

NDOA Forthcoming Events. We are planning several excellent events for you in the coming months:

- ♦ **September: Organists' Surgery with James Lloyd Thomas.** Our Committee Member and well-known recitalist and teacher James Lloyd Thomas will host an Organists' Surgery - a chance for you to bring along any questions about your organ playing - registration, technique and beyond. This is a tremendous opportunity to work with James - formerly, of course, a tutor on Creative Oundle for Organists (and so much more). Do come along and enjoy. Date and venue to be announced shortly.
- ♦ **October: An evening with Gary Sieling and Martin Renshaw.** Our October meeting will be online via Zoom, when Gary and Martin will tell us about their important work in relocating redundant organs abroad. Members may remember that Martin spoke to us about his work with the *Pipe Up!* Scheme saving redundant organs in a most fascinating presentation two or three years ago, and our October Zoom bringing us up to date is not to be missed. If you'd like a taster, Martin's film *Organ Stops: Saving the King of Instruments* is available on iPlayer or Amazon Prime at [Organ Stops film](https://youtu.be/2UOpvkBccXg) and his interview on the RCO's Podcast Series is at <https://youtu.be/2UOpvkBccXg>.
- ♦ **November: NDOA Annual General Meeting and Choral Vespers.** Saturday 15th November, 2.30pm. Do come to our AGM at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Knox Road, Wellingborough, when our next President, Helen Murphy, will also be installed, and Vespers will be sung by our very own NDOA Chorale and friends.

Thanks to everyone involved in these events for all your work. Do watch this space (and your emails) for further details, which will be issued as soon as dates and arrangements are confirmed. Members and friends are most welcome to join our events - they're relaxed and enjoyable and you will be made most welcome.

NDOA August Visit to Oundle. A huge thank you to Tony, our President, for arranging a super organ crawl in and around Oundle on August Bank Holiday Monday, to our hosts for the very warm welcome we received, and to all the members and friends who attended. It was a pleasure too to be joined by two members from Peterborough, and to welcome them to NDOA.

We enjoyed the delightful Roger Yates organ in Glapthorn, the fabulous Holdich newly-installed in St Peter's Oundle - coming home to Northants, as one member put it - and the exquisite Richard Bower Oundle Festival Organ in the church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. A full report will appear in the next quarterly *Newsletter* in October, illustrated by Robin Palmer's superb professional-quality photography. His photo of the beautiful painted pipes of the Oundle Holdich, *below* is just a taster!



Congratulations to William Baker and Adam Heron! We are delighted to report that our members William Baker and Adam Heron were both successful in the summer examinations of the Royal College of Organists, and both now hold the coveted ARCO diploma, together with a host of the prizes! Full details in the forthcoming quarterly *Newsletter*.

Bozeat Breathes Again! The unique Roger Yates organ of St Mary's, Bozeat, has been recommissioned by Norman Hall & Sons of Cambridge with advice from Paul Hale, and was heard for the first time in many years at Bozeat Feast service in August. It's great to have such a special pipe organ brought back into use - congratulations to the church for all their support. The forthcoming quarterly *Newsletter* will have the full story.

IAO Play the Organ Year 2025 - Organ Builders' Open Workshops Day.

On Wednesday 3rd September many organ builders are holding open workshop events in conjunction with the IAO Play the Organ Year and the Institute of Organ Buildings. You can find details on the IAO website at [Play the Organ Year 2025: Events](#), or individual details from the builders concerned including Nicholson's in Malvern [Workshop open day – Nicholson & Co. Ltd](#) Harrison & Harrison in Durham [Harrison & Harrison Ltd](#) and Goetze and Gwynne near Worsop [Open Day Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - Goetze & Gwynn](#). It's not often that such an opportunity exists - generally workshops are open 10-4 on the 3rd and no booking is required, but please check details on the IAO and builders' websites before travelling.

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St James the Greater, Leicester has recitals on the second Sunday of each month at 3pm, free with retiring collection. On 14th September, the recital is by Matthew Haynes. Details from stjamesthegreater.org.uk. Easily accessible from Northants, and well worth a visit for the church's amazing architecture and splendid Taylor organ.

St Paul's, Bedford hosts monthly Saturday lunchtime recitals. On 13th September, the recital is by James Watson of Newcastle Cathedral. It's free with a retiring collection, and includes music by Bach, Franck, Farrington, Howells, Dubois, Briggs and Vierne. [The NPOR | Survey R01942](#)

All Saints', Queen Park, Bedford hosts **A Serenade of Music for a Late Summer Afternoon** with Caroline Muzolf (Flute), Jacob Atkinson (Trumpet) and Simon Tibbs (Organ) on Saturday 20th September at 3pm. Admission £5.00 adults, under 18' £2.50

Liverpool Cathedral 99th Anniversary Festival Evensong and Organ Recital. Liverpool Cathedral's 99th Anniversary Festival Evensong and Organ Recital takes place on Saturday 18th October with Professor Ian Tracey. Full details can be found at [Festival Evensong & 99th Anniversary Organ Recital - Liverpool Cathedral](#) and you can book online at [99th Anniversary Organ Recital - Liverpool Cathedral Tickets, Sat, Oct 18, 2025 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Rachel Mahon at the Proms. Did you go to hear Rachel Mahon - DoM at Coventry - at the organ of the Royal Albert Hall for a splendid performance of the Saint-Saëns organ symphony as part of this year's Proms? You can catch up on listen again for the next few weeks at [BBC Radio 3 - BBC Proms, 2025, Saint-Saëns's 'Organ' Symphony](#).

International Online Organ Forum hosts a wealth of organ-related material and films of organs, both current and historic. It is a subscription site with films available individually or on a full subscription, but also gives access to one free film a month - currently on the Bavarian Organ Landscape - if you sign up for the IOOF Newsletter. [Organ Films - International Online Organ Forum](#).

Tim Knight Music continues to publish a wealth of new music, and also sells second hand organ music from time to time to fund the publishing work. Tim publishes a range of new and well-known composers and his catalogue is well worth a visit - you can find full details at [Tim Knight Music | Sheet Music sales](#). We hesitate to mention it in September, but as and when you start to think about the festive season there are some lovely pieces in TKM's [Organ Music for the Christmas Season \(6 pieces\) \(PDF Download\) | Tim Knight Music](#), including the splendid *Joyful Angels* by our own Colin Ashworth, which won Tim's Christmas composition competition. Your congregations will love it!

Chamade Army in Battle Order... From Olivier Latry's social media posts, you might enjoy this short video of the Casavant Organ of the Maison Symphonique in Montreal! <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/175ZQWUgNS/>

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Events... If you know of any organ or musical events which you would like us to publicise or you feel members would like to know about, do please tell us and we'll be glad to send out details through NDOA's newsletters, emails and social media channels. Please don't assume someone else will have told us!

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