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NDOA presents a
MEMBERS' RECITAL

St Peter and St Paul
Market Place Kettering
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Saturday 26th October at 3pm

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The Recital includes performances of new organ music especially composed for NDOA's centenary celebrations.

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Our **AGM** will take place at 2.30pm on **Saturday 9th November** at All Hallows', Wellingborough. There will be the usual reports and other business items, and they will be followed by a musical event which will be open to members and friends. Further details will follow, but meanwhile do please save the date now.

NDOA 2025! We are planning a **Concert for Epiphany and the New Year** on Saturday afternoon **18th January 2025** at Ss Peter & Paul, Abington, and a **Members' CD Choice afternoon** in Northampton on **Saturday 15th February**. More details soon, but do put the dates in your diary now!



Midlands Organ Day 2024

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER
from 10.30am

St Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton, WV1 1TY

with celebrity recitalist
JONATHAN SCOTT

(following his performance at this year's BBC Proms)

featuring the recently restored
'Father' Willis organ

Programme also includes

Recitals by advanced students from
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

Visit to nearby St John's Church
with its historic Renuis Harris organ

Choir of St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury

Full details and online booking via
<https://iao.org.uk/mod2024>

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Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Organ Festival 2024. Join **Daniel Moulton, Nicholas Wearne, Anna-Victoria Baltrusch, Carolyn Craig** and **Henry Fairs** as they perform on the stunning new 'Juliet' organ, custom-built by **William Drake Ltd** in November's [RBC Organ Festival - Royal Birmingham Conservatoire | Birmingham City University \(bcu.ac.uk\)](#).

Lunchtime Live. The next All Saints' Northampton Lunchtime Live concert is a cello and organ recital by Oona Lowther and Jem Lowther on Thursday 3rd October at 1.10pm.

Church Organ World holds its annual Autumn Shades concert with Ian Tracey at its Shaw (Oldham) HQ on Saturday 5th October. Booking essential. Full details from [Events - Church Organ World](#).

Hereford Composers' Workshop at **Leominster Priory** on **Saturday 12th October** features two choral pieces by our former member Robert Page, *George* and *O Lord, my heart is not lifted up (psalm 131)*. All would be most welcome.

Celebration Day – Come & Sing Evensong. St Albans Cathedral Saturday 19th October. Conducted by David Hill of the BBC Singers, an opportunity to sing in the fabulous surroundings of St Albans Cathedral. Repertoire is also mostly C V Stanford - <https://www.rscm.org.uk/whats-on/celebration-day/>.

Rosemary Nayyar at Higham Ferrers. Our member Rosemary Nayyar, former DoM at St Mary's Rushden, will give the next Higham Ferrers Farmers' Market Recital on the fascinating hybrid Peter Collins instrument at St Mary, Higham Ferrers, on **Saturday 26th October** at 11.30am. Admission free, retiring collection.

Paul Hale at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery. Paul Hale, former Rector Chori at Southwell Minster, former Editor of *Organists' Review* and well-known concert organist and organ consultant, will give a talk on **The Wonderful World of the Pipe Organ** at the Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, Guildhall Road, Northampton at 10.30am on Thursday 7th November. Cost £4.50. Advance booking is essential at [Eventbrite](#), or in person at the Art Gallery or Museum, or by phone 01604 526322.

Many congratulations to our student member **Matthew Foster** who is now studying at the University of York. You can read about Matthew's recent stellar recital at Higham Farmers' Market Recital - which won him a standing ovation - in the latest Issue of our *Newsletter* which is being sent to members now..

Play the Organ Year 2025. Play the Organ Year is designed to inspire a year-long effort by the whole organ-playing community, not just to increase the number of people learning to play the organ, but also the number enjoying live and recorded organ music. The RCO, IAO and other organ bodies are working together to get as many people as possible to hear, see - and play - the organ. At the heart of Play the Organ Year will be an attempt to open this experience to as many people as possible - to encourage them to take a step towards the organ, to lay hands on it wherever possible, and to discover for the first time the unique and thrilling experience of playing this remarkable instrument. Details and resources will be available at [Play the Organ Year 2025 \(rco.org.uk\)](#)

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The Lady Organist. Do have a look at the [Lady Organist](#) website, which has a wealth of organ-related material from music and book reviews, interviews, lots of pedal resources, to a 'Rescue Package for Reluctant Organists.' You can also find a list of [handy excuses for organists](#), and subscribe to the Lady Organist's Newsletter online.

RCO Podcast. The latest RCO podcasts feature Mark O'Brien and Richard Brasier talking about some of the startling discoveries he made while researching Cesar Franck, and Richard playing one of Franck's unpublished works. Of particular interest to our members, Christopher Stokes also provides a demonstration of the Tickell organ at Manchester Cathedral (made in Northampton, of course) and shares his approach to designing the instrument - [The Organ Podcast \(buzzsprout.com\)](#)

NDOA Newsletter. The latest edition of our quarterly *Newsletter* is live and being sent to members. You can find features on the Hill organ of Peterborough cathedral, some notes on choosing hymns, Chris Benton's fiendish chromatically-inverted Bach, and Bozeat's Roger Yates' organ. There are reports too of our Reluctant Organists' Day, Peterborough's summer recital series, and so much more. Thanks to everyone who contributed, and we do hope you enjoy it.

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 corporate members (including churches) and entirely FREE for students www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join.

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