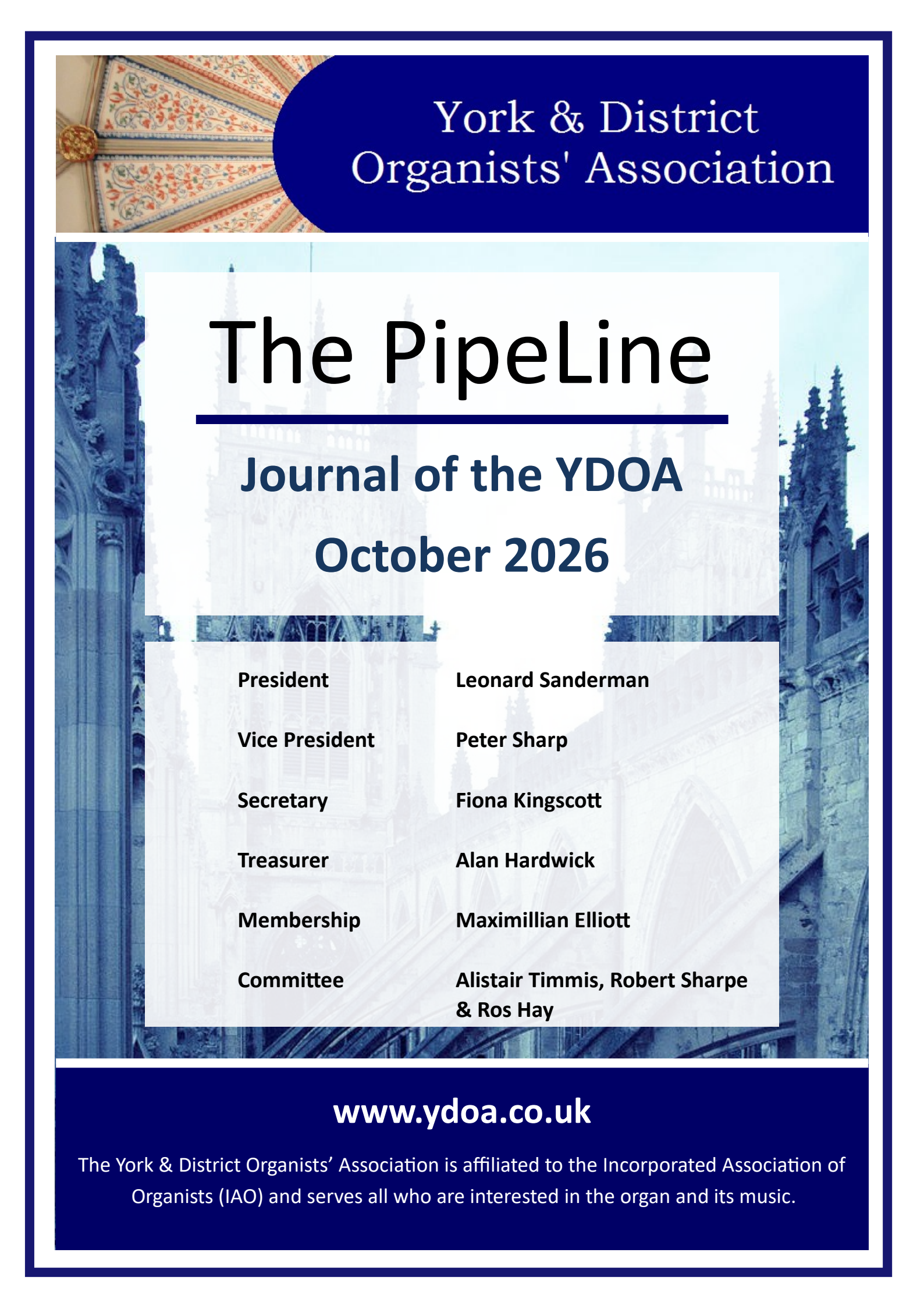




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Subscriptions 2026-2027

Payments are now due! Please pay in cash, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting or via bank transfer to Membership Secretary Max Elliott.

