

**Bank Holiday Organ Crawl.** A big thank you to everyone who joined the Organ Crawl to Oakham parish church, Oakham School and Warkton on Bank Holiday Monday, and particularly to John Wilson for making the arrangements, friends at Oakham and Warkton for their generous hospitality, and Robin Palmer for his excellent photography. Robin's painted pipes picture from Warkton - *right* - is just one example and there will be more with the report in the quarterly *Newsletter* in October.

**NDOA Forthcoming Events.** Plans for the AGM and for NDOA events in January and February have now been firmed up - full details below. We hope everyone will support them if possible. For more information, or to volunteer to sing or contribute music, please contact our President Elect, John Wilson at [johnfwilson@btopenworld.com](mailto:johnfwilson@btopenworld.com). As always, we are happy to have any other suggestions for activities and events.

**AGM - Saturday 4th November 2.30pm - SS Peter and Andrew, Beanfield Avenue, Corby NN18 0EH** followed by an informal liturgical music session co-ordinated by John Wilson, our member Jonathan Mack (organist of the church) and Father Anthony Searle. James Lloyd Thomas will be playing the organ (*right*). There will be about 40 minutes of light-ish music, including original compositions for voice or organ by any members who like to contribute, followed by light refreshments. All voices welcome. There will be a 'prep' gathering on the afternoon of Sunday 8th October to look at suitable music and rehearse some of it. Place and time for the 'prep' gathering to be confirmed.

**NDOA Committee.** At the AGM there will be an election to fill **three vacancies on the committee**. Members serve for three years and have the opportunity to contribute significantly to the running of the Association. Please contact our Secretary, Helen Murphy, at [helen.e.murphy@outlook.com](mailto:helen.e.murphy@outlook.com) to find out more about the Committee's work, and how to nominate someone.

**Christmas/New Year Musical Party - Saturday 6th January 2024 2.30pm - SS Peter & Paul, Abington** ('the Church in the Park') by invitation of the Rector the Revd Jun Kim, and NDOA member Tim Dolan who is the DoM there. An informal afternoon of seasonal music-making, including duos for piano and organ, and 'fun' items by various members. Again contributions from members of their own compositions and ideas are welcome. Another chance for choral singing and organ playing by members.

**Members' CD Choice Afternoon - Saturday 17th February 2024 2.30pm.** At the home of Alan and Gabriela Cufau in Northampton, thanks to their generous invitation. Alan's hi-fi equipment caters for CD USB, video, DVD etc. We share our favourite recordings, and then enjoy a nice tea (to which members can contribute).

**Talk by Ann Elise Smoot.** In March we hope to bring you a talk by Ann Elise Smoot, Director of Creative Oundle for Organists. The event is likely to be online and on a weekday evening. More details when available.

**Music, cubed. Paul Fey.** Looking for new, accessible organ music at reasonable cost? The German composer Paul Fey has lots at [Best Sheet Music for Organ Online | Paul Fey Organist](#) and on YouTube at [Paul Fey - YouTube](#) where he has already achieved 25,000 subscribers. **Presto Music** [Presto Music | All things musical... on your doorstep](#) has up to 25% discount off Schott and Alfred publications until the end of September - including Grainger's organ albums and Harald Feller's *Young Person's Guide to the Organ*. And **Carols for Choirs 6** has now been published by OUP [Carols for Choirs 6 - Bob Chilcott, David Hill - Oxford University Press \(oup.com\)](#).



**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 Stony Stratford'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 \(musicforallsmg.org\)](#).

**St Matthew's Northampton** hosts **The Ron Gates Organ Recital** on Saturday 23rd September at 2pm with organ duets played by Simon Earl (Director of Music at Christchurch Priory) and Thomas Moore (Director of Music at St Matthew's). Full details of this and the church's other fabulous 130th birthday celebration events [here](#).

**Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** comes to Northampton's Royal and Derngate for the first time in 40 years on Friday 29th September with Smetana's Overture *The Bartered Bride*, Dvořák's Cello Concerto and Brahms Symphony No.4. [Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra - Royal & Derngate \(royalandderngate.co.uk\)](#)

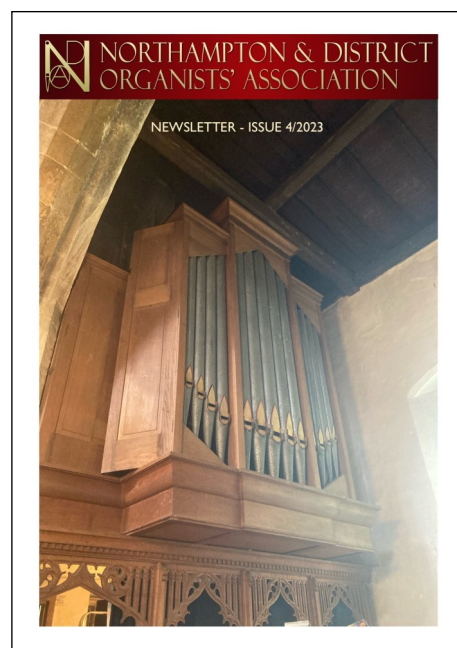
**Jonathan Scott.** You may like this performance of Bach's Little Prelude BWV 926 on a delightful chamber organ in Tideswell Parish Church in Derbyshire, which had not been used for 15 years before this recording. Just lovely. [BACH - LITTLE PRELUDE IN D MINOR BWV 926 - JONATHAN SCOTT ORGAN - YouTube](#)

**Hymns of Praise: The story of Charles Wesley.** [Hymns of Praise: The Story of Hymn Writer Charles Wesley \(2010\) | Full Movie | Rev. John P Jackson - YouTube](#). Do check out the Revd. John P. Jackson's story of the life, conversion, writings and beliefs of Charles Wesley. It's a fascinating and watchable one-man play of around 90 minutes telling the stories of the early days of Methodism, the events leading to Wesley's conversion, his brother John's 'Aldersgate Experience', and much more.

**Beauty in Sound's 2023 Summer Organ Festival** is now online, and videos of all content are available for you to enjoy at [2023 BIS Summer Organ Festival - YouTube](#). There are concerts by Ben Bloor at the London Oratory, Francesca Massey using the new Romsey Abbey Hauptwerk sample set, a recital by Colin Walsh and Martin Baker, an Organ Compline and so much more. Do support Richard McVeigh and check out this fabulous resource.

**NDOA's next quarterly Newsletter** (*right*) will be with members at the beginning of October, and has articles on the organ builder Roger Yates and his two Northamptonshire organs at Bozeat and at Glapthorn. There are reports on our 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 our Bank Holiday Organ Crawl to Oakham and Warkton, You can also read about possible sources for funding of organ restoration projects, and lots more. Enjoy!

**Not yet an NDOA member? Why not join us** today for only £10 (families and corporate members £15 and students free) at [www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join](http://www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join). As well as invitations to our visits and events, you will receive our full-colour quarterly *Newsletter*, the monthly *Newsletter Extra*, and details of organ, choral and musical events which may interest you. Our student members get all this entirely free, and are also eligible to apply for funding through the David Morgan Education Fund for items such as music, shoes or educational visits to support their organ studies. Oh, and if you need an organist, try us first!



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