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NEWSLETTER, MARCH 2011

NEXT EVENT: TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2011, 7.30 P.M.

'J J BINNS 1894 – OVERHAULING A SMALL ORGAN'

A talk by Ainslie Grubb at All Saints, Paston,
on restoration work on the organ there

This talk promises to give a fascinating insight into the improvements that can be made to a local parish organ, with a chance to inspect the work that has been done. There will also be an opportunity to play the organ afterwards. Please let me know if you will be coming, so that Ainslie has an idea of numbers (01733 262651 or jgpedley@googlemail.com). All Saints is on Fulbridge Road, Paston, Peterborough, and there is limited parking outside the church. Otherwise, park in Itter Crescent, a left turn on Fulbridge Road as you travel away from town, immediately after Itter Park and about 200 yards before you reach the church.

Recent Event

On Saturday, 15 January, fourteen young people, ranging in age from six to seventeen, assembled at St John's Church, Cathedral Square, for our Young Organists' Event. We were delighted to have a good attendance. Three groups were then led by Andrew Reid, Stephen Barber, and Charlie Hubbard, the Organ Scholar at the Cathedral. The groups moved between St John's, the Norman Hall and the Cathedral, finding out about each organ and trying them all out. The very youngest were thrilled to see the pipes and experiment with sounds, and we heard some accomplished playing from the older ones.



From left to right: Andrew Reid watches a young organist at St John's; children explore the works of Andrew's home organ; the organ loft at Peterborough Cathedral.

Future Events in 2011

Saturday, 2 April, 7.30 p.m. 'In Paradisum', a performance of Duruflé's Requiem at Peterborough Cathedral by Peterborough Cathedral Choir and Festival Chorus, conducted by

Andrew Reid. Adults £10, children £5; £7.50 for PCMA members, children free. Tickets from the Cathedral shop and on the door.

Saturday, 2 April, 7.30 p.m. Dvořák's Mass in D, to be performed at St John's Church, Cathedral Square, Peterborough, by the Gildenburgh Choir, conducted by Stephen Barber. Adults £10, students £6, accompanied children free. (www.gildenburgh.freeserve.co.uk)

Saturday, 9 April, 7 p.m. Performance of *Messiah* at St Thomas à Becket church, Ramsey, by Ramsey Choral Society, conducted by William Missin, to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the choir. Tickets: in advance £12 and £10 concession; on the door £14 and £12 concession. Available from School Plus Ramsey or 01487 710792.

Saturday, 16 April, 7.30 p.m. Organ recital by Iain Farrington at St Mary's, Warmington. Admission £8, concessions £6. This is of special interest, as we shall now be going to St Mary's in September. See below.

Saturday, 7 May, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Peterborough Music Making Showcase event. Live music from all member organizations of PMM in Queensgate, St John's Church and outside in Cathedral Square.

Saturday, 21 May We have now organized an afternoon organ crawl to view and play the Abbot & Smith organ at the Priory Church, Deeping St James, at 2 p.m. and the Gray & Davison organ at Bourne Abbey at 3.30 p.m.

20-25 July IAO Congress in Northern Ireland and Dublin.

10 September There will be an afternoon organ crawl (postponed from May) to St Mary's, Warmington. We shall start there at 2 p.m. to view and play the Grant, Degens and Bradbeer organ, and move on to St James the Great, Thurning, at 3.30 p.m. to try the Miller organ.

Saturday, 1 October 4.30 p.m. We shall hold our AGM at St John's Church, Cathedral Square, Peterborough.

Saturday, 8 October Peterborough Cathedral Diocesan Choral Festival.

Tuesday, 8 November 7.30 p.m. Canon Paul Rose will give a talk at St John's Church, Cathedral Square, Peterborough.

Website There is always something new to see on the website: news of courses for young organists at Oundle in April and July, recitals in our area, and links to other useful websites. You can continue to watch Mostyn's progress in building a virtual organ – he now has a page of photos showing the construction of the pedalboard.