

Visit to Wollaston and Higham Ferrers - Saturday 25th March 10am. We have the chance to hear and play two fascinating organs just a few miles apart - the lovely Martin & Coate at Wollaston Methodist Church, (right) recently beautifully overhauled by Richard Young of Rugby, and the fascinating Peter Collins hybrid instrument at St Mary's, Higham Ferrers. Starting at Wollaston at 10am, we will then move to Higham to attend the Farmers' Market Recital at St Mary's, Higham Ferrers at 11.30am - this month given by Gary Sieling, former Assistant Master of the Music at Peterborough Cathedral. This will be followed by a short talk by Alan Cufau de on the history of the organ, and an opportunity to try the organ, and/or hopefully the possibility to take a guided tour of the church, the Chantry Chapel and the Bede House. We will conclude with the chance for members and friends who wish to do so to have lunch at a local café. Meet at Wollaston Methodist Church, High St, Wollaston NN29 7QQ at 10am Do join us - if you have any questions, our President, Glyn Hughes will be pleased to hear from you at treasurer@northamptonorganists.org.uk. Whilst not essential, it would be ideal if members and friends could let Glyn know if you plan to attend.



“Sorry about all those words!” Reminiscences on a literary/visual career in ‘classical’ recordings - a talk by Don Kennedy (Decca Records 1974-76/ EMI Classics 1976-2004) - **Saturday 15th April 2.15pm.** Don will be giving a talk, with illustrative recordings, based on his experiences as Literary and Photographic Editor for Decca Records and EMI Classics in the Garden Room at St Matthew's Parish Centre, St Matthew's Church, 27A The Drive, Northampton NN1 4RY. There will be an interval with refreshments and Don will be bringing examples of his projects for attendees to peruse during the break. Everyone welcome.

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This NDOA event will take place on:

NDOA Members' Recital - Saturday 20th May. Our Members' Recital is provisionally arranged for Saturday 20th May at All Hallows', Wellingborough. Sincere thanks to DoM Tony Edwards who has kindly agreed to host the event. The next issue of the *Newsletter*, published next month, will include a feature by Tony detailing the exciting forthcoming restoration of the Nicholson organ.

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when Don Kennedy will be giving a talk, with illustrative recordings, based on his experiences as Literary and Photographic Editor for Decca Records and EMI Classics in:

Visit to Church Organ World, Mixbury. A visit is planned to the Mixbury showroom where we will be able to sample organs from their Johannus, Makin and Rogers brands. Do watch this space for confirmation of the date in June or July.

The Garden Room at St. Matthew's Parish Centre, St. Matthew's Church, 27A The Drive, Northampton NN1 4RY.

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All are welcome.

If you are not a member and would like to attend, or have any queries please contact us by email at president@northamptonorganists.org.uk.

August Bank Holiday - Monday 28th August. We plan to visit Oakham Parish Church for the Bank Holiday organ recital at 11.15am to be given by Peter Davis, Director of Music at Oakham School. There is an opportunity to purchase lunch afterwards at a cost of £7.50. We then plan to visit a church in the north of the county, and conclude the afternoon with tea in Kettering at the kind invitation of our President Elect, John Wilson. Do save the date.

NDOA AGM 2023 - Saturday 4th November. A note for your diary - our 2023 Annual General Meeting is provisionally scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 4th November. Details to be confirmed soon.

Members' CD and Video Afternoon. Very many thanks are due to Alan and Gabriela Cufau de for hosting an outstanding CD and Video Afternoon at their home on 18th February - full report in the forthcoming *Newsletter*.

Lunchtime Live - All Saints' Northampton. On 2nd March, Lunchtime Live features Lufuno Ndou in a vocal recital, and Richard Pinel on 30th March will be playing Marcel Dupré's Passion Symphony.

Northampton Philharmonic Choir hosts a 'come and sing day' of Brahms' Requiem at St Michael's Northampton on Saturday 4th March - details on the right.

Music at SMSG at St Mary & St Giles, Stony Stratford continues its excellent regular [programme of events](#), including Richard Dunster-Sigtermans on Monday 6th March 12.45 pm, with optional soup and roll (£4) from 12 noon - 12.30.

IAO London Organ Day Chelsea Old Church, Saturday 11th March featuring the 2019 William Drake [organ](#). Tickets are available from [London Organ Day - The Incorporated Association of Organists \(iao.org.uk\)](#). The programme includes Tom Bell, Anne Page on the Grandeur of the Mustel Harmonium, an interview with Richard McVeigh of Beauty in Sound, and concludes with a recital by Nicholas Wearne.

The RSCM Church Music Conference takes place online on Saturday 18th March - details from [RSCM Church Music Conference 2023 | RSCM](#)

Peterborough Cathedral Choirs' Spring Concert with the Peterborough Choral Society and Peterborough Festival Orchestra, conductor Tansy Castledine, takes place at 7pm on Saturday 18th March - Bach Magnificat, Haydn *Lord Nelson* Mass and Tippett Spirituals. Details [here](#).

Stainer's Crucifixion will be performed on Sunday 2nd April at All Hallows, Wellingborough, conducted by our Past President and All Hallows DOM Tony Edwards (*right*). All welcome to come and sing, or just attend the performance.

Sounds of the Summer brings Ian Tracey to Church Organ World at Mixbury near Brackley on Saturday 13th May. Only £10. Booking essential at [sheetorganmusic.co.uk](#).

All Saints' Oakham brings back its regular Bank Holiday recitals this year beginning with Paul Trepte, former DoM at Ely, on 1st May and Harry Jacques on 29th May - recitals at 11.15m; lunch available thereafter at £7.50.

Martin Setchell will make a welcome return to St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby, on Saturday, 8th July at 7.30pm.

St Albans Festival of Church Music - 14th October 2023 6.30pm. Choir books will be available for purchase from aprisk@doctors.org.uk. Admission is free for the congregation. More information at www.freechurchchoirs.org.uk.

Northampton Philharmonic Choir presents a

COME-AND-SING DAY

Explore with us the wonderful music of

J. BRAHMS – REQUIEM

(sung in German)

Saturday 4 March 2023

arrival and registration from 11am
rehearse 11.30am–4pm (break: 1pm–2pm)
Informal performance at 5pm

hot and cold drinks provided

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PARISH CHURCH
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**CRUCIFIXION
BY
SIR JOHN STAINER
SUNDAY APRIL 2ND
6.00PM**

Come and sing this favourite Passiontide work in the glorious setting of Wellingborough Parish Church.

Rehearsal at 3pm followed by tea in the Parish Hall with the performance at 6pm for the whole of Wellingborough Deanery

Conducted by Tony Edwards
Director of Music at All Hallows Parish Church

Please contact Tony on TonyE1960@aol.com or 07867 554476 if you would like to come along and sing

Music copies available from Tony

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