## NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER EXTRA

**August 2021** 



A well-known recording artist and recitalist, he is frequently seen demonstrating tutorials and performances for Viscount Organs. He currently combines a portfolio career as a freelance musical director, performer, teacher, consultant, and International and UK Examiner and Trainer for the Royal Schools of Music. Jonathan is President-Elect of the Northampton & District Organists' Association.

Book at eventbrite (suggested donation £8 per person) <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/organ-fireworks-jonathan-kingston-tickets-164002619249</u> or, if available, on the door. Book now to avoid disappointment!

Find us at yardleyhastingsbenefice.org Find Northampton & District Organists' Association at northamptonorganists.org.uk For more organ recitals visit organrecitals.com **Organ music is alive and well!** In this month's *NE* you will find details of the IAO Midlands Organ Day, NDOA's centenary recital, the next NDOA event at Harrington and Thorpe Underwood, local organ events involving NDOA members, and much more.

**IAO Midlands Organ Day is live!** On Saturday 25th September at 10am, NDOA is hosting a day of superb events at St Matthew's, Northampton, hosted by Richard Pinel (Jesus, Cambridge), Justin Miller (St Matthew's), Andrew Reid (Harrison & Harrison), Jonathan Kingston (SMSG Stony Stratford) and Callum Alger (St Peter's, Wolverhampton). There will also be talks by Andrew Reid on H&H's work, and by Anna Hallett of <u>The Organ Manual –</u> <u>A place where all things organ come together (wordpress.com)</u>.

**NDOA Centenary Organ Recital.** Then at 7pm on the same day, Saturday 25th September, Andrew Reid and Callum Alger will give the NDOA Centenary Organ Recital on the superb J W Walker organ of St Matthews. Tickets and full details for both events are available from <u>Midlands Organ Day 2021 | Northampton</u> & <u>District Organists' Association (northamptonorganists.org.uk)</u>. Do book now to avoid disappointment!

**Can you help out** at Midlands Organ Day? Offers of help would be much appreciated to <u>secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk</u>.

Monthly Monday Organ Recital - SMSG. On Monday 2nd August at 12.45, St Mary & St Giles Stony Stratford holds its Monthly Monday Organ Recital, with our friends Francis Monkman, Brian Moseley and Peter Willetts of Bucks OA. <u>What's</u> on | Music for All @ SMSG (musicforallsmsg.org).

Toccatas & Fugues - St Mary's, Wellingborough. On Saturday 14th August at 11am, Lee Dunleavy presents Toccatas & Fugues at St Mary's, Wellingborough including Dupré's magnificent *Magnificat* and Boëllmann's thundering *Suite Gothique*. Tickets must be booked in advance at <u>Toccatas & Fugue! Tickets, Sat 14 Aug</u> 2021 at 11:00 | Eventbrite.

**Organ Fireworks! - St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby.** On Sunday 22nd August at 3pm, our President-Elect Jonathan Kingston presents **Organ Fireworks** at Castle Ashby, with a selection of popular organ music and transcriptions including Elgar's *Imperial March*, Handel's *Royal Fireworks Suite* and Henri Mulet's *Carillon Sortie.* Tickets are available in advance at <u>https://</u> www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/organ-fireworks-jonathan-

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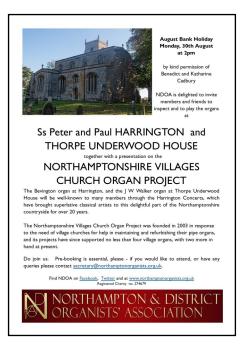
Leicester Cathedral's Summer Organ Festival has recitals on 3rd, 10th, 24th and 30th August, with online recordings available afterwards - <u>Summer</u> <u>Organ Festival 2021 – Leicester Cathedral</u>.



**New Members.** We are so pleased to welcome more new members to the Association: Mrs Marie Armitage, Wollaston Methodist Church, the Revd Jenny Ingram and All Saints' Earls Barton PCC, Michael Chamberlain, and Tony Packer of Viscount Organs Wales. The organ of Wollaston Methodist Church will be featured in the next NDOA *Newsletter* in



October. Why not join us too? Find all the details on our website at <u>www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/</u>join. Student membership is free, individual membership only £10 and corporate membership £15.



Harrington Church and Thorpe Underwood House. On August Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August at 2pm, by kind permission of Benedict and Katharine Cadbury, NDOA is delighted to invite members and friends to inspect and to play the organs at Ss Peter and Paul, Harrington, and Thorpe Underwood House. There will also be a presentation on the Northamptonshire Villages Church Organ Project. Do join us. **Pre-booking is essential**, **please** - if you would like to attend, or have any queries please contact <u>secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk</u>

The Bevington organ at Harrington, and the J W Walker organ at Thorpe Underwood House will be well-known to many members through the Harrington Concerts, whose next concert is by Nigel Kerry of OLEM on 10th August - details at <u>Events - Harrington</u> <u>Concerts</u>. The Northamptonshire Villages Church Organ Project was founded in 2003 and helps local village churches to maintain and refurbish their pipe organs. Its projects have since supported no less than four Northants village organs, with two more in hand.

**The Thurleigh Suite - Christopher Gower.** Launch: Sunday, 5th September 3pm, St Peter's, Thurleigh, Beds MK44 2BD. *Helen Murphy, our Secretary, writes*: Recently, I was surprised to receive a parcel containing some music with an explanatory letter from organist Paul Edwards. It seems that many years ago, Christopher Gower (former Master of the Music at Peterborough Cathedral and Honorary member of NDOA) was his teacher – and subsequently, Paul asked him if he could write 'some short pieces for use at weddings and funerals and suitable for very small village instruments'. This request resulted in *The Thurleigh Suite* for manuals.

In it, Christopher Gower notes: These little pieces were written to be played on the organ of St Peter's Church, Thurleigh, in Bedfordshire. The specification of this one-manual instrument, originally built by John Nicholson in 1837 and rebuilt by Robert Shaftoe in 1971, is as follows:

Bourdon Bass	16	Open Diapason	8
Stopped Diapason Bass	8	Stopped Diapason Treble	8
Dulciana	8	Principal	4
Fifteenth	2	-	

Paul reports that a few copies are available at  $\pm 10$  each to anyone interested. They are planning to 'launch' this modest volume on Sunday 5th September at 3pm with a short recital at St Peter's, Thurleigh. The recital will include other suitable pieces together with, it is hoped, some short motets sung by a local chamber choir. Thurleigh is off the A6 going south towards Bedford, to the left after the little roundabout (Sharnbrook to the right, Bletsoe and then Thurleigh to the left). Admission is free with a retiring collection – and refreshments will be available. Space is limited, but anyone with a small instrument to play might well find this of interest.

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