# NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION

### **NEWSLETTER EXTRA**

**April 2025** 



## VISIT TO RUGBY SCHOOL

#### Saturday 17th May 11am

We will tour the Music Department to see just some of the facilities available to students, and hear and play the organs of the Memorial Chapel, the Temple Speech Room and the magnificent four-manual instrument in the Chapel.

A light lunch for £9 will be served in the nearby Raglan Arms.

PHOTO: ROBIN PALMER

Pre-booking is essential with Robin Palmer at robinmpalmer@gmail.com by noon on Thursday 15th May at the latest. Please also let Robin know if you require lunch to allow us to finalise catering arrangements.

The school is an historic building and access is difficult to some of the instruments with steps and stairs.

As the School will be in session, we are naturally required to follow the School's access requirements and Visitor Policy (including wearing a visitor lanyard at all times).

We visit by kind permission of the School and the Music Department.

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NDOA is delighted to support the

# PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2025

Wednesdays at 1pm Admission free Retiring collection

21st May - David Hill (Concert Organist)

 $28 th \; May - \textbf{David Hardie} \; (Birmingham)$ 

4th June - Adam Heron (Peterborough)

11th June - **Graham Thorpe** (Bradford)

18th June - Ben Morris (York)

25th June - Claudia Grinnell (Bury St Edmunds)

 $2nd\ July-\textbf{William Saunders}\ (Concert\ Organist)$ 

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NDOA Rugby School Visit. On Saturday 17th May we will visit four organs at Rugby School. Meeting at 11am at the Music Schools, we are privileged to visit Richard Tanner's own Škrabl organ, and the Memorial Chapel where we will hear and play the 2-manual 1923 Harrison and Harrison.

A light lunch is available (likely cost £9 per head, booking essential) at the Raglan Arms, after which we will visit the 3-manual Bryceson organ of the Temple Speech Room and the magnificent 2001 4-manual Kenneth Jones and Associates organ of the Chapel. Our visit will be hosted by lan Wicks, Head of Keyboard, and we are most grateful to lan, Richard Tanner, and to Robin Palmer for arranging the visit.

Please note that the organs in the Memorial Chapel and Temple Speech Room are accessed by steep steps and a spiral stone staircase respectively, and we will of course need to follow the School's Visitor Policy. Please let Robin Palmer know by Thursday 15th May latest if you are attending at robinmpalmer@gmail.com.

NDOA sponsors Peterborough Cathedral's 2025 Summer Organ Recital Series. We are delighted to be sponsoring Peterborough Cathedral's 2025 summer series on Wednesdays at 1pm, admission free, retiring collection. Do put the dates in your diary now and come along and support NDOA and the cathedral music department.

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NDOA plans to have a small stand at each recital. If you might be able to staff our stand at any of the recitals, that would be really appreciated - do please let Richard know on editor.ndoa@gmail.com.

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' Earls Barton. From 19th to 29th April, All Saints' Earls Barton will host HALO, an art installation by Tobias Zehntner - a moving interplay of light and shade that illuminates the church's architecture. Musical events include an Organ Recital by Alan Cufaude on 21st April, and an Organ and Harp Recital by James and Lizzie Thomas on 25th April. More details at the ASEB website All Saints. Do come along and support Alan, James and Lizzie.



## CRUCIFIXION by SIR JOHN STAINER

PALM SUNDAY

13<sup>TH</sup> 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

Free Event

Fuller Baptist Church
Gold Street, Kettering

29<sup>th</sup> April
7:30pm

Organists:

Dr Peter Litman and
Malcolm Pentelow

Come and enjoy
a wonderful
evening of music

All donations in support of
Cransley
Hospice Trust

**NDOA dates for your diary.** We are also planning further events for your delectation over the coming months, to include the following. More details as these are confirmed and finalised but do please hold the following dates:

- 21st June, 7pm an Organ Quiz at All Hallows church hall with Paul Edwards. Admission £5 to include light refreshments.
- ♦ 12th July, 7pm President's BBQ.
- ♦ 28th August Bank Holiday Organ Crawl.
- 18th October an all-day visit to Windsor and Eton, including the organs of Eton, evensong in St George's Chapel, and an evening visit to the chapel.
- ♦ 15th November, 2.30pm NDOA AGM and Vespers, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Wellingborough.

**Northampton Chamber Choir** performs the Duruflé Requiem at Christ Church, Northampton at 7pm on Saturday 5th April www.northamptonchamberchoir.org.uk.

Daniel Moult gives the final Celebrity Organ Concert at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire on 8th April 6–7 pm. 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

**Peter Litman** and **Malcolm Pentelow** give an Organ Recital at **Fuller Baptist Church** Kettering on Tuesday 29th April at 7.30pm. Admission free, retiring collection.

lan Tracey will perform Church Organ World's Sounds of the Summer event at COW's Mixbury showroom on Saturday 3rd May. A Registration Clinic will be included, with lan advising on hymn-playing and on registering a single piece. Tickets and details from 'Sounds of the Summer' at Mixbury Ticket: Saturday 3rd May 2025 - Sheet Organ Music.

Colin Ashworth at Higham Ferrers. On Saturday 31st May at 11.30am Colin will play the monthly recital at St Mary's Higham Ferrers. The programme is currently planned to include Bach's Fantasia in G Minor, Cocker's Tuba Tune, and Vierne's Final from Symphony 1. Do come!

Roger Sayer at Christ Church, Oxford. Roger Sayer will play the Andrew Chamblin Memorial Concert at 8 pm in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford on Wednesday 2nd July. Admission free in person (no tickets required), and online live-stream at <a href="https://youtube.com/live/AxlxZJSfWp8">https://youtube.com/live/AxlxZJSfWp8</a>.

Oundle for Organists. Events this year will include Gerard Brooks at Titchmarsh on 11th August at 4.30pm, Francesca Massey at Oundle School Chapel on 13th August at 9.15pm, Henry Fairs at Oundle School Chapel on 15th August at 1pm, William Whitehead on 16th August at at 11am at Fotheringhay, Choral Eucharist on 17th August at 11am at Fotheringhay and a Closing Recital at Oundle School Chapel on 17th August at 2pm. Details at creativeoundle.co.uk.

**International Historical Organ Recording Collection** is an fascinating resource of pre-1973 organ recordings, well worth a browse <a href="https://www.ihorc.com">www.ihorc.com</a>.

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