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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!

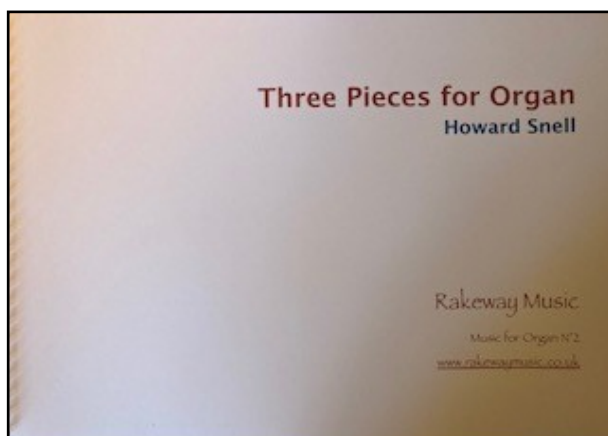
- ◆ **Reluctant Organists' Morning** on Saturday 16th October at 10am at St Leonard's, Hardwick with Tony Edwards and Jonathan Kingston. If you'd like to know more, or you know someone who might be interested in trying the organ do come. Details from Helen at secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk.
- **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.



Anna Hallett enthralled delegates to the Midlands Organ Day with the story of how she founded *The Organ Manual*, the one-stop guide to all things organ, which you can find at [The Organ Manual – A place where all things organ come together \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.wordpres.com), and shared with us the exciting news of her new venture - *The Organ Manual Online Magazine*. Issue 1 has just been published and can be found at [Organ Manual Online Magazine September 2021 \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.wordpres.com) .



Edited by Anna and by Alex Trigg, the Magazine will be published three-times yearly. The first edition includes articles by Andrew Parmley of the RCO, *A Guide to Cathedral Organ Scholarships*, *A Year in the Life of an Organ Builder*, and so much more to enjoy. It's a really great read - download it now.

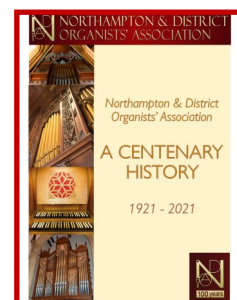


Three Pieces for Organ - Howard Snell. We are thrilled that the Northamptonshire composer, Howard Snell, has written *Three Pieces for Organ*, dedicated to NDOA on our centenary.

The three pieces are *A Song for John Clare*, the 19th-century Northamptonshire Poet; *A Lament*, an arrangement of a movement from an orchestral suite by Georg Telemann, and *A Salute to Sir Malcolm*, written expressly for the Association's commission and dedicated to the memory of Sir Malcolm Arnold, one of Northamptonshire's premier musical personalities.

Three Pieces for Organ is available for purchase at only £8 from Association events. If you would like a copy posted (plus £2 p&p) please email editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk. The *Three Pieces* represent a delightful, accessible resource for members and friends both to celebrate the Centenary and to use regularly as an addition to repertoire.

NDOA: A Centenary History - the booklet. Our 40-page **centenary history** booklet, written by our President, Richard Tapp, has now been published and has been sent to members. We hope you will enjoy reading it, both as a souvenir, and a celebration of the outstanding work of so many people over the years who have made the Association what it is today.



Forthcoming concerts:

- ♦ **Daniel Moul** at **All Saints' Holbeach**. There are still some tickets available for the concert on Saturday 9th October at All Saints Church Holbeach. This is an amazing opportunity to hear the newly-restored organ being played by world renowned organist Daniel Moul. Tickets and full information at the link below. Don't miss out, book now! [Celebration Organ Concert by Daniel Moul Tickets, Sat 9 Oct 2021 at 16:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- ♦ Our member **Philip Bricher** will play at the lunchtime recital at St Andrew's, Rugby, on Tuesday 12th October. [Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts | townchurchrugby \(standrewrugby.org.uk\)](#)

And finally, if you're looking for something online, do try Jonathan Scott's latest online concert, [J S Bach at St Josephs](#) on the neo-classical Laycock & Bannister organ in the Romanesque basilica of St Joseph's, Keighley.

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