

Ian Henderson RIP. The Association is greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ian Henderson. Ian served as our Hon. Secretary for six years from 1996 - 2002, during which time he also edited the *Newsletter*. He held several posts with the Incorporated Association of Organists, and was also a member of the Peterborough Association. A fuller obituary will be published in the next quarterly *Newsletter*, and we send the Association's sincere condolences to Ian's family and friends.

NDOA Bank Holiday Organ Crawl - Monday 28th August. We plan to visit Oakham Parish Church for the Bank Holiday organ recital at 11.15am by **Peter Davis**, Director of Music at Oakham School. Lunch is available for £7.50. We will then visit the School Chapel organ (by Peter Collins), before going to Warkton (near Kettering) for the afternoon. Details of the organ are at [1877 Walker](#) - and we will hear about the famous Roubiliac Marbles. You can join us for the morning or afternoon or both, but if you plan to join us in Oakham, please let John Wilson know soonest so that lunch can be ordered in advance - johnfwilson@btopenworld.com

NDOA AGM 2023 - Saturday 4th November. Our 2023 Annual General Meeting and Presidential Installation will take place at St Peter and St Andrew, Corby, on the afternoon of Saturday 4th November.

NDOA New Members. We are delighted to welcome new members **Brian Long** and **Roger Jones**, and very much look forward to meeting them at NDOA events.

Harrington Concerts. Our members Benedict and Katherine Cadbury continue to organise their marvellous Harrington Concerts, and will really appreciate your support. On Saturday 5th August at 7.30pm they welcome **Tony's Tailgate Ramblers** to Harrington church, while on Thursday 24th August at 7pm, again at Harrington, they welcome back **William Harris** for a solo cello recital. William is currently pursuing post-graduate performance studies at the Eastman School in Rochester, NY. His recital - which is sure to resonate beautifully in the acoustics of the church - will include two of Bach's glorious Cello Suites as well as music by Piatti, Casadó, Pablo Casals and Imogen Holst. Tickets for both concerts (£15 for Tailgate Ramblers, and £15, £7 u18 for William Harris, both including wine) from Katharine at musicharrington@gmail.com 01536 713944.

St Mary and St Giles, Stony Stratford's, August Monthly Monday Organ Recital on Monday 7th August at 12.45 - 1.30 welcomes back **Adam Parrish** who will be presenting a programme guaranteed to delight including Francis Jackson's Fanfare and Walton's Crown Imperial. Soup and a roll (£4) and/or tea and coffee will be available 12 - 12.30.

Gert van Hoef at Victoria Hall, Hanley. Members may well have enjoyed watching the outstandingly talented Dutch organist **Gert van Hoef** [Home \(gertvanhoef.nl\)](http://www.gertvanhoef.nl) in his online concerts held frequently during lockdown. Gert will make a welcome return to the UK in person to play the four-manual Conacher/Willis at the Victoria Hall, Hanley (Stoke-on-Trent) at 12 noon on Saturday 19th August. Full details are at [Prom Dates – Organ Proms \(victoriahall-organproms.co.uk\)](#).

The Girly Organist! If you haven't come across her already, you might like to check out the social media sites of **Dr Rebekah Okpoti** - aka the Girly Organist - sharing her life with the pipe organ, starting with her website at <https://www.rebekahokpoti.co.uk/the-girly-organist> and YouTube Channel at [Rebekah Okpoti aka The Girly Organist - YouTube](#). Rebekah video-blogs her everyday life as an organist, including relocating her 1864 Walker pipe organ from Cambridgeshire (almost) single-handedly.

She covers the highs and lows of recitals, technique, repertoire, a day in the life of an organist, composing, recording and releasing new music along with learning how to become an organist. Rebekah shares her story with an unfiltered angle on the trials, successes and comedy involved with becoming an organist. As she says, all with her collection of Flower Crowns and Frocks! Rebekah is Associate Organist at Leeds Cathedral, and from September will be DoM at Lancaster Priory. Well worth a look!

