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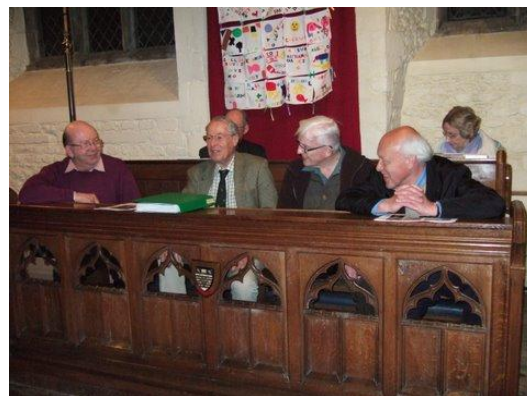
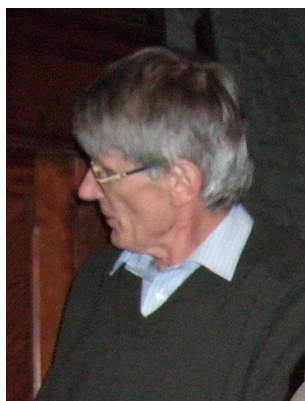
NEXT EVENT: SATURDAY, 21 MAY 2011

ORGAN CRAWL TO THE PRIORY, DEEPING ST JAMES AND BOURNE ABBEY

We are grateful to Peter Page for organizing this crawl together with Philip Spratley and John Saunders. We start the afternoon at The Priory Church, Deeping St James, at 2 p.m. to view the Abbot & Smith organ rebuilt by Henry Groves & Son in 2002. The church is in Church Gate, on the B1166 to Market Deeping. We move on to Bourne Abbey at 3.30 p.m. to view the Gray and Davison organ rebuilt by Bishop in 1976. The abbey is in Church Lane, Bourne, off South Street on the A15. Parking should not be a problem at either church. Please let me know if you are definitely coming (01733 262651 or jgpedley@googlemail.com), as Barbara Page will be organizing refreshments, and would like to know how many to cater for.

Recent Event

On the evening of Tuesday, 29 March, fourteen members (including three new ones) and one of their friends gathered at All Saints, Paston, where Ainslie Grubb treated us to an excellent talk on all the hoops that had to be gone through to achieve the restoration of the 1894 Binns organ. It was a very sociable occasion, with refreshments and the chance for some members to play the organ.



From left to right: the Binns organ; Ainslie Grubb; members relax after the talk.

Future Events in 2011

Saturday, 18 June, 7.30 p.m. Performance including Mozart's Solemn Vespers and Schubert's Mass in G, by Peterborough Cathedral Choir and Festival Chorus at Peterborough

Cathedral. Directed by Andrew Reid. Adults £12.50, children £6. PCMA members: Adults £10, children £3. Tickets available from the Cathedral shop and on the door.

Saturday, 16 July, 7.30 p.m. Concert by the choir of Peterborough Cathedral at St Mary's, Wellingborough. Directed by Andrew Reid with Francesca Massey at the organ. Free admission, but retiring collection.

Saturday, 16 July, 7.30 p.m. 'Sing for Heroes', Peterborough Male Voice Choir at the Broadway Theatre, conducted by Will Prideaux. Guest star: Lesley Garrett. Tickets £30, £25 and £20. 08448 500850 or book online: www.thebroadwaytheatre.co.uk

Oundle International Organ Festival, 18-24 July For details of all events and ticket prices, see their website: <http://oundlefestival.org.uk/concert-and-events/international-festival-2011>.

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

Wednesdays in August, 1.05 p.m. Organ recitals at St Martin's, Stamford; performers include Kenneth Court on the 17th and Stephen Barber on the 31st.

10 September Afternoon organ crawl 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. PDOA AGM at St John's Church, Cathedral Square, Peterborough.

Saturday, 8 October Peterborough Cathedral Diocesan Choral Festival.

Tuesday, 8 November 7.30 p.m. Talk by Canon Paul Rose at St John's Church, Cathedral Square, Peterborough.

Website Don't forget to keep looking at the website for new links.

RIP

Ray Jarvis On 20 March Ray, one of our valued and long-standing members, collapsed at the organ of St Stephen's Church, Etton, and died. He had celebrated his eightieth birthday in January, but was still playing once a month. He had been organist of both Etton and St Botolph's, Helpston, for nineteen years, retiring from Helpston last October. He had enjoyed a friendly partnership with Chris Britton, the director of music at Helpston, right up to the time that Chris moved to Hexham. Ray had grown up in Bourne, and started learning the organ when he was eleven. He was appointed organist at Bourne Abbey when he was sixteen, and played at many churches in the area over the years. Members of PDOA enjoyed his company at meetings, and for a time he was on the Committee. We shall miss him very much, and send our condolences to his widow Jan.