

# JUST ADD A LITTLE DIVINE INSPIRATION

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### Differences ...

- ▶ 500,000 databases £40m
- ▶ 120 to 1
- Global audience to School-only audience
- Financial years to School years!
- Identity and emotion



# THE CHALLENGE







### Manna from heaven?

- ▶ 5,000 records
- ▶ £2.1m capital raised 2009–12
- ▶ 80% value from parents
- Peak then trough
- > <3% gave in 2014
- Low understanding of development



# THE APPROACH

### 10 Commandments + 1 Miracle

- 1. Plan
- 2. Create a campaign identity
- 3. Draw on emotion
- 4. Tricks of the trade technique wins
- 5. Reward
- 6. Recognition
- 7. Analyse and re-plan!
- 8. Value v volume
- 9. Differentiate through service
- 10. Steward

# Plan, plan, plan

### St Catherine's School, Bramley **Chapel Fundraising Strategy - December 2014**

This purpose of this paper is to lay out the strategy for the Chapel Campaign with view to raising funds towards a £150,000 target from 2015 to 2016. It will be use a planning document to deliver the Campaign.

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### Campaign Plan and Schedule

#### 2014

- NN Oct memories piece
- Magazine full page pre-launch editorial
- Memory responders personalized Christmas card
- Noticeboards Prep and Senior staff awareness

#### 2015

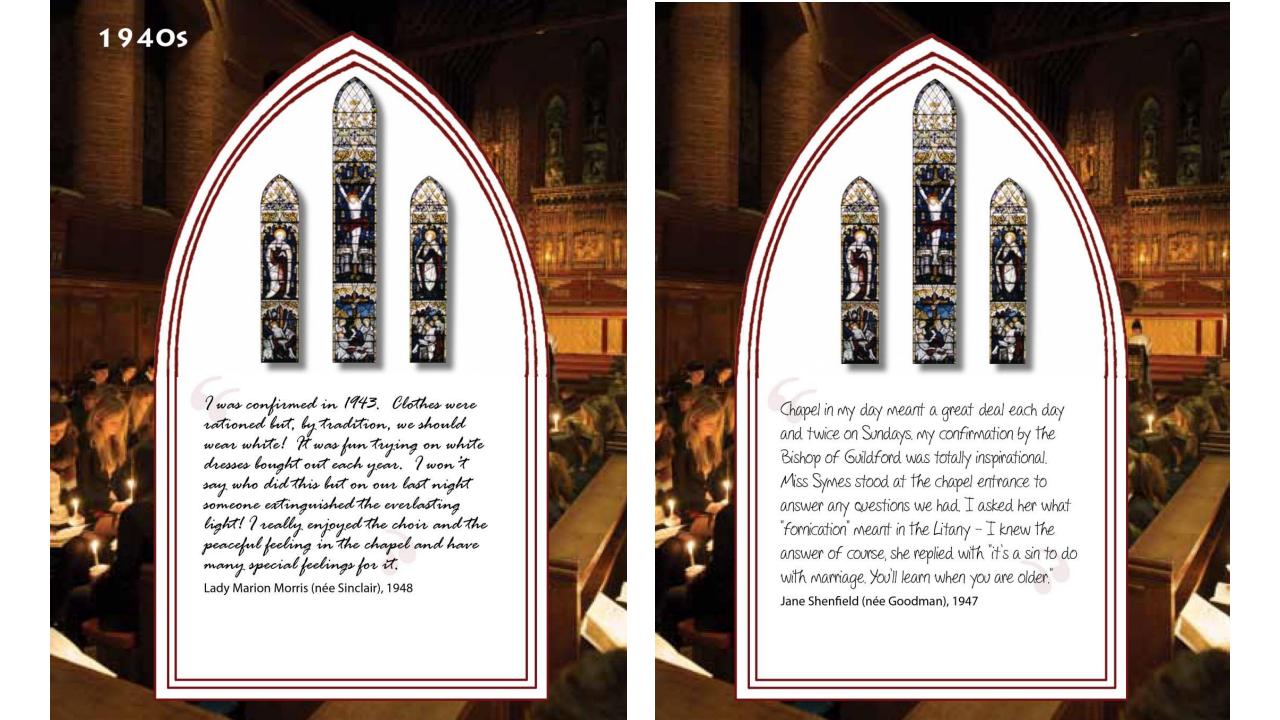
- Jan-Feb direct mail/html email development
- March Launch Assembly with Benji
- March Memories launch short video/set to choral music/girls artwork/memory March – Chapel Noticeboard re-purposed for Campaign
- March Confirmation Service request for donations to parents
- March Launch to parents at Guildford Cathedral, grils' speeches, collection to April - Non Nobis insert + editorial
- April Spring Service with PREP School talk & appeal
- April targeted mailing, to include bookmark Hebrews quote + One of the April – June - series of concerts, Chapel tours weekly drop-in
- March onwards stewardship materials
- - Thank you notes from pre-prep 'I love Chapel because' drawings
- o Honour roll format offline and online
- July Speech Day push/retiring collection
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> wave push, parents and alumnae
- September PTA second commitments to Chapel
- Oct Nov Gala Day concert promotion
- Oct Christmas cards of Chapel for purchase in Shop/Online Nov – Magazine 14 Campaign Update and ask
- Dec Music Exams candidate promotion

