NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER EXTRA

June 2024

NDOA Visit to Ringstead, Raunds and Hargrave - Saturday 8th June. We meet at St Mary's, Ringstead at 10.30 am to play the 1925 S.F. Dalliday instrument installed here in 1990 - parking on Church St., Ringstead, with care for other cars please. At 11.45 am we move to St Peter's, Raunds, with its iconic Grade I-listed 3-manual Conacher, restored by Nicholsons in 2006 - parking on Church St., Raunds. At 1pm we have lunch at Belle's Brook Café, Brook St., Raunds, NN9 6LL. We have booked a table for 12 so enough for the expected number. At 2.30 pm we meet at All Hallows, Hargrave to experience the delights of the 3-manual Viscount Envoy organ to which NDOA member Nick Pollard will introduce us. Details of the project and recordings are at All Hallows Church in Hargrave, Northamptonshire - Viscount Organs. There is on-street parking near the church. These churches are all in the Four Spires Benefice (the other being Stanwick) - www.4spires.org.uk for details - but note that the postcodes given might not take you to the church itself - just look for the spire! You can join or leave at any time during the day. No need to book, but if you know you are coming it would be helpful to let John know at johnfwilson@btopenworld.com. All are very welcome - do come.

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. The first recital, on Wednesday 12th June, will be given by Hilary Punnett of Christ Church, Oxford, and the other recitalists will include Harvey Stansfield (Peterborough), Jeffrey Makinson (Lincoln) and Chris Strange (Peterborough). This is a new venture both for the Cathedral Music Department and the Association - do please come! We would love to see you there for any or all of the recitals. Lunch and refreshments are available to purchase in the fabulous Becket's Tearooms at the Cathedral.

NDOA Late Summer and Autumn Events - new for your diary. On Saturday 10th August we will host a Reluctant Organists' Day. This is an opportunity for anyone who can play a keyboard to try a pipe organ – and become less reluctant to play for services, other events, or just their own enjoyment. We will have use of a two-manual organ at Toller United Reform Church, and a 3-manual instrument at Fuller Baptist Church, both in Silver Street, Kettering. Then on Saturday 26th October, we will enjoy a Members' Recital on the magnificent 3-manual Walker organ in St Peter & St Paul, Kettering. Any member is welcome to play, and there will be opportunity for practice. Finally, our AGM will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 9th November. Further details of all these events will follow, but meanwhile do please save the dates!



Welcome to our new members. We are always delighted to welcome our new members, including **Peter Hartley, Peter Jeffries and Ian Runnells** who have recently joined the Association. We very much hope that they will enjoy their membership.

Monthly Monday Organ Recital St Mary and St Giles, Stony Stratford. June's recital is on Monday 3rd June at 12.45 - 1.30 pm, featuring Carl Jackson MVO (Hampton Court, Chapel Royal). Tea, coffee and cakes will be served before the concert from noon. Bring your sandwiches to eat while you listen to the music.

Lunchtime Live All Saints' Northampton. All Saints' Church, Northampton - Music : Lunchtime Live (allsaintsnorthampton.co.uk). On Thursday 6th June at 1.10 pm Jem Lowther and Lufuno Ndou perform a recital as mezzo-soprano accompanied by piano, while on Thursday 4th July at 1.10pm Jem Lowther and Laurence Caldecote perform an organ recital - Two Organists, Three Organs!

Spirits and Souls. Saturday 22nd June, 6.30pm St Matthew's Northampton. Northampton Philharmonic Choir, conducted by Thomas Moore, together with the choir of All Saints' CEVA Primary School and the Nene Sinfonia will perform a concert including Bob Chilcott's A Little Jazz Mass and Andrew Carter's Benedicite. Tickets £16.50 u18£6 from Northampton Philharmonic Choir (thelittleboxoffice.com) or on the door.

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 though the festival week, including Choral Evensong broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 on 10th 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).

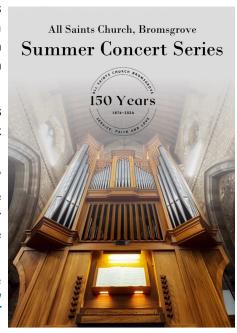
RCO Podcast. The latest RCO podcast features NDOA's good friend **Richard McVeigh** of Beauty in Sound, talking about the amazing success of the Beauty in Sound YouTube broadcasts, which many members enjoy. Richard McVeigh | BEAUTY IN SOUND - YouTube. Listen to The Organ Podcast (rco.org.uk).

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 recitals by Oliver Neale at 1pm on 29th June and Ashley Wagner at 1pm on 6th July, and a Gala Recital with Charles Francis on 13th July at 7pm

New music from Denis Bédard. RSCM Shop now has four new works from the Canadian composer Denis Bédard, including the magnificent *Variations on AURELIA*. Check them out at Product Search (rscmshop.com).

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.

NDOA online. Just a reminder that we are on social media. We'd love some more Facebook followers - why not follow or like us now? https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonOrganists/.



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