol, "WT Best: A man for our times"

11-11.30—tea

11.30—Melvin Hughes, "Organs and Organists in Victorian Literature"

