

St.MARGARET'S CHURCH ORGAN RESTORATION
MANAGING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 2005

At the last meeting on 18th November 2004 the PCC agreed to the setting up of the Church Organ Review sub-committee to meet up, discuss and :-

- agree the best way forward in any restoration/repair route
- proceed in getting a second estimate for a full restoration (to be compared with the estimate from Goetze & Gwynn).

The sub-committee met up on 27th December 2004, and have come up with an agreed way forward - see detailed notes in the attached minutes from the meeting. To summarise, the sub-committee proposed exploring all the options available for either repairing or restoring our Elliot Organ within the constraints likely to be placed upon us by the DAC and/or funding organisations and within a cost that can reasonably be expected to be funded by either our Church or funding organisation(s) or a combination of both.

Contact has been made with Harrison & Harrison and Mark Venning has already visited our Church organ in early January to undertake their inspection. He will be reporting back to us with their recommendations and an estimate for a full restoration, hopefully within the next month.

During the inspection Mark Venning kept a lookout for any asbestos in any of the organ fabric and did in fact find some but only in the organ blower cabinet. He also found some woodworm in the surrounding box and suggested we treat that urgently, which I have now done with a heavy Rentokil dose.

Mark also suggested that other than treating the woodworm, we should not need to disturb the blower cabinet until such time as the organ is restored or repaired in the next year or so.

Contact has been made with Gwynn & Goetze and we have had a response back from them. They have offered to show us around one of the similar Church organs they have recently restored.

When we have had the report from Harrison and Harrison, the sub-committee should meet up again to review the options for moving ahead with a programme and report back to the PCC with recommendations.