In case of enquiries, or if you know somebody who would like to join our association, please contact Max at membershipsecretary@ydoa.co.uk.

1. Welcome from your Editor



Welcome to the October Edition of The Pipeline.

First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everybody who filled in the recent survey on The Pipeline. We had a response rate of over one-third of the membership, which was great. It was really reassuring to read that almost all of you positively rated the magazine, with nearly all respondents saying that they read most or all issues. You like the content, the ease of navigation and the overall feel of the magazine.

There have been a number of areas for improvement noted, in particular three areas stood out the most:

- ♦ More articles on local organs
- ♦ More articles offering advice on learning and playing popular pieces
- ♦ Further encouragement of member engagement

Thank you also to those of you who have volunteered to write one-off or more regular articles. I was so pleased to hear that almost everybody who responded values The Pipeline, so I will be working with my Committee colleagues to look at how we can make it even better for you all, and will be in touch with those of you who volunteered to contribute to the magazine in any way. Watch out for the revamped issues starting next month!

This month is of course our Annual General Meeting, on October 10th at St Olave's. Please do come along to this meeting. It is a great opportunity to meet the Committee in person and tell us what you think. YDOA is your Association, we want to ensure that we are delivering what you, our members, want. See you on the 10th!

Peter Sharp, YDOA Vice President and Pipeline Editor

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2. YDOA Forthcoming Events Programme 2026

October	Saturday 10th 14:00—16:00	Recital & Annual General Meeting <i>St Olave's Church, Marygate</i>
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3. Previous Event

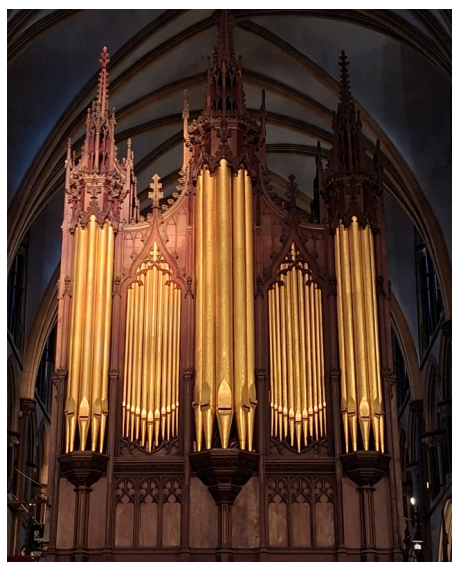
Organ Visit in Lincoln, with Choral Evensong

Saturday 12th September 2026

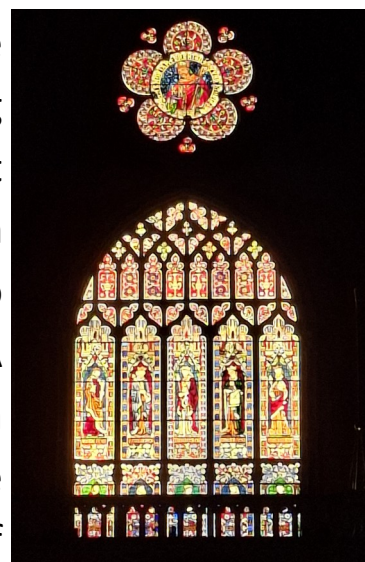
YDOA members headed to the glorious city of Lincoln for the opportunity to hear, and play, the magnificent Father Willis organ in Lincoln Cathedral



Most of us attended the service of Choral Evensong, which in addition to the regular Cathedral choir, was supported by a large number of local children who had come along to participate as part of the 'Be A Chorister For The Day' initiative. Music was by Wesley, Stanford and Chilcott, with the service concluding with Boellman's Toccata from the Suite Gothique played by our Host for the evening, Jeffrey Makinson.



