

Emma Heseltine. We were immensely saddened to hear of the passing of NDOA member Emma Heseltine on 28th March. Emma played at a number of local churches, including St Katharine, Irchester and Ravenstone. Emma's funeral will take place at Irchester at 10am on Tuesday, 10th May.

Don Hickson. Colleagues in the Berkshire Organists' Association have advised us of the passing of our former member Don Hickson, who was born in Northamptonshire in June 1933. He moved to Berkshire, joining the Berkshire Association in 1970, and was its President in 1997.

We send our sincere condolences to the families and friends of both Emma and Don.

Young Organists' Day - St Mary & St Giles, Stony Stratford - Saturday 14th May, 10-1.

Our President, Jonathan Kingston, invites young organists at any stage in their playing career to experience the fabulous three-manual Father Willis organ. Jonathan will provide performance advice and friendly guidance. The day is free of charge to participants but notice to perform is needed. For more details contact Jonathan Kingston president@northamptonorganists.org.uk.

Visit to Banbury and South Newington - Saturday 18th June from 10am. Do join us on the NDOA visit to St Mary, Banbury (the largest Georgian Parish Church in England, 40-stop HNB/Walker, followed at noon by St Peter ad Vincula, South Newington, and a pub lunch. Further details will follow.

Our members **Philip Bricher and John Wilson** will be performing a recital of organ and piano music at SS Peter and Paul, Abington (the church in the park) on **Sunday 22nd May at 3pm**. Admission is by donation. Philip and John have performed at Abington before and will bring a delightful range of music for organ, piano and both. The church notes that you should expect to go away wanting to add at least one of their pieces to your own repertoire!

Peterborough Cathedral Choir led by Tansy Castledine (Director of Music) and Christopher Strange (Organist) will perform a range of choral classics at St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby, on **Saturday 21st May at 7pm** - tickets £20 each. [Peterborough Cathedral Choir - Music for a Spring Evening Tickets, Sat 21 May 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#) or direct from the Editor at editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk. This is an exceptional opportunity to hear our fabulous cathedral choir locally, accompanied by the Castle Ashby Nicholson as it celebrates its 150th anniversary. All proceeds will go to support music at the cathedral. Do come - don't delay - please book now!



The poster features a background image of Peterborough Cathedral. At the top, there is a red shield with a white cross and four smaller crosses, with the text 'PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL' below it. The main text reads: 'Peterborough Cathedral Choir presents Music for a Spring Evening'. Below this, it says 'At St Mary Magdalene Church, Castle Ashby, NN7 1LQ' and 'Saturday 21st May 2022, 7.00 pm'. A smaller line of text states: 'Sumptuous choral music for a Spring Evening, sung by the Choir of Peterborough Cathedral, featuring repertoire from across the ages to the present day.' There is a QR code and the text 'BOOK NOW'. At the bottom, it says 'Tickets £20 per person + Booking fee' and provides the URL 'https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/303314581077'. The final line reads 'A fundraising event in support of Peterborough Cathedral Music Department'. In the bottom right corner, there is a photograph of two young boys in red choir robes.

Tom Bell will perform an organ recital at **All Saints', Oakham**, on **Monday 2nd May at 11.15am**. Tom will play works by Bach and Buxtehude, as well as a selection of pieces from the Orgelbuchlein Project. Lunch will be available for purchase after the recital.

Sounds of the Summer. Church Organ World presents a great day of organ music with Ian Tracey in *Sounds of the Summer* at its Mixbury showroom on **Saturday 7th May**. At the time of writing only a few tickets remained, at £10 with proceeds going to the maintenance of the organs at Liverpool Cathedral, from sheetorganmusic.co.uk.

Stephen Farr will perform the Andrew Chamblin Memorial Concert at **Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford**, on **Thursday 23rd June at 8pm**. The programme will include works by Couperin, Byrd, Muffat, Guilain, Sweelinck, Krebs and Bach. No tickets are required for in-person attendance, and the concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/sgOIYPK960g>.

Our President, Jonathan Kingston, writes: **save the date now for two social events in our calendar. Saturday September 24th will see the NDOA Dinner held in the function room of St Mary's Church, Knox Road, Wellingborough (NN81PX)**. Complimentary welcome aperitifs will be served at 7:00pm and full information, including menu selections may be found at this link which serves as an order form: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NR1ZRR/>.

I am so pleased that our very own **Don Kennedy** has agreed to speak to us at what promises to be a convivial and entreating evening. Don hopes to include some audio clips for our interest too. He holds a wealth of experience in his field and was Literary & Photographic Editor for Decca Records & EMI Classics between 1974-2004.

The afternoon of **29th August** sees a **Bank Holiday Garden Party** kindly hosted by **John and Phylis Wilson**. The opportunity to view and purchase scores from the library of the late Mostyn Burman will be possible as we enjoy each other's company in relaxed surroundings.

Our calendar of events for the rest of the year may be viewed at our website - <http://www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/whats-on/>. Please do support in person or online as our varied season progresses. Please also remember that you can follow our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages where there is always something of interest.

Organrecitals.com. We are very sorry to learn that organrecitals.com, which has faithfully listed organ recitals in the UK for some 20 years, has now ceased operations with the retirement of its founder, Steve Smith. The organ world will much miss the site, but is grateful to Steve for all he has done to promote the instrument over so many years. Do let us know about any concerts or organ events you are hosting or performing and we will gladly publicise them through our channels.

Join up a friend! Do you know anyone who plays, is interested in the organ or organ music, or might simply enjoy our events and reading about local organs in our Newsletter? Do invite them to join - membership is superb value, and you can simply direct them to our website at [Join The Association | Northampton & District Organists' Association \(northamptonorganists.org.uk\)](http://www.northamptonorganists.org.uk).

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