

October 2021



IAO Midlands Organ Day and **NDOA Centenary Recital**. Saturday 25th September saw friends from across the IAO's Midlands Region and beyond gathering at St Matthew's, Northampton for the IAO's Midlands Organ Day, and NDOA's own Centenary Recital.

We enjoyed a delightful day of music, learning and friendship. The new edition of the NDOA *Newsletter*, published for members with this *NE*, includes reports of both events, together with superb photography from Robin Palmer and Alan Cufuade.

Sincere thanks are due to everyone who made the day so special - Richard Pinel, Callum Alger and Jonathan Kingston who hosted the masterclasses, Anna Hallett who spoke eloquently on *The Organ Manual* and the new online magazine, and of course both Callum and Martin Baker (pictured above, with Matthew Foster and other participants) who gave the Centenary Recital. Particular thanks must go to Martin for stepping in so ably as our Honorary Member, Andrew Reid, was sadly unable to attend at very short notice. Colin Lapus, Samuel Kemp, Laurence Caldecote, Adrian Quarry and Anna Hallett played most ably for the Masterclasses, and delegates also enjoyed the ability to play open consoles at All Saints', St Gregory the Great, St Michael and All Angels and, of course, St Matthew's.

The events were the culmination of two years' of work by a team led by Alan Cufuade, whose impeccable organisational skills ensured their success. Alan was joined by Helen Murphy, who led the administration (and brought to bear Don's brilliant heritage transport contacts!), Glyn Hughes' astute financial planning, Mark Gibson's consummate event management expertise, Jonathan Kingston's gifts as a musician and teacher, and Justin Miller's outstanding contributions as artistic director and magician - pulling Martin Baker out of a hat when Andrew had to withdraw just a couple of days before the event.

We are so very grateful to them all, to Fr. Nicholas and the team at St Matthew's for their support, and to Phylis, Sheila, Gabriela and Ann who looked after our guests so well in the Parish Centre. Last but certainly not least, the day was possible because of the support of our sponsors at Harrison & Harrison and Church Organ World, and you can read about their current work in the *Newsletter* too.

Next NDOA Events - do come!

- ◆ **Reluctant Organists' Morning** on Saturday 16th October at 10am at St Leonard's, Hardwick with Tony Edwards and Jonathan Kingston. If you'd like to know more, or you know someone who might be interested in trying the organ do come. Details from Helen at secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk.
- **In Conversation with Martin and Jenny Setchell** on Saturday 23rd October at 8pm, by Zoom from New Zealand with the famed international concert organist, Martin Setchell, and author and photographer Jenny Setchell. Joining details will be circulated.
- **NDOA's AGM**, together with the installation of Jonathan Kingston as our next President, takes place at St Mary & St Giles, Stony Stratford at 3pm on Saturday 6th November, followed by Evensong at 4pm.