After talking to us about the instrument and demonstrating its colours to the first movement of Elgar's Organ Sonata, which pleased this Vice President no end(!), it was over to YDOA members to sample the organ for ourselves. We took the opportunity of the two and half



hour timeslot granted to us to play a range of music on this sublime instrument.

Our sincere thanks to Jeffrey Makinson for his hospitality and to the Dean & Chapter at Lincoln Cathedral for allowing us to play this magnificent 1898 Willis pedigree.



4. Next Event

Annual General Meeting

St Olave's Church, Marygate, York

Saturday 10th October 2026

**Join us at St Olave's, Marygate for our annual recital and
Annual General Meeting.**

**The meeting will begin with a recital at 2pm, followed by
refreshments and the AGM.**

St Mary's Lunchtime Organ Recitals

We are delighted to be welcoming a number of accomplished organists for a series of Monday lunchtime organ recitals.

Occuring monthly, April to October, on Mondays at 12:15pm:

April 27 - Chris Dodd (St Mary's)

May 25 - John Dunford (Conductor, Ripon Choral Society)

June 29 - Maximillian Elliott (Assistant Director of Music, St Olave's, York - including a brief history of the organ)

July 27 - Archie Davies (Ripon Cathedral Organ Scholar)

August 31 - Chris Dodd

September 28 - John Dunford

October 26 - Chris Dodd

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**St Mary's Church, Kirkgate,
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Saturday 26th September 2026 - 6pm

James Orford

St. Paul's Cathedral,
London



A prize-winning organist, he has recently taken up the post of Organist at St Paul's Cathedral, London after many years building a portfolio freelance career as a soloist, accompanist, continuo player, répétiteur, and teacher. James enjoys a busy performing schedule as a soloist and has given recitals and concerts in many of the UK's most notable venues and abroad including Roskilde Cathedral, Denmark, Sint Nikolaaskerk, Ghent, and the Chiesa dell'Annunziata, Todi, Italy. In 2021, he made his debut solo album with his own complete organ transcription of Vivaldi's L'estro Armonico (as well as J.S. Bach's transcriptions BWV 593 and 596) and was featured on Apple Music's Classical A-list.

Walton: Spitfire Prelude & Fugue

Vaughan Williams: Romanza (Symphony 5)

J.S. Bach: Passacaglia in C minor (BWV 582)

Elsa Barraine: Prélude et Fugue nr. 1

Louis Vierne: Symphony no. 3 in F# minor

Saturday 7th November 2026 - 6pm

Isabelle Demers

Quebec, Canada



Born in Québec and a graduate of Juilliard, New York, Dr. Demers is Associate Professor of Organ at McGill University in Montréal, Québec. Her recital for the 2010 convention of the International Society of Organbuilders "left the entire congress in an atmosphere of 'Demers Fever'; something which continues unabated over ten years later. Possessing 'bracing virtuosity' (Chicago Classical Review), she has enraptured listeners worldwide with spell-binding performances. Her acclaimed recordings on the Acis & Pro Organo labels have been heralded: "Expressive, profound and searching" (RSCM Church Music Quarterly).

Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Handel

Bach: O Lamm Gottes unschuldig (BWV 656)

Wagner: Prelude & Liebestod (Tristan & Isolde)

Reger: Fantasy & Fugue on B.A.C.H. (op. 46)

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1950-1	Frederick Waiane
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1968-9	Michael Minns
1969-70	Avena Helen Norfor

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1975-6	A Austin Winterbottom
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1985-7	David Templeman
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1988-9	Geoffrey Coffin
1989-91	George Pilling

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1994-5	David Simpson
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1999-2000	Edmund Cooke

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2015-17	Joan Johnson
2017-19	Maximillian Elliott
2019-21	John Scott Whiteley

2020s

2021-23	John Morley
2023-25	Alistair Timmis
2025-	Leonard Sanderman