

February 2025

Members' CD and Video Afternoon

Refreshments included



Our President Tony Edwards invites you to the second NDOA event of the New Year which will take place on:

Saturday 15th February 2024
starting at 2.00 pm,

when past president Alan Cufaude will host a Members' CD and Video Afternoon in his home:

2, Frank Large Walk, St. Crispin's, Northampton NN5 4UP.

Members will have an opportunity to share their favourite organ, choral or other music, and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and friendship. Please put the date in your diary and think about what music you will share.



Your choice may be brought on any of the following:
CD, DVD, LP, or YouTube video or other audio or video recording on USB stick.



There will be refreshments - tea, coffee, cake and more!

It will be useful for the catering and seating if you can let Alan know on alannorthampton@hotmail.co.uk if you plan to attend, but you are still very welcome if you have not done so!

All are welcome.

If you are not a member and would like to attend, or have any queries please contact us by email at tonye1960@aol.com

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CRUCIFIXION
by
SIR JOHN STAINER

PALM SUNDAY
13TH APRIL
6.00PM
MEARS ASHBY CHURCH

Tenor: Matthew George
Bass: Stephen George

With the choirs and singers from the
Wellingborough Deanery

Organist: Alan Cufaude
Conductor: Tony Edwards

Come along and start Holy Week with meditative
Hymns & Music

Members' CD Choice Afternoon 2025 will be held on **Saturday 15th February at 2pm** at the home of Alan Cufaude in Northampton - many thanks to Alan for his hospitality. Alan's audio equipment caters for CD, USB, video, DVD and more besides. We share our favourite music, and then enjoy a nice tea, to which members can contribute - details on the left.

Philip Bricher will play the monthly **Farmer's Market Recital** on the fascinating hybrid Peter Collins instrument at **St Mary the Virgin, Higham Ferrers** on **Saturday 22nd February at 11.30am**. Our member Philip plans to include orchestral transcriptions, hymn preludes, and video game music!!! (following the influence of our President, Philip says). The recital will last approximately 45 minutes, and is free with a retiring collection. Philip's musicianship and eclectic programmes are always enjoyable, and well worth a trip to Higham.

Northampton Philharmonic Choir will present a performance of **Haydn's The Creation** on **Sunday 29th March** at **St Matthew's, Northampton**, conducted by their musical director (and St Matthew's DoM) Thomas Moore. Tickets are available online via the choir's website at [Forthcoming Northampton Philharmonic Choir Concerts](#).

Stainer's Crucifixion will be performed by choirs and singers from across the Wellingborough Deanery and beyond at **All Saints', Mears Ashby** on **Palm Sunday, 13th April at 6pm**. Our President, Tony Edwards, will conduct the performance, and our member Alan Cufaude will play the organ, which is a lovely two-manual Hill dating from 1903. Do come along and join in this devotion at the start of Holy Week.

All Saints' Northampton Lunchtime Live on **Thursday 6th February at 1.10pm** features a piano duet performed by Jem Lowther and Simon Toyne.

NDOA Newsletter. We feature a different organ in each edition of the quarterly Newsletter. Would you like us to feature the organ you play - or at your church? Could you write an article for the Newsletter on your favourite organ, organ music or experiences with learning or playing the organ? Do get in touch today - editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk.

Organ and Choral Events. We will gladly publicise your organ and choral events through Newsletter Extra, our membership emails, and our social media channels. Just let us have details using the email above.

NDOA Centenary Organ Book. The six organ pieces from our Centenary Organ Book performed at our recent Members' Recital are available to download free of charge at [Centenary Projects | Northampton & District Organists' Association](#). Do tell us if you perform any of the pieces - we're sure you'll enjoy them.

Star Organs of Britain Calendar 2025. If you're still looking for a 2025 calendar, Andrew Hayden's brilliant Star Organs calendar features the newly-relocated Holdich instrument at St Peter's, Oundle, and the lovely Andrew Freeman case of the Roger Yates organ at St Mary's, Bozeat. [Star Organs - Products](#) at £23.25 including P&P.

IAO London Organ Day 2025 at St Botolph without Aldgate and the German Lutheran Church nearby is on Saturday 1st March - [London Organ Day - The Incorporated Association of Organists](#). Our Past President, Shanna Hart, is DoM at St Botolph and will introduce the Harris organ.

Play the Organ Year 2025. Play the Organ Year is a year-long effort by the whole organ-playing community to increase the number of people learning the organ and enjoying live and recorded organ music. NDOA's events will be supporting it throughout the year. Details at [Play the Organ Year 2025 \(rco.org.uk\)](#).

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South African Organs. If you enjoyed Stephen Taylor's brilliant article on Australian organ in the current *Newsletter*, you might also like Christiaan Carsten's YouTube channel which showcases video recordings he has made of about 80 South African organs. The organs include historic instruments, mostly of English origin, as well as more recent organs built during the second half of the 20th-century. There are also compositions by South African composers including Jacobus Kloppers, Isak Grove, Roelof Temmingh, Albert Troskie and Johan Greyling. There's much to enjoy here - do give it a try <http://www.youtube.com/@justmusic822>.

Celebrity Organ Concerts at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire take place on 4th February - Erwan le Prado (Caen), 11th March - Nathan Laube (New York), 25th March - Pier Damiano Peretti (Vienna) and 8th April - Daniel Moulton (London, Birmingham). All performances take place 6-7 pm on the beautiful instruments by Drake and Flentrop of the Organ Studio at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire (Postcode: B4 7XR). Entry is free, but seating is limited, so kindly reserve a place at [What's On - Concerts and Events - Royal Birmingham Conservatoire | Birmingham City University](#)

British Institute of Organ Studies Bernard Edmonds Research Conference takes place on Saturday 22nd February, also at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, arranged by our good friend Daniel Moulton, Head of Organ Studies. The programme will include Drew Cantrill-Fenwick on English influences on nineteenth-century French organ culture, David Shuker speaking about *The organs and women organists of Eaton Hall, Cheshire in the Georgian and Victorian era*, Owen Woods on *Harrison and Harrison and the History of the French Horn Stop*; and William McVicker on *The Holdich Album*, recently acquired for the British Organ Archive, which may be of great interest to members given Holdich's Northamptonshire roots. Details and booking (by Friday 14th February) at [Bernard Edmonds Research Conference 2025 - BIOS](#).

BBC Sunday Worship - Lord for the Years - A tribute to Bishop Timothy Dudley Smith. In January, BBC's Sunday Worship featured an excellent tribute to the hymn-writer Timothy Dudley Smith, who passed away in August last year. The tribute features new recordings from The Diocese of Manchester Choral Scholars, directed by Andrew Earis and accompanied by Elin Rees. The recording is available for a few more days at [Sunday Worship - Lord for the Years: A tribute to Timothy Dudley-Smith - BBC Sounds](#).

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