# Campaign identity



### Draw on emotion

- 'Memories' idea
- Informed the proposition
- Played back what donors valued
- Donors self-identified
- Fascinating social history





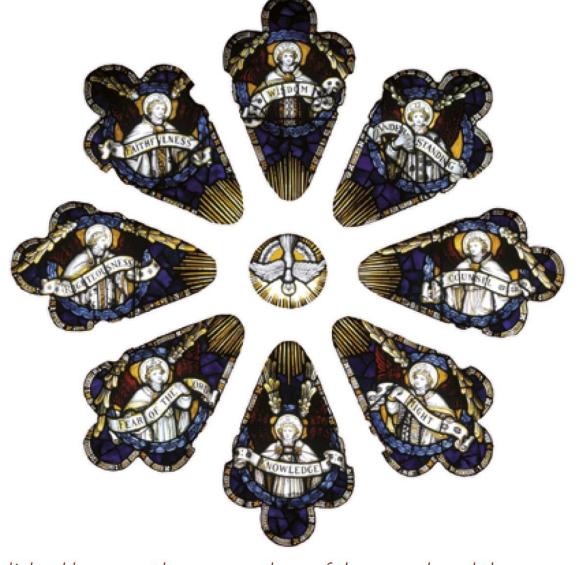
# Support your...

### WHEEL WINDOW VALUE

Our beautiful, wheel window at the front of the Chapel, catches the morning light and illuminates girls' thinking on dull days. Designed by Mr Tower and produced by C E Kempe it was originally installed in 1922 for £215 and the spokes of the wheel represent the Gifts of the Spirit according to Isaiah XI.

These gifts or values hold as true today as they did when the coloured melted glass took form. Perhaps one of these values guides your life today or one holds true to you as an important priority in the modern world.

Make your values known £500



"The light on the stained glass windows, the polished brasses, the warm glow of the wood and the smell of polish. The Chapel was my salvation. The only place where there was peace and beauty. Where there was music. Where we could be still and silent and think."

S LOVE, 1983

# Sponsor your.

STOP

A stop is a group of pipes that play together to create a tone. These pipes vary in length from one foot to sixteen feet. Our Organ has 10 stops to choose from – each creating its own unique sound.

..£2,500

Great Organ:











Swell Organ:











Pedal Organ:

Stop sponsors will have the opportunity to have an introduction to the organ by one of our Organ Scholars. You can open your stop and enjoy the atmosphere of the Chapel filled with a low powerful sound, loud uplifting timbre or beautiful expressive resonance depending on your chosen stop. There will be a maximum of two sponsors per stop, secured on a first come first served basis.



"When I play I am in a completely separate bubble from everywhere else.."

JOANNA PHILLIPS, ORGANIST, 2015



Sponsor your sound

Low & LARGE

- the Pedal Organ pipes £1,000

Low & LOUD

- the Great Organ pipes £500



- the Swell Organ pipes £250







### YES, I would like to support The Chapel Fund

To protect and preserve a space of calm reflection and peace.

