



NDOA Visit to Oakham and Geddington

- Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. A visit to Oakham Parish Church for the 11.15 am Bank Holiday Organ Recital by Richard Pinel on the lovely 1995 Tickell instrument, followed by lunch (£8) and an afternoon visit to St Mary Magdalene, Geddington, where a new Reredos has been installed and the Bevington organ (pictured left) can be enjoyed. You can find more about the Tickell organ at [All Saints Oakham Organ – Oakham Team Ministry](#)

More details of the visit from our President, John Wilson at johnwilson@btopenworld.com.

NDOA Visit to Ringstead, Raunds and Hargrave - Saturday 8th June. We meet at St Mary's, Ringstead at 10.30am to play the [1925 S.F. Dalliday instrument](#) installed here in 1990. We then move to St Peter's Raunds, with its iconic Grade I-listed [3-manual Conacher](#), restored by Nicholsons in 2006, and lunch at a local hostelry. At 2.30pm we meet at All Hallows, Hargrave to experience the delights of the 3-manual Viscount Envoy organ. Details of the project and recordings are at [All Hallows Church in Hargrave, Northamptonshire - Viscount Organs](#). You can join or leave at any time during the day.



NDOA sponsors Peterborough Cathedral Summer Organ Recital Series. The Association is delighted to be sponsoring the new Summer Series of lunchtime organ recitals at Peterborough Cathedral. Recitals will take place on **Wednesdays 12th, 19th, and 26th June and 3rd and 10th July** - all at 1pm. Entry will be free, with a retiring collection.

More details of organists and their programmes will follow but do please put the dates in your diaries now. This is a new venture both for the Cathedral Music Department and the Association - we would love to see you there for any or all of the recitals!

James Lloyd Thomas and Lizzie Peacock All Saints' Northampton - Thursday 2nd May at 1.10pm. James and Lizzie perform delightful music for organ and harp for the monthly Lunchtime Live recital in May.

Tim Dolan Christchurch Northampton - Sunday 12th May at 3pm. Our member Tim Dolan - DoM at Abington - will be performing a recital on the new Viscount digital organ at Christchurch, Northampton, and would love to see as many members as possible. Tim is also seeking an Assistant Organist/DoM at Abington - a great opportunity for someone to become part of the excellent music scene at Abington. Details have been circulated to members but if you missed them, get in touch - contact details overleaf - and we will gladly forward them to you.

Pavlos Triantaris St Mary and St Giles Stony Stratford - Monday 13th May 12.30pm. This year's third monthly lunchtime recital at SMSG is preceded by tea, coffee and cakes to purchase from 12 noon - as well as the usual very warm welcome from the SMSG team.

David Saint at Hinckley URC - Saturday 18th May 3pm. Come and hear David Saint, DoM of St Chad's, Birmingham, play this super historic Holdich. Admission only £5, free for U18/students.

Oakham Parish Church Bank Holiday Recitals - Bank Holiday Mondays at 11.15am continue this year and have a Northamptonshire theme - not just with NDOA's visit for **Richard Pinel's** recital on **6th May** (see above) but with NDOA members **Andrew Reid** (formerly of St Matthew's, Peterborough Cathedral, RSCM and Harrison and Harrison) on Monday 27th May and **Simon Johnson** (formerly of All Saints' Northampton, St Paul's Cathedral, and now Westminster Cathedral) on Monday 26th August.

Professor Francis O’Gorman. NDOA is greatly saddened to hear of the death of Professor Francis O’Gorman, editor of *Organists’ Review*, and sends sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Organ Reborn - Norwich Cathedral Organ Festival - 6th -14th July. Celebrating the rebuilding of the cathedral organ by Harrison and Harrison, Norwich Cathedral is holding a week-long organ festival. Highlights include Three Cathedral Choirs of Norwich, Ely and Peterborough, the BBC Singers and the Britten Sinfonia, Anne Page, David Briggs, Anna Lapwood and Donald MacKenzie. A full programme of choral services runs through the festival week, including Choral Evensong broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 on 10 July, and so much more. With three headline concerts, six organ recitals, two talks and more, there is a packed programme of events to look forward to. Full details at [Organ Festival | Norwich Cathedral](#)

IAO Organ Festival - York - 25th - 29th July. The festival includes recitals at York Minster, Beverley Minster and Bridlington Priory, as well as events and an open-console day at a number of churches in York, and the finals of the IAO/RCO Young Organists’ Competition. Full details are online at [Festival Invitation | The Incorporated Association of Organists \(iao.org.uk\)](#). There is an early booking discount for members of IAO Associations (including of course NDOA) for booking by 31st May.

Choosing hymns for your services? Do you choose the hymns for your services? Many of us use the RSCM Sunday by Sunday suggestions, but if you are looking for alternative suggestions, or perhaps your church doesn’t subscribe to the RSCM, why not have a look at the hymn suggestions published by the Diocese of St Asaph. There is an online schedule of suggested hymns for each week, sorted by date and by the liturgical Sunday concerned. The list even gives the hymn number in a number of common hymnals. [Hymn Suggestions - Diocese St. Asaph \(dioceseofstasaph.org.uk\)](#)

RCO Podcast. The latest RCO podcast features the Andrew Parmley, RCO’s Chief Executive, talking about the international Organ Day. [Listen to The Organ Podcast \(rco.org.uk\)](#).

SMSG Stony Stratford. If you’d like a taster of the fabulous Stony Stratford Willis before the SMSG Monthly Monday Recital (see overleaf) - or just a splendid musical half-hour, our Past President **Jonathan Kingston’s** 2020 online recital from the Stony Pipe Organ Festival is still available on YouTube at [Jonathan Kingston plays the Stony Stratford Willis Organ - Online Organ Festival 2020 \(youtube.com\)](#).

Bromsgrove Summer Concert Series All Saints’ Bromsgrove is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the church with a series of recitals on the 1981 Tamburini organ, including organ recitals by Oliver Neale at 1pm on 29th June and Ashley Wagner at 1pm on 6th July, and a Gala Organ Recital with Charles Francis on 13th July at 7pm. More details at [c24b5f_3c4a15e75fd040ce8f2a2f4a312c7bab.pdf \(usfiles.com\)](#).

Something different? Preparing music for evensong recently, your Editor was pleased to come across Basil Harwood’s charming *A Quiet Voluntary for Evensong*. Based on the theme of the tune VIENNA, which is often used for the hymn *Blest Creator of the Night*, you can find a delightful performance on YouTube by Andrew Adair, DoM at St Mary Magdalene, Toronto [A quiet voluntary for Evensong \(Basil Harwood\) \(youtube.com\)](#).

NDOA Newsletter. Our next quarterly Newsletter will be published in July, and we would welcome articles and contributions, by 1st June please. Could you write about the organ you play, or one particularly dear to you; about your favourite organ music, or an organ- or choral-related topic you think might interest our members? Do get in touch.

NDOA Membership. Are you reading this but not already a member? Do please consider joining us - we serve Northampton & District but have members as far afield as Australia and New Zealand! Membership is only £10 per year, £15 for families and corporates (including churches) and free for students. Contact details below.



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