

St. Mary Magdalene Castle Ashby



**Annual General Meeting
and Choral Evensong**

Choral Evensong will be sung by an invited choir specially formed for the occasion, directed by Stephen Meakins

Saturday 5th November

AGM at 3pm followed by **Evensong at 4pm**

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US

NDOA 2022 AGM and Evensong will take place at St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby on the afternoon of **Saturday 5th November**, with the AGM at 3pm and Evensong at 4pm.

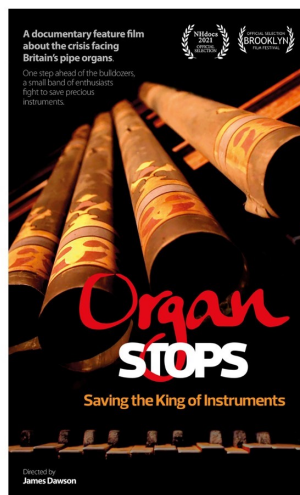
Do come and hear about your Association's work during the year and plans for 2023, to thank our outgoing President, Jonathan Kingston and the Association Officers for all their work on your behalf, and welcome our incoming President, Glyn Hughes.

Evensong will be sung by a specially-invited choir directed by Stephen Meakins, including a number of NDOA members, while the Precentor will be the Rector of Castle Ashby, Revd Morna Simpson. The introit will be Thomas Weelkes' *Let thy merciful ears, O Lord*, the canticles will be sung to Sumsion in G, and the anthem will be Howells' *Like as the hart*. The hymn will be *Songs of Praise the angels sang*, sung to our founding President C J King's tune NORTHAMPTON.

Organ Stops - Saving the King of Instruments. On **Saturday 19th November** at 7pm we will be joined by our good friends from Buckinghamshire Organists' Association to enjoy this acclaimed 70-minute feature documentary, which is a powerful review of the crisis facing Britain's pipe organs - and what can be done to promote, preserve and restore our pipe organ heritage.

The film will be followed by an online discussion with the film's director, **James Dawson**, and the organ-builder **Martin Renshaw**, whose work features in the film. It will also give us an opportunity to learn more about the **Pipe Up for Pipe Organs** charity which works to save valuable instruments and to campaign and advise on their protection.

Joining details will be circulated to members prior to the meeting. If you're not a member but would like to come, do please contact Helen Murphy, our Secretary, by email before 19th November at secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk.



BOA and NDOA are delighted to present an online showing via Zoom of the acclaimed documentary

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(7pm GMT - 2pm US Eastern Time)

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The film will be followed by an on-line discussion with filmmaker **James Dawson** and organ-builder **Martin Renshaw**, whose charity **Pipe Up for Pipe Organs** rescues and rehomes threatened organs, and is driving a revival of interest in pipe organs, advising and campaigning on their protection.

Joining details will be sent to members of BOA, NDOA and NDOA's partner chapter Springfield AGO before the event: if you aren't a member but would like details, please contact secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk.

Buckinghamshire Organists' Association



Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Organ Festival from 14th - 18th November marks the completion of the installation of the new Wolfson organ by Flentrop Orgelbouw (pictured, left). [RBC Organ Festival - Royal Birmingham Conservatoire | Birmingham City University \(bcu.ac.uk\)](#).

Monday 14th sees a Masterclass and a Concert by Daniel Moulton and Nicholas Wearne, with a pre-concert talk by Erik Winkel, director of Flentrop with demonstrations by Daniel Moulton. Martin Schmeding hosts a Masterclass on Tuesday 15th,

and a concert on Wednesday 15th, with the concert preceded by the premiere of Daniel Moulton's new film *Bach and Expression*. Finally, Nathan Laube leads a Masterclass on Thursday 17th and a Concert on Friday 18th. Tickets are required and are online at the link above - only £10 per concert and one masterclass, or £30 for the full festival ticket. NDOA has seen a number of student members and friends study at RBC under Head of Organ, Daniel Moulton - do consider supporting the Organ Festival if you can.

IAO London Organ Day takes place at Chelsea Old Church on Saturday 11th March 2023 - more details soon from [London Organ Day - The Incorporated Association of Organists \(iao.org.uk\)](#) but save the date now.

Lunchtime Live at All Saints' Northampton returns on Thursday 3rd November at 1.10pm, with a recital by Oona Lowther. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for the Friends of All Saints' Music.

Newly-restored Compton at University of Westminster. The Compton organ of Fyvie Hall, University of Westminster in London's Regent Street features in series of concerts from 31st October to 4th November. All events in the Fyvie Festival are open to the public, but the free places are limited and need to be booked in advance at [University of Westminster's Fyvie Festival | University of Westminster](#). At 5.30pm on Tuesday 1st November a public lecture will explore the life, work and influence of Ethel Wood CBE whose bequest left to the University made possible the restoration of the organ. The inaugural concert on the restored Fyvie Hall organ will be given by Paul Hale at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd November, and Professor Andrew Linn plays a lunchtime concert at 12.30pm on Friday 4th November, followed by an opportunity to try the organ for yourself. Full details at the link above.

Can we promote your organ-related events, news, and compositions? We are always very pleased to promote concerts, recitals, organ-related events, compositions and the like through NDOA's *Newsletter*, *Newsletter Extra*, members' direct email circulation, website, Facebook and Twitter channels - do tell us about them in good time and let us ensure our members and friends know about them, support your music-making, and know where they can access your compositions. We do pick up a number of events from mailings or other sources, but please don't assume we will spot your event, and let Helen and Richard know directly at secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk and editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk if you'd like us to pass on details.

Authors wanted. Can you write about organs, organ music or topics of interest to members for future edition of the *Newsletter*? Articles by 1st December please to editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk.

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