



**NDOA's Centenary Year** sees work continuing on our Centenary Projects including the NDOA Centenary CD, the NDOA Organ Book and a short history of the Association. We will be announcing details of our Centenary Organ Scholarships and a Centenary Composition Competition shortly - watch this space for details. Membership of the Association is available to anyone interested in the organ, at the rate of only £10 for 2021 individual membership, £15 for corporate and family membership, and free for students up to the age of 22. Do please encourage your friends and organ contacts to join. Details can be found at [www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join](http://www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join).

**Canon Hilary Davidson RIP.** It is with great sadness that we report the death, on 24th January, of our Honorary Member Canon Hilary Davidson. Canon Hilary was a former President of the Association, Diocesan Organ Adviser and author of the seminal work on organs in Northamptonshire and Rutland. We remember with gratitude his immense contribution to the Association and beyond. A full obituary will appear in the next *Newsletter*. Do please let the Editor have any recollections of Canon Hilary for inclusion.

**New members.** We are delighted to welcome Stephen Cowley, David Jones, Catherine Johnson, Robin Palmer and Kirsty Woods who have joined us as individual members, and Castle Ashby PCC as our first Corporate Member.

**Zooming in...** For our next Zoom meeting, **Lee Dunleavy** has kindly agreed to speak to us on **Saturday 6th February at 11am** with suggestions to extend our repertoire for the New Year. Lee will be well-known to us as a Past President of the Association, as former DoM at All Saints, and for his inspiring leadership of a number of local choirs. Helen will circulate log-in details to members in advance of the meeting. If you're not familiar with Zoom, contact us in advance and we'll gladly talk you through the set-up. If you're not already a member but would like to join the Zoom event, do please contact us at the email overleaf. Do join us!

Saturday 6th February 2021, 11am  
Online via Zoom

**New Year - New Repertoire**

On Saturday 6th February 2021 at 11am Lee Dunleavy will give an online presentation 'New Year - New Repertoire' with new and varied suggestions for your repertoire in 2021.

Lee Dunleavy is a Past President of NDOA, and an accomplished organist and conductor, and a published composer. Renowned for his insightful performances of new works, he has given world premiere performances of music by composers including Sir Richard Rodney Bennett, David Briggs, Jonathan Dove, Francis Jackson, and Sir James MacMillan. He holds both the Choir Directing Diploma and Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists, and is a prize-winning holder of the Archbishop's Certificate in Church Music. He has performed on BBC One, BBC Radio 3 and 4, and toured throughout Europe and North America.

Lee's organ recitals are often both diverse and themed, and he has over five hundred works in his repertoire. In today's online event, which will last no longer than an hour and a half, Lee will share some of his recent discoveries for solo organ, suitable for services and recitals. You will hear works which have only recently been composed, or which have been neglected. Do you have any recent composers in your repertoire? Do you have any recently edited composers in your repertoire? If not, there will be some suggestions of where to start, too.

**Do join** this online event and hear Lee share his insightful ideas to enrich our repertoire throughout the coming year.

**All are welcome** joining details will be circulated to members before the event. If you are not a member and would like to attend, or have any queries please contact [info@northamptonorganists.org.uk](mailto:info@northamptonorganists.org.uk)

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**More music online.** Here are some forthcoming events for your enjoyment:

- **St Paul's Cathedral** is live-streaming its weekly Sunday afternoon organ recital at 4.30pm each week - details and links at [Sunday Organ Recitals - St Paul's Cathedral](#). The recital on 7th February will be given by the Cathedral Organist, our Hon. Member and former DoM at All Saints' Northampton, Simon Johnson.
- **Northampton Bach Choir** has kindly invited us to a Zoom event on Friday 26th February at 4pm with **Cecilia McDowell**, composer, and **William Fox** from St Paul's Cathedral, on their recent CD release of organ music. Helen has circulated log-in details separately but if you've mislaid them, do please ask.
- **Peterborough Cathedral Music Department** has four online recitals scheduled: a short reflective recital for Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 17th February at 10am, a Lent Organ Concert at 6pm on Sunday 21st February, a Passiontide Organ Concert on Sunday 21st March, and an Easter Organ Concert at 6pm on Sunday 4th April. Find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PeterboroughCathedral>.
- **RSCM** will host a participative service of Compline online on Wednesdays in Lent starting on 24th February at 8pm. Details from [Home | RSCM | The Improvement of Music in Christian Worship](#) nearer the time.