- I would like to make a gift to The Chapel Fund
- I would like my gift to be acknowledged as (eg Mrs Harvey)
- I would prefer to remain anonymous.
- I would like to support one of the values of the wheel window at £500 each (please tick)
- Knowledge
- Faithfulness
- Righteousness
- Wisdom
- Counsel
- Might
- Understanding
- Fear of the Lord

- I would like to sponsor the following sound(s) (please tick)
- Low & LARGE

   the Pedal Organ pipes £1,000
- Low & LOUD
  - the Great Organ pipes £500



- the Swell Organ pipes £250

I would like to sponsor the following Stop(s) at £2,500 (please tick)

Maximum of 2 sponsors per Stop

#### Great Organ:











#### Swell Organ:









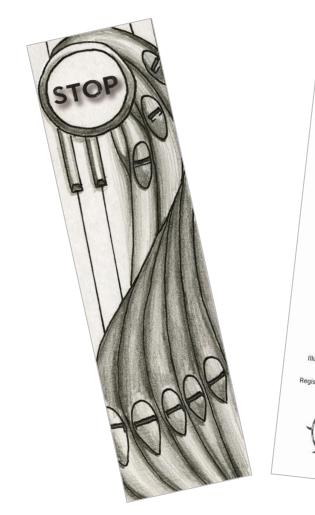
Pedal Organ:



Now please turn over and complete your preferred method of payment. Thank you



### Reward





Let us go on...

#### Thank you for your support

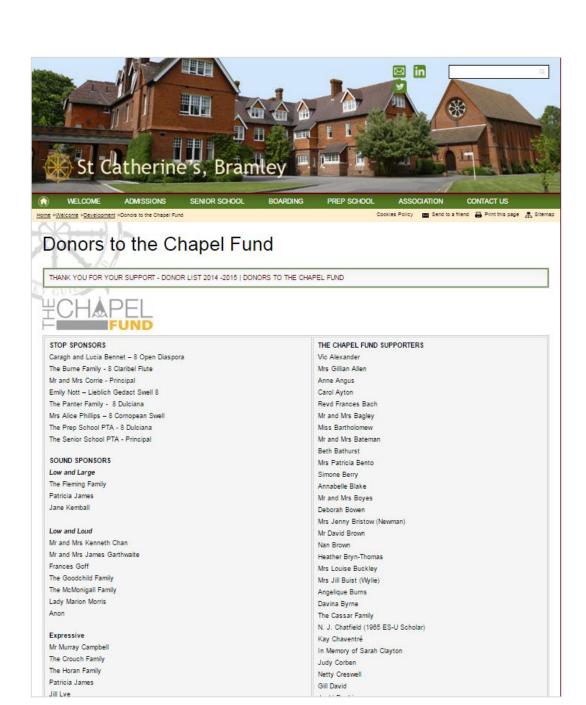
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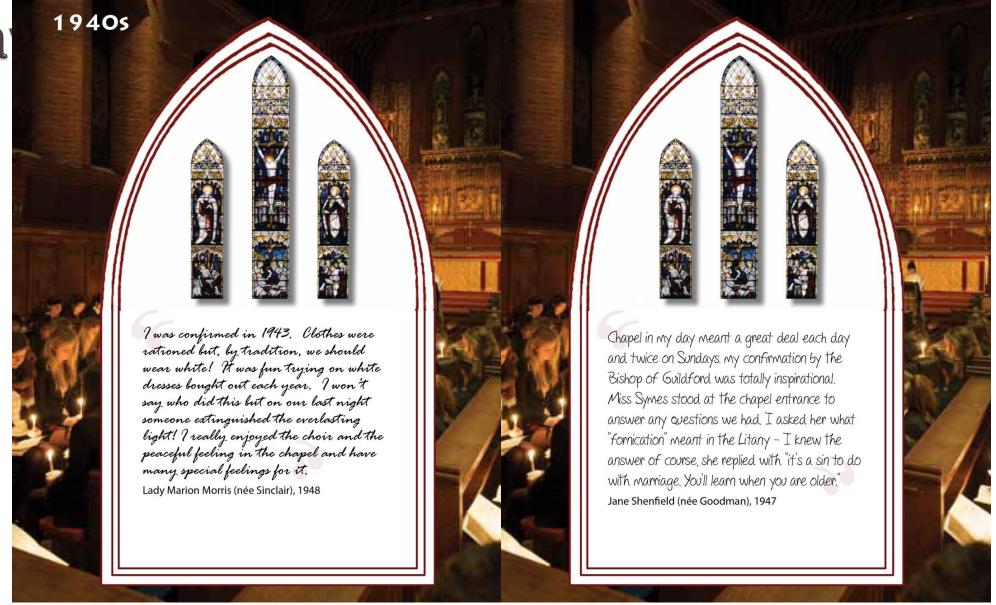
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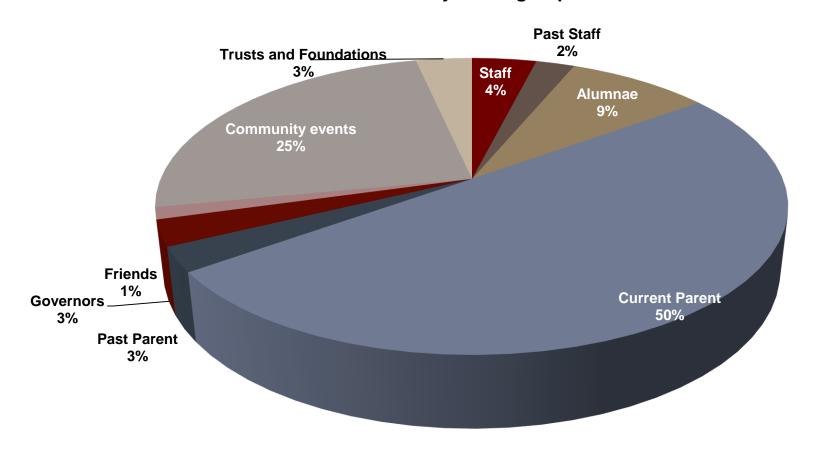


