

**Lee Dunleavy.** We offer our most sincere congratulations to our Past President, Lee Dunleavy, on his acceptance to study for the Priesthood at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Lee is currently DoM at St Mary's, Wellingborough, and leads the Northampton Bach Choir and the Wellingborough Singers, among so much more. We are sure that Lee's many gifts will be put to great use and wish him every success.

**NDOA Summer Events Programme.** We have an exciting programme of Association events to keep you entertained over the summer months, which are detailed below and overleaf - a playing visit to Banbury and South Newington in June, a very special concert by Rachel Mahon at Castle Ashby in July, the Association Garden Party in August, and the Association Dinner in September. These represent fantastic opportunities to hear and play fine organs, to meet and socialise with friends, and to learn about and celebrate our interest in the organ. We would love to see as many members and friends as possible at all of them - do please come along, and bring your musical friends.

**Visit to Banbury and South Newington - Saturday 18th June from 10am.** Do join us on the NDOA visit to St Mary, Banbury (the largest Georgian Parish Church in England) where we have approximately two hours to share the console and allow members to enjoy the magnificent 40-stop HNB/Walker, followed at noon by St Peter ad Vincula, South Newington where there is a 1M chamber tracker organ. Those who wish will be also be able to lunch at a nearby pub after the visit. More details will be circulated to members before the visit.

**Rachel Mahon at Castle Ashby - Saturday 2nd July at 7.30pm.** Rachel Mahon, Director of Music at Coventry Cathedral, Rachel will play the fine 1872 Nicholson Organ of St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby, in a very special concert to celebrate the organ's 150th anniversary. Rachel is a multiple award winner and acclaimed international recitalist who is well-known to the Association, having hosted a very successful visit to the Cathedral in 2019.

Rachel's programme will include music by Bach, Buxtehude, Brahms, Gerald Bales, Mendelssohn and more, and appropriately to Rachel's Canadian heritage, will also include music by the famed Canadian composer, Healey Willan. Tickets £15 (plus booking fee) including interval refreshments and a glass of wine from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rachel-mahon-castle-ashby-150th-anniversary-organ-concert-tickets-335143291607>. In case of difficulty, do please contact the Editor. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available to allow our student members to attend free of charge and available on request from the Editor - [editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk](mailto:editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk).



St Mary Magdalene Castle Ashby  
**150th ANNIVERSARY  
ORGAN CONCERT**  
Saturday 2nd July 2022 - 7.30pm

**RACHEL MAHON**  
*Director of Music  
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Tickets available online at Eventbrite using the QR code below - or just search for Rachel Mahon at Castle Ashby - from 01933 664896, or on the door




**NDOA Bank Holiday Garden Party** on the afternoon of **Monday 29th August** kindly hosted at their home by **John and Phylis Wilson**. The opportunity to view and purchase scores from the library of the late Mostyn Burman will be possible as we enjoy each other's company in relaxed surroundings.

**NDOA Dinner - Saturday 24th September.** The Dinner will be held in the function room of St Mary's Church, Knox Road, Wellingborough (NN8 1PX). Complimentary welcome aperitifs will be served at 7pm and full information, including menu selections may be found at this link which serves as an order form: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NR1ZRR/>. Our very own **Don Kennedy** has agreed to speak to us at what promises to be a convivial and entreaty evening. Don hopes to include some audio clips for our interest too. He holds a wealth of experience in his field and was Literary & Photographic Editor for Decca Records & EMI Classics between 1974-2004.

**Stephen Farr** will perform the Andrew Chamblin Memorial Concert at **Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford**, on Thursday 23rd June at 8pm. The programme will include works by Couperin, Byrd, Muffat, Guilain, Sweelinck, Krebs and Bach. No tickets are required for in-person attendance, and the concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/sgOIYPK960g>.

**Northampton Philharmonic Choir** celebrates its 125th anniversary with a special concert on Tuesday 28th June at 8pm at **St Michael and All Angels**, Perry Street, Northampton. The music is themed around the Northamptonshire poet **John Clare**, and includes short part-songs by his contemporary Felix Mendelssohn, some traditional dance tunes collected by Clare himself, and choral settings of Clare's poetry composed by Benjamin Britten and by the Choir's long-standing Musical Director, Christopher Mabley. Members are warmly invited to attend the concert, which is free of charge. Further details are available at [www.npchoir.org.uk](http://www.npchoir.org.uk).

**Fiori Musicali** will perform a concert - Trumpeter Royal - at **All Saints', Earls Barton**, on 8th July at 7.30pm, featuring David Blackadder and James Laing. Tickets £20/£15 from [Trumpeter Royal at All Saints Church event tickets from TicketSource](#).

**The Oundle International Festival** includes a number of organ events this year, including according to the Festival Programme, a recital by David Pipe at Titchmarsh on 11th July, a late-night recital by Katherine Dienes-Williams on 13th July, a lunchtime recital by Robert Quinney on 14th July (both in Oundle School Chapel) and a Morning Coffee Concert on 16th July by Katherine Pardee at Fotheringhay. Do consult the [Festival Website](#) for the final programme and check before travelling - currently it does not list all the organ events listed in the Festival Programme.

**Organrecitals.uk.** Members will be aware that organrecitals.com ceased operations earlier in the year. We are pleased to report that its work has now been taken up by a new site, [organrecitals.uk](http://organrecitals.uk), which will operate in much the same way in publicising organ events. Do have a look at the new site, and use it to publicise your own events. Additionally, though, do let the Editor know about any concerts or organ events you are hosting or performing and we will gladly publicise them through our channels.

**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 direct them to our website at [Join The Association | Northampton & District Organists' Association \(northamptonorganists.org.uk\)](http://www.northamptonorganists.org.uk).

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