**Authors wanted!** Bored during lockdown? Do you have a burning story to tell about the organ you play, how and why you learnt, what you are doing in your church to attract new organists - or anything else you think would interest our members? We are always looking for new material for the quarterly *Newsletter*. All suggestions to the Editor, please - email address overleaf. Press date for the next issue is 1st March.

**Keep active, keep fit...** Those of us who play tracker instruments may well be missing our weekly work-out at the moment. The same applies to those who ring in our towers - and our enterprising friends in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers have devised a series of keep-fit exercises which you may like to try - subject of course to the caveats of taking it easy, building up slowly and taking prior medical advice if appropriate. Find them at [Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers - Keep Fit \(btck.co.uk\)](http://Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers - Keep Fit (btck.co.uk)).

**NDOA New Year Quiz.** How did you get on with our New Year quiz in the January *NE*? Just a reminder of the questions, and then the answers are below. We hope you enjoyed it, and very well done if you managed a good score:



Questions:

1. Who wrote the 2020 St Matthew's commission?
2. Which organ builder is based in Woodland Street? And in which city?
3. Who was NDOA's first President? And which hymn-tune did they write?
4. Why did Herbert Howells come to Northampton?
5. In which cathedral can you find statues of Luther and Melancthon? And who built the organ there?
6. What is the title of Canon Davidson's seminal book on church music in the county?
7. Who gave the opening recital for the organ of St Michael and All Angels, Northampton?
8. Who is the current Organ Scholar at Peterborough Cathedral? And where did they study?
9. Which local church normally hosts a New Year's Day concert? And which animal did it star in 2020?
10. Which local organ was rebuilt by Geo. Osmond of Taunton?
11. Who built the new organ for Robinson College, Cambridge?
12. Where is the Northampton School for Boys' Conacher now?
13. Who built the Hauptwerk set of the Organ of Peterborough Cathedral? And why?
14. Where did Dr Arthur Wills live as a child? And what is the title of his autobiography?
15. What connects the author of *I saw Eternity the other night* to Northampton?
16. Which local organ was originally powered by a water engine? And which cleric funded it?
17. Where did the last NDOA physical event take place before lockdown?
18. When is the Midlands Organ Day 2021? And who will play the recital which follows?
19. In which year did Louis Vierne become *Titulaire* at Notre Dame? For how long did he serve?
20. Who is Corno Dolce II?

Answers:

1. Robert Walker
2. Austin Organs Inc., based in Woodland Street, Hartford, CT
3. Charles J King, organist at St Matthew's, Northampton. He wrote the hymn-tune *Northampton* which is sung to *Songs of Praise the Angels Sang*
4. Howells came to Northampton to hear the Bach Choir sing *Hymnus paradisi*
5. Helsinki Lutheran Cathedral. The organ is by Marcussen & Son of Denmark
6. *Choirs, Bands and Organs: a history of church music in Northamptonshire and Rutland*
7. Dr Harold Rhodes, organist of Coventry Cathedral
8. Imogen Morgan. Imogen studied at Durham
9. St Mary's Wellingborough. The wolf, from *Peter and the Wolf*
10. St Andrew's Kimbolton
11. Soundcraft Pipe Organ Company
12. Melton Mowbray
13. Audio Angelorum. The set was made to preserve the sound of the organ before revoicing
14. Coventry. His autobiography is *Full with Wills*
15. Timothy Day was DoM at St Matthew's, Northampton, and conductor of the Northampton Bach Choir from 1974-76
16. The Nicholson organ at St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby. Rt Revd Lord Alywne Compton, DD.
17. Corby and Great Oakley
18. Saturday 25th September. Simon Johnson and Richard Pinel
19. 1900. He served until his death at the console at the end of his 1750th recital at Notre Dame on 2 June 1937
20. Now that would be telling...

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