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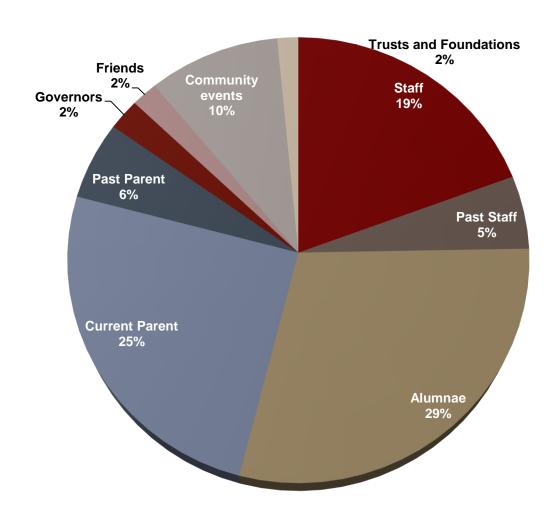




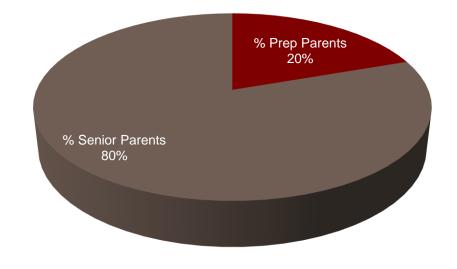
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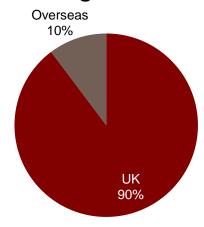
#### Volume of gifts by donor group 31/03/16



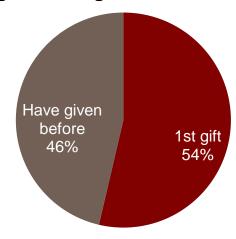
Distribution of number of supporters by Prep School and Senior School Parents at 31/03/16



