

May we wish all our members and friends a very happy, peaceful and blessed Easter.

NPOA Eton College and St George's Chapel, Windsor, Visit. Saturday 9th May. Our visit to Eton College and St George's Chapel, Windsor, on Saturday 9th May is now fully subscribed, as there is a limit on the number that can play the organs! However, there are still a few places on the minibus, which leaves Finedon at 9 am and returns around 9.30 pm. Anyone wishing to join the minibus for a day in Eton and Windsor will be welcome to do so (cost between £35 and £47 depending on numbers). Contact John Wilson for further information at johnwilson@btopenworld.com or 01536 518941.

To whet your appetite, the splendid photo (left) is of the pipework of the Tickell organ of Eton's Lower Chapel after cleaning by Simon Brown of Ark Voicing. You can read about Simon's organ-building journey with Tickells, culminating in his role as Head Voicer, to his work with his own company, Ark Voicing, in the new *NPOA Newsletter*, headed for members now.

NPOA Forthcoming Events. We are planning several exciting events for you including visits to organs we haven't visited previously. More dates to be released, but the following events are confirmed so please put the dates in your diary now!

- **NPOA Peterborough Summer Organ Recital Series.** NPOA is delighted to sponsor the Peterborough Cathedral Summer Organ Recital Series for a third year. The series is curated by our President-elect, Peterborough's Director of Music, Chris Strange, who will be playing one of the recitals. Recitals will take place at 1pm on Wednesdays 20th May; 3rd, 17th, and 24th June, and 8th and 15th July on the cathedral's iconic Hill organ. Full details of performers will be published soon but do please note the dates now and come along and support Chris, the cathedral music team, and NPOA.
- **NPOA Musical Quiz Saturday 6th June 3pm All Hallows Church Hall, Wellingborough.** Paul Edwards will lead a fun and enjoyable music-themed quiz. Details to follow.
- **NPOA Finedon, Thrapston and Benefield August Bank Holiday Monday 31st August.** Finedon, Thrapston St James (Lunch in Thrapston) and Benefield.
- **NPOA Northampton Cathedral Saturday 12th September** hosted by our member, Northampton Cathedral DoM Christopher Weaver.

Daniel Moult at Castle Ashby House Saturday 6th June 2026 - 7pm. Daniel Moult will play the restored 1884 Nicholson Organ of the Great Hall of Castle Ashby House. The programme includes Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor (BWV565), Mozart's London Suite (extracts) and Fantasia in F, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No.5. Tickets £25 (plus booking fee) including interval refreshments. Tickets from www.ticketsource.com/castle-ashby-parochial-church-council. The capacity of the Great Hall is strictly limited - book now to secure your tickets! Tickets to be booked in advance, please. In case of difficulty email editor.ndoa@gmail.com.

Peterborough Cathedral Future Voices - a major campaign promoting cathedral music in Peterborough launches soon after Easter and will include a recital by DoM Chris Strange on Sunday 26th April. Details soon at [Home - Peterborough Cathedral](#)



CASTLE ASHBY HOUSE - THE GREAT HALL
Saturday 6th June 2026 - 7pm

Daniel Moult will play the restored 1884 Nicholson Organ of the Great Hall of Castle Ashby House. He is the country's greatest exponent of the English Organ, and makes a very welcome return visit to Castle Ashby following his sold-out concerts here in 2022 and 2024.

Daniel is an acclaimed international concert organist, Head of Organ Studies at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and architect and presenter of the iconic series *The English Organ (Fugue State Films)*.

The programme is scheduled to include well-known pieces - Bach's iconic Toccata and Fugue in D minor (BWV565), Mozart's London Suite (extracts) and Fantasia in F, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No.5, and Lemare's arrangement of Bizet's 'Carmen' Fantasy.

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All tickets must be pre-booked

The concert is held by kind permission of the Castle Ashby Trustees and the Compton Family, with proceeds supporting the work of the church of St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby





**ALL HALLOWS
PARISH CHURCH
ON THE MARKET SQUARE
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the
KING'S MEN
CAMBRIDGE

**Sunday April 26th
5.00pm**

**THE GENTLEMEN OF
KING'S COLLEGE CHOIR
CAMBRIDGE**

Come and hear the voices from this world famous choir

Tickets £20 Adults, Under 16's £5 available from
Tony Edwards on 07867 554476 or TonyE1960@aol.com

MUSIC FOR EVERY TASTE

Raising money for the restoration of All Hallows Church Pipe
Organ



Welcome to New Members! We're always delighted to welcome new - and returning former - members to NPOA, recently including **Chris Benton, Benjamin Horne, David Richardson** and **Susan Risdale**. It's a pleasure to have you with us and we hope you will enjoy your membership to the full.



Bedford Music Club Bach: Life and Death 8th-18th April. Based on the Orgelbüchlein and The Orgelbüchlein Project, Bedford Music Club's Bedford Festival *Bach: Life and Death* includes organ and choral concerts, readings, film and much more. Details and tickets [Bach and Mortality - Bach and Mortality - Product brochure - Page 1](#).

King's Men at All Hallows Sunday 26th April 5pm. Our Past-President Tony Edwards, DoM at All Hallows, once again brings the world-famous Gentlemen of King's College Choir, Cambridge, to All Hallows, Wellingborough - the church on the Market Square. Tickets are only £20 (£5 for under-16s) from Tony at 07867 554476 or TonyE1960@aol.com. Concert proceeds help the restoration of the pipe organ at All Hallows.

Paul Carr Hinckley URC LE10 1NL hosts Paul Carr (Birmingham) for a recital on the beautiful 1867 Holdich organ on Saturday 23rd May at 3pm. Admission £5, under-18/students free.

Gloucester Cathedral will celebrate a landmark moment in its musical history this June with the unveiling of its new organ at the Gloucester Cathedral Organ Festival taking place on 13th -15th June. This special weekend of performances and events will offer audiences the opportunity to experience the full power of the Cathedral's new organ including performances by Wayne Marshall and Thomas Trotter. [Gloucester Cathedral Organ Festival | Gloucester Cathedral](#).

IAO Organ Festival 2026. The programme for the IAO's five day festival in Bristol, from Sunday 26th to Thursday 30th July, is available now at <https://iao.org.uk/Festival26/>.

First Stop! *Afingers and Feet: A Journey to the Organ Bench* is a new tutor book and web resource developed by the Royal College of Organists and the Diocese of Leeds Keyboard Studies Programme. [Home - First Stop!](#)

Orgues Nouvelles in English. The quarterly French *Orgues Nouvelles* magazine is now available online and in English for 25 euros per annum. [Subscription – Orgues Nouvelles](#).

NPOA Subscriptions now due! Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2026 NPOA subscriptions. If by any chance you haven't yet, it would be very much appreciated if you could please do so now! We're sure you'll agree that in these difficult times, £10/annum (the same price as in 1996, remember!) remains an absolute bargain. Not already a member and would like the quarterly Newsletter? Why not join us - annual membership only £10 for individuals, £15 for corporate or family membership and free for students - www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join.

NPOA Newsletter. The latest quarterly Newsletter takes us from Northampton and Peterborough to Norway (where Steve Bell tells us about the Bergen Copeman Hart), Australia (for part 2 of Stephen Taylor's organ travelogue), as well as our own events closer to home. It's a bumper 28-page edition - sincere thanks to all our contributors. We hope you enjoy it.

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