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**NEXT EVENT: TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2011, 7.30 P.M.**

**"ME? - AND THE ORGAN?"**

A funny history from 1940 to the present day:  
talk by Canon Paul Rose at St John's Church,  
Cathedral Square, Peterborough

Don't miss this opportunity to hear an entertaining talk by Canon Rose. As most of you will know by now, there is absolutely no parking by the church, but at this time in the evening, there are few restrictions on parking in the city nearby. Please let me know by Tuesday, 1 November, if you are definitely coming (01733 262651 or [jgpedley@googlemail.com](mailto:jgpedley@googlemail.com)), so that we have some idea of numbers. Please contact me also if you would like a lift.

**Elections at the AGM held on 1 October**

The officials of your Association for the coming year are as follows:

**President** Canon Paul Rose

**Hon. Secretary** Jenny Pedley

**Hon. Treasurer** Eileen Palmer

**Committee Members** Stephen Barber, Sandra Cochrane, Cedric Pedley, Norris Twaite

**Auditor** Harry Barratt

At the AGM, members voted unanimously to make Christopher Gower an Honorary Member, in recognition of his long-standing commitment and contribution to the life of PDOA.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Our Treasurer, Eileen Palmer, would be very pleased to hear from those members who have not yet paid the subscription falling due at this time, now £12 whether paid by standing order or cheque, and £6 for spouses/partners.

**September Organ Crawl**

It was with great regret that we had to cancel this event, owing to lack of support. Several members were otherwise occupied, playing for weddings, and a decision had to be made at short notice. This is why I now asking members to let me know by a certain date whether they are able to come to a meeting or not. If we are in the unfortunate situation of cancelling again, I shall only inform those postal members who have already let me know that they intend to come.

**NDOA** On a brighter note, we are entering a phase where we shall be liaising more with Northampton & District Organists' Association, with a view to inviting members of each association to the others' events. This should improve attendance at meetings and also give us the opportunity to share in some exciting day trips planned by NDOA for 2012 and beyond. Take a look at NDOA's website: [www.northamptonorganists.org.uk](http://www.northamptonorganists.org.uk)

## **Future Events**

### **2011**

**Saturday, 5 November** An exciting performance of *Messiah* at Peterborough Cathedral at 7.30 p.m., featuring Peterborough Cathedral Choir and Festival Chorus, with Black Dyke Band, directed by Andrew Reid. Tickets available from the Peterborough Destination Centre or by phone from Stamford Arts Centre (01780 763203): adults £15, under-18s £7.50; PCMA members, adults £12, under-18s £5.

**Friday, 16 December** Peterborough Cathedral Christmas Concert, with the Cathedral Choir and Festival Chorus and Charivari Agréable, directed by Andrew Reid. Booking details as above; ticket prices: adults £12.50, under-18s £6; PCMA members, adults £10, under-18s £3.

**And, of course, many more Christmas concerts in and around Peterborough.**

### **2012**

**Saturday, 25 February** Talk and demonstration by Anthony Wilson on Composition for Church Use, 2.30 p.m., at St John's Church, Cathedral Square, Peterborough. You can find out more about Anthony's own compositions on his website: [www.awwilson.org](http://www.awwilson.org).

**Saturday, 28 April** Afternoon Organ Crawl to Stamford to view the 1829 Gray organ at St Mary's, subsequently rebuilt by Bedwell & Sons of Cambridge, and the 1880 Bevington organ at St Martin's, rebuilt by Midland Organ Builders in 1975. We are grateful to Geoffrey Spencer for welcoming us to the two churches.