### Source of gifts at 31/03/16

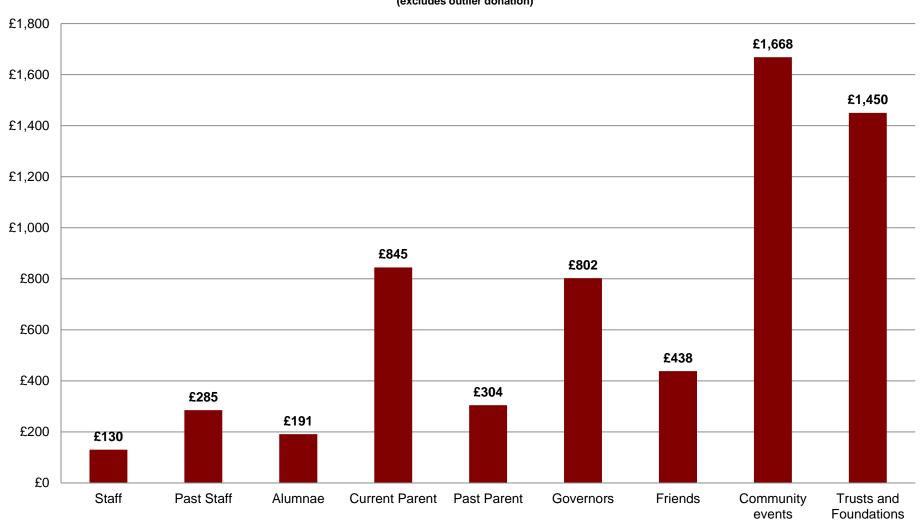


1st ever gift v have given before at 31/03/16

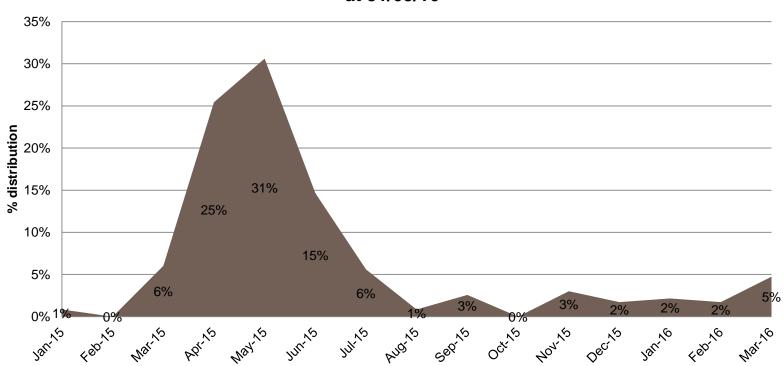


### Average gift by audience group 31/03/16

(excludes outlier donation)



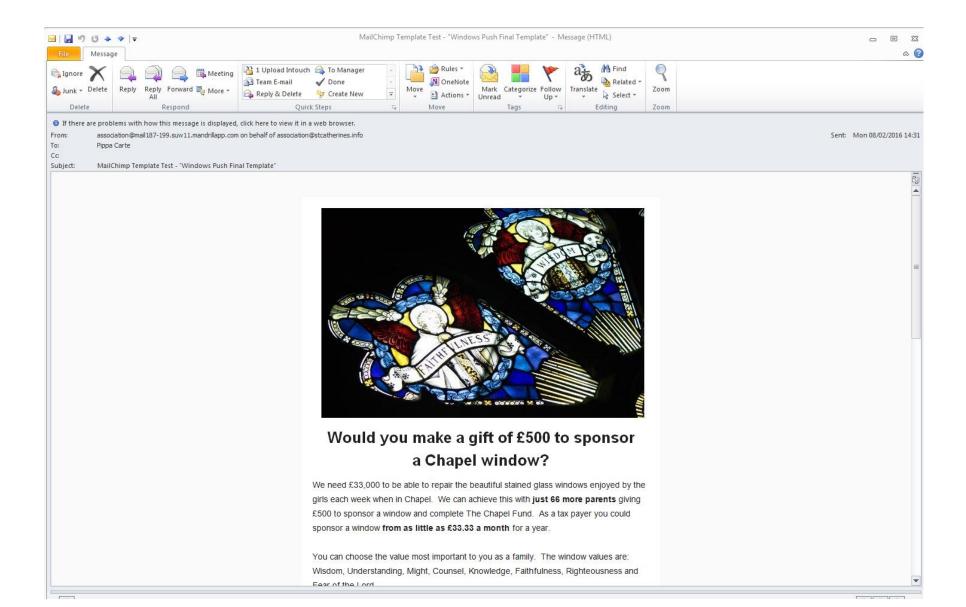
### Distribution of Donations by Month during Campaign at 31/03/16



# Value v volume



### Value v volume



### Differentiate through service

- ▶ Tailored letters by 'Stops', 'Windows' etc.
- Handwritten notes on letters
- Phoned all donors
- Handwritten Christmas cards
- 'Open Chapel' for locals
- Invites to events, concert, Carol Services etc.

### Steward



### **Chapel Restoration**

#### RESTORATION WORK HAS BEGUN!

What makes this organ special is that it has had nothing done to it except basic cleaning and so this is the first restoration that it has received since 1899. This is not maintenance – this is milestone work.

(Andrew Cooper)

DAY 1 - Monday 25th January

We were delighted to welcome the organ restorers Andrew Cooper and John Harvey who have started work on removing parts of the organ from Chapel. Andrew and John removed over half the pipes (both wooden and metal) and carefully stacked them up in boxes for transportation.