Institute of British Organbuilding - Redundant Organs for Relocation. If you're inspired to follow Rebekah's example and relocate a pipe organ, you can find a list of redundant organs for relocation on the IBO's website at [The Institute of British Organ Building \(ibo.co.uk\)](http://www.ibo.co.uk).

Proms 2023. We hope you are enjoying the Proms. It was particularly pleasing to see **Anna Lapwood** on the panel introducing the opening night. If you missed Anna's Late Night Prom - Prom 15, Moon and Stars - last week you can find it again on BBC Sounds at [BBC Sounds - BBC Proms - Available Episodes](#). You can also book for the other Organ Prom - Prom 54 on Saturday 26th August - with the Canadian Organist **Isabelle Demers** making her Proms debut playing Bach, Reger, Coleridge-Taylor and William Grant Still, together with a world premiere from Rachel Laurin. Tickets from <https://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/proms/bbc-proms-2023/prom-54-organ-recital-with-isabelle-demers/>. The Royal Albert Hall website also now includes some fast facts about the organ itself at [Henry Willis Organ | Royal Albert Hall — Royal Albert Hall](#). Did you know that the blowers were originally powered by two steam engines?

Westminster Abbey's Summer Organ Festival continues on 1st August with a recital by **Peter Holder**, while **Dewi Rees** plays on 6th August. [Summer Organ Festival | Westminster Abbey \(westminster-abbey.org\)](#).

Lunchtime Live - All Saints' Northampton. When Lunchtime Live starts up again in the Autumn, **Ewa Belmas**, the Ukrainian concert organist, will entertain the audience on Thursday 7th September at the usual time of 1.10pm. You can check out Ewa's outstanding musicianship at [Ewa Belmas - YouTube](#) including superb performances of Smetana's *Valtava* and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

SMSG's 2023 Pipe Organ Festival celebrates St Mary and St Giles' wonderful Willis organ with not one but two Past Presidents of NDOA. Led by DoM **Jonathan Kingston** the Festival takes place from 15th - 17th September, including a chance to *Come and Sing with the Willis*, a *Hands on the Willis Pipe Organ Session*, a *Creating Organ Music* workshop led by **Jonathan Harris**, Festal Eucharist including Haydn's Little Organ Mass and Vaughan Williams' *Let all the world in every corner sing*, and a *Pipe Organ Favourites Concert* by Jonathan Kingston. Don't miss it! Full details at [Pipe Organ Festival | Music for All @ SMSG \(musicforallsmg.org\)](#).

Looking for somewhere to visit this summer? Why not try [Churches in Northamptonshire | Things To Do One Hour from London | Northamptonshire Surprise](#).

Hymns Cubed. The new (and rather delayed) edition of the **Revised English Hymnal** is now reported to be available from September at [Revised English Hymnal Full Music edition by English Hymnal Co. - Hardback - 9781786220059 \(hymnsam.co.uk\)](#). Should you prefer Wesley, London's Hinde Street Methodist Church publishes a superb collection of **Wesley's Hymns**, including many which are much-loved but out-of-print, available from Blackwells at [Wesley Hymns by WESLEY J: New hardback \(2013\) | Blackwell's \(abebooks.co.uk\)](#). Finally, and most appropriately in this anniversary year of the composition of *Amazing Grace*, you can buy a facsimile copy of the **Olney Hymns** (and much more besides) from the Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney, either in person, or online at [Shop | Cowper & Newton Museum \(cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk\)](#).

Organrecitals uk. Just a reminder that you can find (and post) details of forthcoming organ recitals at [Organ Recitals](#). This is a great - and free - resource. Do please use it!

NDOA's next quarterly Newsletter is in preparation and already has super articles on the organ builder Roger Yates and one of his local organs, on NDOA's visit to Church Organ World at Mixbury (where we were looked after extremely well by Dr Keith Harrington, our Committee Member Steve Bell, and their colleagues), and on possible sources for funding of organ restoration projects. Can you write for us? More contributions are always welcome, please, by 1st September for the next issue, to editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk. We are also always pleased to publicise your organ, choral and other musical events for members and friends. Please email us in good time for us to pass details on through *Newsletter Extra*, our email distribution and our social media channels.

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