



**The English Organ School & Museum
at the Old Congregational Chapel
Milborne Port, Somerset**

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EOS is a not-for-profit association founded in 1996 to promote the understanding and appreciation of the organ as a musical instrument, to provide facilities for learning and playing the organ, and to promote other musical activities.

EOS uses the buildings of the former Congregational Chapel (latterly the United Reformed Church) at Milborne Port, which were purchased in 1992 by concert organist and teacher Margaret Phillips (professor of organ at the Royal College of Music) and her husband David Hunt to house their collection of organs and other keyboard instruments. These include chamber organs by Snetzler (1769), James Davis (c. 1795) and William Gray (c. 1805), a small church organ by John Clark (1858) and two unusual 3-manual house organs, one built in Dublin in 1865 by Telford & Telford and rebuilt 1903 by Peter Conacher, the other built by Peter's brother James in 1882 for a house in the Glasgow suburb of Busby. Two modern 2-manual mechanical action organs built to our specification by Peter Collins Ltd (1984 and 2000) are the main instruments for teaching and practice.

The collection is not open to the public but concerts and courses etc are held throughout the year, and membership of EOS is open to anyone interested in the objects of the association. An application form for membership is included on this information sheet.

Friday Morning Concerts

Since 1997 Margaret Phillips (organ and harpsichord) has given a monthly series of concerts every spring and autumn, covering a very wide range of keyboard repertoire from the sixteenth century to the present day. Details are given in periodic mailings to EOS members. Concerts are also given from time to time by visiting organists and instrumentalists.

Group Visits

Day, half-day or evening programmes can be arranged for groups of up to 40 participants on request. These usually include a demonstration recital by Margaret Phillips on the principal instruments in the collection.

Study Sessions

Margaret Phillips leads Study Sessions for players and observers two or three times a year, usually in the afternoon following a Friday morning concert. (In the past we have also offered residential courses led by Margaret Phillips and other distinguished tutors but there is currently insufficient demand.)

Individual Tuition and Study Breaks

Individual tuition with Margaret Phillips is available at EOS to organ students of all standards on a private basis when her other professional commitments permit. The fee is £60 per hour. Those taking lessons may also book practice time on the smaller Collins organ (£5 per hour) or the larger (£6 per hour).

For organists preparing for examinations, wanting to begin again where they left off, or just needing a break in the country, this is also an opportunity to 'get away from it all'. Accommodation and help-yourself breakfast are usually available at the venue, price £30 per person per night (£80 for 3 nights; non-playing partners/family members or friends also welcome) and a list of other local accommodation will be supplied on request.

EOS Music Service

We can supply a wide range of organ music from stock or to order, and advise on the available editions of standard organ repertoire, if desired.

Souvenir Booklet

An illustrated booklet giving details of instruments now or formerly in the EOS collection is available price £2.00 (plus 50p postage). (New members receive a copy free of charge when enrolling.)

Location

Milborne Port is a historic Somerset village on the A30 about 35 miles WSW of Salisbury and 3 miles ENE of Sherborne (OS 1:50,000 Map Sheet 183). The EOS premises are at the foot of Chapel Lane, a short way from the A30 via South Street and Church Street. Recommended routes to EOS by road from London, Bristol and elsewhere, and a local street map will be sent on request. There is a regular service by rail to Sherborne from London (Waterloo).

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MEMBERSHIP/MAILING LIST APPLICATION

To join EOS please complete the application form below. Subscriptions paid now run till 31/12/2018.

NAME(s)/ ADDRESS (*block letters, please*)

Postcode _____ Tel. _____

e-mail: _____

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| Enrolment fee: | £2.50 |
| Subscription (Individual £5.00): | |
| Two members at one address (£7.50): | |
| Total amount paid herewith: | |

Please make your remittance payable to 'EOS' and send it with this slip to: EOS, The Manse, Chapel Lane, Milborne Port, Sherborne, DT9 5DL