

N NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT
ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION

NDOA presents a
RELUCTANT ORGANISTS' DAY

Toller URC and Fuller Baptist Churches
Gold Street Kettering

Saturday 10th August 2.30 - 4.30pm

NDOA is pleased to announce that it has been given access to two of Kettering's finest pipe organs. They are both in non-conformist churches in Gold Street, in the centre of the town, and will be available for organists and keyboard players of all abilities (and none) to play, with tutoring available if required.



Toller URC will be open from 2.30 to 3.30pm, and Fuller Baptist Church from 3.30 to 4.30pm. We will have use of a two-manual organ at Toller URC and a 3-manual instrument at Fuller Baptist Church.



There will then be an opportunity to visit the Heritage Centre in Fuller Church (telling the story of William Carey, Kettering's first missionary to India, and a founder of the Baptist Missionary Society), and to have a cup of tea.

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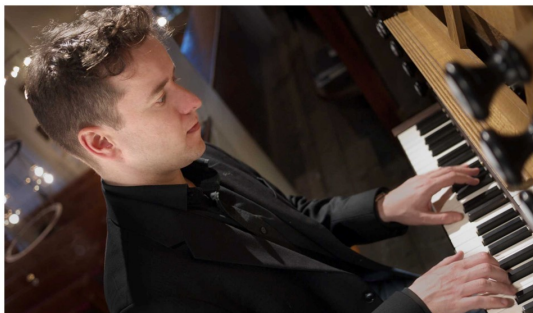
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On **Saturday 26th October** we will enjoy a **Members' Recital** on the magnificent 3-manual Walker organ in [St Peter & St Paul, Kettering](#). Any member is welcome to play, and there will be opportunity for practice. Not limited to solo organ!

Our **AGM** will take place at 2.30pm on **Saturday 9th November** at All Hallows', Wellingborough, followed by a musical event. Further details of these events will follow, but meanwhile do please save the dates now.

Daniel Moulton at Castle Ashby House Saturday 21st September at 7.30pm. Daniel Moulton, the acclaimed international concert organist, will make a much-anticipated return visit to Castle Ashby House on Saturday 21st September following his sold-out concert in 2022. The programme includes Handel, Bach, Mozart, Stanford and Fletcher, and is designed to showcase the delightful [1884 Nicholson Organ](#) of the Great Hall. Tickets are now on sale at £25 (plus booking fee) including refreshments at <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzMzNy0y/t> or in case of difficulty email Richard at editor.ndoa@gmail.com. The capacity of the Great Hall is strictly limited and all tickets must be pre-booked. Book now for a marvellous evening of music in this magnificent setting.

ORGAN CONCERT DANIEL MOULT



CASTLE ASHBY HOUSE - THE GREAT HALL

Saturday 21st September 2024 - 7.30pm

Daniel Moulton will play the restored 1884 Nicholson Organ of the Great Hall of Castle Ashby House. He is the country's greatest exponent of the English Organ, and makes a much-anticipated return visit to Castle Ashby following his sold-out concert in 2022.

Daniel is an acclaimed international concert organist, Head of Organ Studies at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and architect and presenter of the iconic series *The English Organ* (*Fugue State Films*).

The programme will include works by Handel, Bach and Mozart, together with Stanford and the Fletcher *Festival March*.

Tickets £25 (plus booking fee) including interval refreshments and a glass of wine. Tickets from <https://bit.ly/3VZfoQn> or just scan the QR code below with your phone, or email editor.ndoa@gmail.com

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The concert is held by kind permission of the Castle Ashby Trustees and the Compton Family, with proceeds supporting the work of the church of St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby



Peterborough Cathedral Summer Organ Recitals. A big thank-you to everyone who supported the Peterborough Summer Organ Recital Series in June and July, and especially to Chris Strange, the cathedral's Organist, who put so much work into arranging the series and performing the final recital. Thank you also to Hilary Punnett, Glen Dempsey, Jeffrey Makinson and Harvey Stansfield for their magnificent music, to the cathedral team who made us so welcome, and of course to everyone from NDOA and friends who staffed our stand.

St Mary and St Giles, Stony Stratford. On **Monday 5th August** at 12.45pm the SMSG Monthly Monday Organ Recital will be given by members of the Buckinghamshire Organists' Association. Our good friends **Bryan Moseley and Martin Paxton** are poised to play the Willis organ, with the console now moved into its new forward and lower position in the gallery. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served before the concert from 12 noon - do bring your sandwiches too. There is always a warm welcome at the SMSG lunchtime recitals.

Philip Bricher performs on **Sunday 18th August** at 3pm at **Christ Church, Northampton** on the recently installed Viscount digital instrument and would very much like to see as many members and friends as possible.

FANFARE! Our member Harvey Stansfield's debut CD - FANFARE! - of Whitlock Organ Music performed on the Compton organ of Southampton Guildhall is available from <https://www.harveystansfield-musician.co.uk/online-store/Fanfare-Organ-music-of-Percy-Whitlock-p551151064>. Highly recommended!

Church Organ World holds its next Roadshow on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th September at St John's, Kenilworth, CV8 1HY, and for those willing to travel a little further afield, its annual Autumn Shades concert with Ian Tracey at its Shaw (Oldham) HQ on Saturday 5th October. Full details from [Events - Church Organ World](#).

RCO Podcast. The latest RCO podcast features Radio 3's Choral Evensong from King's College, Cambridge, and Gordon Stewart demonstrating the Binns' organ at Rochdale Town Hall. [Listen to The Organ Podcast \(rco.org.uk\)](#).

'Battleship Binns'. James Jepson Binns was, of course, known as 'Battleship Binns' for the excellent build quality of his organs. Almost identical to the organ in Rochdale Town Hall, the largest surviving example of his work is that of Nottingham's Albert Hall, which was presented to the City of Nottingham by the then Sir Jesse Boot (of Boots the Chemist family) and which continues to host monthly organ recitals. The Nottingham organ's dedicated website includes a fascinating history of Binns which you can find at [History - binns.info](#).

Organ Building vol.23. The Institute of British Organbuilding has published its latest annual review of organ building in the UK - new organs, restorations and so much more, all in full colour in a very high quality format. Available from their webstore [The Institute of British Organ Building \(ibo.co.uk\)](#) at £21.50 plus delivery.

The Organ Manual's latest on-line edition 'People of the Organ World' is now available to read at www.theorganmanual.com.

Organ and Choral Music is a two-hour weekly broadcast from Australia on 3MBS Melbourne which you might enjoy - find it online at [3MBS Melbourne 103.5FM - Organ & Choral Music](#).

Healey Willan. Members and friends will be familiar with the works of Canadian Composer and Organist Healey Willan (1880-1968) - but did you know that he features, at the organ, on a 1980 Canadian postage stamp?



Organrecitals.uk. Just a reminder of organrecitals.uk - with August recitals listed within an hour or so of the county including Down Ampney (various Saturdays, 11am), St Mary's Melton Mowbray (various Tuesdays, 1pm), Ely Cathedral (various Sundays, 5.15pm), Oakham Parish Church (Simon Johnson, 11.15am Monday 26th August), and Southwell Minster (Jonathan Allsopp, 3.30pm Monday 26th August).

NDOA Membership. Are you reading this but not already a member? Do please consider joining us. Membership is only £10 per year, £15 for families and corporates (including churches) and free for students www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join.

And finally... "A Vicar was heard to announce 'As parts the hant for cooling streams'. This is a good second to 'Kinkering Kongs their titles take.'" *From John Warriner's 'Tales of Organists' (1927)*

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