

## **NEWSLETTER EXTRA**

May 2021



**NDOA's Centenary Year** celebrations continue in virtual form, with Zoom meetings planned for May, and work continuing on our Centenary Projects including our Centenary Organ Scholarships and Centenary Composition Competition. We continue to build relationships with our neighbouring Associations, and have invitations to two of their events this month too. If the roadmap towards the end of lockdown continues, we hope to be able to resume physical events from June onwards - do look out for details as and when they become available.

**Zooming in...** Do join us at forthcoming Zoom events:

- On **Saturday 15th May at 7.30pm**, our member **Robin Palmer** and immediate Past President **John Wilson** will give a presentation about the organ of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Suva, Fiji, and the Fiji Arts Club Choir **Making Music in a Tropical Paradise.** Robin conducts the choir, whilst John played the organ of St Andrew's whilst living in Fiji between 1998 and 2000. Members can find preview articles by Robin and John the current edition of the *Newsletter*. The meeting will last for approximately 90 minutes. Login details will be circulated to members before the event. This will be a superb event please do make every effort to join us.
- On Saturday 8th May at 2.15pm for 2.30pm we are warmly invited to join our friends at Cambridge
  Organists' Association in their Zoom presentation to be given by Andy Scott of Harrison & Harrison
  about the recent restoration of the organ of Salisbury Cathedral. The meeting will last for approximately
  one hour. Login details have already been circulated to members but do please contact us details overleaf
  if you have mislaid them.
- On **Monday 17th May at 7.30pm** our friends in the Nottingham & District Society of Organists have invited us to join their Zoom presentation when **Paul Hale** will be speaking about his organ consultancy work. Do please contact us details overleaf if you would like to join the event and login details will be sent to you when they are to hand.
- We hope you enjoyed our April Zoom event, **Daniel Moult** in **Conversation**, when Daniel spoke about his career, his work and his music including the Fugue State Films box set *The English Organ* and his role as Head of Organ Studies at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. The event enjoyed a record attendance for an NDOA online event, and some super feedback from attendees. If you missed it, or would like to see it again, a recording of the presentation is available on request contact details overleaf.
- **Fugue State Films** has most generously offered a 15% discount for our members on *The English Organ* and any of their other films, including their latest presentation A Legend Reborn: The Voice of King's which tells the story of the restoration of the organ at King's College Cambridge by Harrison & Harrison of Durham. You can order at Fugue State Films and use the discount code FSFIAO15.
- Links are still available to Jonathan Kingston's Zoom presentations on **Making the most of a digital organ** and **Word-painting in hymns and psalms**, and **Bill Czelusniak's** Zoom presentation about his organ-building firm in Northampton, MA arranged by our friends in Springfield AGO. Do please just ask if you'd like details contact details overleaf.

**Centenary Organ Scholarships.** Just a reminder that we are continuing to welcome applications from young organists in or around Northamptonshire for a number of organ scholarships to celebrate our centenary. The scholarships will award £100 to be used towards the purchase of music, shoes or other materials to support organ studies, together with recital and concert performing opportunities, assistance in finding a suitable church or parish for experience and practice, and free NDOA membership. Full details of the scholarships, eligibility, and how to apply are on the flyer which is sent with this *NE*.

**New membership flyer.** We have a new A5 membership flyer, with a membership form on the reverse. A PDF is sent with this *NE*. Do use it to encourage new members, and just ask if you'd like hard copies to distribute.

**Canon Paul Rose RIP.** We are saddened to report the passing of Canon Paul Rose, who was twice President of the Association, in 2002-3 and again in 2011-12. Paul made a significant contribution to church music in the Diocese and beyond, having been Precentor at both Peterborough and Canterbury. The Association sends its sincere condolences to Paul's family.



**RSCM** news and events. Our friends at the RSCM have a number of events which may be of interest to members including:

- A recital from Salisbury by David Halls, the Cathedral's DoM which you can find on the RSCM's
  YouTube Channel at <u>Lunchtime Organ Recital</u> <u>David Halls from Salisbury Cathedral</u> <u>YouTube</u>. You may
  find this an ideal prelude to the Cambridge Organists' event about the recent restoration of the organ details overleaf.
- On Tuesday 18th May from 10am 4pm, RSCM and Church Times host a Webinar Lift Up Your Voices, Lift Up Your Hearts exploring questions of music and worship for musicians, ministers and laity. Topics will include a consideration of how congregational singing could come back stronger after the pandemic, a look at 'what next for choirs', training taster sessions for clergy and an introduction to the Revised English Hymnal. Cost £20 or £10 for RSCM members or Church Times subscribers. Booking details at Lift Up Your Voices, Lift Up Your Hearts (churchtimes.co.uk)
- **Music Sunday 2021** will take place on Sunday 6th June, and will celebrate the role of music in worship and give thanks for the talent and dedication of church musicians. Details at <u>Music Sunday | RSCM</u>

**RCO Organ Week.** The RCO's online programmes from the full week of presentations can be found on the RCO's YouTube channel at Royal College of Organists - YouTube and are well worth a look. You may recall that NDOA, with other associations, was asked to put together a video on its activities, and we were invited to focus our presentation on our scholarship and educational activities. Jonathan Kingston and Matthew Foster both very kindly contributed to our video, but unfortunately technical problems at the RCO meant that none of the association videos were shown on the night. Nonetheless we are hoping to find a way to show you Jonathan and Matthew's videos ourselves - watch this space.

**Peterborough Cathedral Music Department** continues to present regular organ recitals. Find details on the Cathedral's YouTube channel at <a href="Peterborough Cathedral - YouTube">Peterborough Cathedral - YouTube</a>. If you haven't yet seen it, you might particularly enjoy the new Philip Moore *Via Crucis* with readings by Eric Milner-White, available on the channel.

**Sheet music** is available from Church Organ World's online music shop at Home - Sheet Organ Music at a discount of 15% to members of IAO affiliated associations, including NDOA. You will need a discount code to enter on the website for the discount - if you have mislaid it do please contact us for details.

**Organrecitals.com** continues to give details of both physical and online recitals. Some forthcoming online recitals which may be of interest to members include David Saint and Paul Carr at St Chad's, Birmingham on Thursday 6th May at 1.15, James Davy at St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 1.10 on Friday 7th May, and Adrian Richards at King's Lynn Minster on Tuesday 11th May at 12.30. Full details are on the site. Assuming the lockdown opens up on 17th May, a number of physical recitals are also then possible including a Grand Organ Celebration at the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday 20th May with a cast of performers including Olivier Latry, Wayne Marshall and Anna Lapwood. For details of all these concerts and links to those which are online, please see <u>organrecitals.com</u>.

**Local links...** details of music close to home can always be found on the websites or Facebook pages of many of our members and their churches. As things start to open up do keep in mind <u>Concerts at St Mary's | Facebook, Music at St Mary's | Facebook, Music at St Mary's | Facebook, <u>All Saints' Church, Northampton | Facebook, Music for All @ SMSG (musicforallsmsg.org), Northampton Bach Choir : Home and <u>St Matthew's Church - Northampton : Home (stmatthewsnorthampton.org.uk)</u>. Do let us know about other local links which members might enjoy.</u></u>

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