

**Happy New Year!** May we send all members, friends, and supporters of NDOA every good wish for 2022. We hope you enjoy playing, learning or hearing the organ throughout the year.

**Membership Renewals.** Just a reminder that 2022 membership renewals are now due. Subscriptions are unchanged at just £10 for individual members, £15 for corporate and family members, and completely free for student members. There is an additional charge of £6 for printed copies of the quarterly *Newsletter*. Payments can be made to our Treasurer, Glyn Hughes by bank transfer and all the usual methods. A copy of our latest membership flyer with all the details is sent with this *Newsletter Extra*.

**Join up a friend!** Do you know anyone who plays, is interested in the organ or organ music, or might simply enjoy our events and reading about local organs in our *Newsletter*? Do invite them to join - membership is superb value, and you can simply pass on the enclosed membership flyer, or direct them to our website at [Join The Association | Northampton & District Organists' Association \(northamptonorganists.org.uk\)](http://northamptonorganists.org.uk). Can you also please place copies of our flyer in your church? Helen will gladly supply some on request to [secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk](mailto:secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk)

**New NDOA Newsletter published.** A brand-new edition of the *Newsletter* has been published - a bumper 28-page edition packed with articles, news and information of interest. With sincere thanks to our corporate member Viscount Organs Wales, who have sponsored this edition, you can find a profile of their business; details of the Trustam organ at St Peter's, Isham, which has been beautifully restored by our member Jeff Hubbard of Soundcraft; a review of the Reluctant Organists' Event at Hardwick; a gallery of stunning pictures from the IAO Midlands Organ Day, and so much more. We do hope you enjoy it. Are you inspired to write for the *Newsletter*? Contact [editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk](mailto:editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk)!

**Members' Record Review - via Zoom - Saturday 15th January at 11am.** Our first event of the year, the Members' Record Review, takes place via Zoom on Saturday 15th January at 11am. Do you have a favourite organ track on YouTube you'd like to share with everyone? Full details can of what's needed can be found in the new edition of the *Newsletter*, and Zoom joining details will be circulated before the event. Do let Jonathan have your contributions at [President@northamptonorganists.org.uk](mailto:President@northamptonorganists.org.uk).

**What's On - and Off...** The current Covid-19 situation meant the cancellation of the New Year's Day concert at St Mary's Wellingborough, but do look out for future events including the Roger Smith Memorial Recital in February at [\(2\) Concerts at St Mary's | Facebook](#). Looking for something online instead? Why not try Jonathan Scott, whose YouTube channel [scottbrothersduo - YouTube](#) has two Christmas Concerts and much more; Gert Van Hoef's concert at [Kerstconcert vanuit de Bethelkerk in Lunteren - Gert van Hoef - YouTube](#) and, Richard McVeigh's Beauty in Sound channel at [Richard McVeigh | BEAUTY IN SOUND - YouTube](#) which includes Martin Baker playing the inaugural recital on the new BiS Hauptwerk organ, a Christmas Concert, and a superb Junior Concert.

If you prefer live music, and are willing to travel in the present circumstances, at the time of writing [Organrecitals.com](http://Organrecitals.com) lists January London recitals at a number of venues including St James, Sussex Gardens, St George's, Hanover Sq., St Margaret, Lothbury, and Christ the King, Gordon Sq. Do check before travel for short-notice cancellations, though.

**NDOA New Year Quiz.** Looking for something musical to do over the rest of the holiday? Then why not try our New Year Quiz? No prizes other than your personal satisfaction, but answers will be published on our Facebook page in a couple of weeks.

1. Which former NDOA Presidents were taught by C S Lang - and where?
2. What is title of Dr Jackson's biography of Sir Edward Bairstow?
3. Whose generous donation funded the construction - and recent restoration - of the superb West Gallery Organ at All Saints' Northampton?
4. What are the Northamptonshire connections with Austin Organs Inc?
5. In which church has Viscount Organs Wales recently installed a Viscount Envoy 350 Deluxe?
6. Which organ builder is based in Northampton, Massachusetts?
7. Who restored the Trustam organ at St Peter's, Isham?
8. Where can the Northampton School for Boys' Conacher now be found?
9. At which church is our new President the Director of Music?
10. What music was played before the AGM Choral Evensong in November 2021?
11. Who built the organ at Wollaston Methodist Church - and in which church was it originally?
12. Which church starred in *Making Music in a Tropical Paradise* for NDOA in May 2021?
13. Who were the winners of NDOA's Centenary Composition Competition?
14. Who is Head of Organ Studies at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire?
15. Where in the county was Copeman Hart based?
16. Which local man became organist at Canterbury Cathedral?
17. Who played NDOA's Centenary Recital?
18. Who composed the *Thurleigh Suite*?
19. Where was the inaugural meeting of NDOA held?
20. Which Northamptonshire organ celebrates its 150th anniversary on Christmas Day 2022?

**Justin Miller.** Croydon Minster and Whitgift School, Croydon, have announced the appointment of our member, Justin Miller as the new Director of Choral Music at Whitgift and Director of Music at the Minster. Justin is currently DoM at St Matthew's, Northampton, He has been a member of NDOA's Committee, and was instrumental in the success of the Midland's Organ Day held in September. We are most grateful to Justin for all his support to the Association, and his wider musical contribution to Northampton, and wish him every success in his new appointment.

**Three Pieces for Organ - Howard Snell.** Just a reminder that Northamptonshire composer, Howard Snell, has written *Three Pieces for Organ*, dedicated to NDOA on our centenary, available for purchase at only £8. These are delightful and accessible pieces which will grace any organists' library, and not to be missed. If you would like a copy posted (plus £2 p&p) please email Helen at [secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk](mailto:secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk).

**Something different...** Allen Organs has made available Barry Hobden's spectacular *Fantasia on God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* for download at [Allen Organ Downloads](#) - you can find a video of him performing it there too. Do let us know if you've been brave enough to use it for your Epiphany Postlude!!!

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