Once the pipes were removed we were interested to be able to see the old wooden hand pump. Until about 1830 the organ would have required someone to pump the bellows by hand. A hanging plumb bob aside a FULL/EMPTY measure would have showed if more or less pumping was required. This would have been the job of one of the pupils. Next to the gauge we found hand engraved and pencilled-in names of many alumnae. We imagine they must have been on 'hand pump' duty and wrote their name as they waited.

"It's been so interesting today to come across the names engraved next to the hand pump – a glimpse at the history of the organ" (Andrew Cooper)

The restorers were surprised to find an original Willis & Sons workshop label. "Rotunda" was the name of the original Willis workshop based in Camden Town which









#### THE ORGAN RESTORERS

ANDREW COOPER

Andrew Cooper was trained by, and worked for Henry Willis & Sons Ltd while it was still in control of the Willis family. The St Catherine's organ was built by 'Father Willis', and Andrew worked for his great-grandfather, 'Willis IV. In 1988 Andrew co-founded the partnership of Griffiths & Cooper and in 2011 he formed Andrew Cooper & Co, responding to the increased demand for the skills of his specialist team of craftsmen. Their workshop is based in the Isle of Wight

Andrew Cooper is not only an organ builder, and restorer, but also a very accomplished organist.

The firm is a Business Member of the Institute of British Organ Building and is accredited for Tuning and Maintenance, Cleaning and Overhauling, Rebuilding and Historic Restoration. Andrew is also an approved inspector for the IBO Accreditation Committee who are responsible for maintaining and improving organ building quality throughout the UK.

66 I'm really looking forward to restoring this organ to its former glory! (Andrew Cooper)

JOHN DAVE

John was a Choral Scholar in the Chapel Choir at Kings College London where he read English Linguistics. In his holidays from university, he worked for several organ builders. He is a pianist and French horn player. He currently lives in France, but They explained how the original leather on all the bellows desperately needs replacing as it has large cracks and holes.

#### DAY 2 - Tuesday 26th January

Andrew and John returned the next day after a stormy ferry crossing over from their workshop in the Isle of Wight. They spent the day removing the rest of the pipes leaving only the front pipes remaining – 400 metal pipes and 68 wooden pipes in total!

It was now looking very bare and the amount of dust was incredible.

They worked on disconnecting the 'action' so they could then remove the 'soundboards'.

Andrew and John visited the Evelyn Greaves organ in the Prep School and were interested to hear about its donation and installation in the Hall there. Andrew impressed us by playing several pieces with no music to read.

#### DAY 3 - Wednesday 27th January

Andrew and John once again returned from the Isle of Wight workshop.

They packed up more pipes for careful transportation. They then removed the Swell keyboard in one case and and the Great keyboard key by key.

They found a "lost" flyleaf page from a girl's hymnbook, which says "To Tritte, with love from Olive. October 24th 1910"

They also discovered old bills from Willis & Sons for "Tuning and Regulation" from the 1980s.

They are planning to return next week to remove all the bellows, footpedal board and reamining components.

#### WEEK 2 - Monday 1st February

#### News from the Workshop

Andrew Cooper reports that work is progressing on the 'Great' (bottom of the two) and the 'Swell' (top) keyboards. The keys are being restored, the timber is being stripped back ready to be refinished and the worn ivories are being colour matched so the broken keys can be replaced. They will then start work on stripping back the wood on the keyboard console area.

#### Thursday 2nd February













done a variety of different jobs since leaving university including teaching English as a foreign language for the Chamber of Commerce in France, and as a freelance carpenter/joiner, but he has returned to organ building and restoration as he finds it so interesting and loves the variety of work.

66 It is so lovely to see this organ as it is so complete and original. The quality of everything that is superbly constructed. It's the finishing quality on the parts you can't see that shows the real pride in Willis' work. (John Davey)

#### THE ORGAN RESTORATION PROCESS

- 66 This is a top-notch piece of Victorian organ building – it's a work of art. (Andrew Cooper)
- The plan is to remove as much of the organ as possible during the first week.
- M Andrew and John will be travelling daily to and from the Isle of Wight.
- The work of the restoration will commence in the workshop there.
- All parts and components will be restored to pristine condition using traditional craftsmanship
- They will start work on the soundboards and the bellows first and these will be returned as soon as they are completed so they can acclimatise to the conditions within the Chapel again.
- They are expecting to return these soon after Easter.
- The reinstallation will take at least two weeks working on site.

#### INTERVIEW WITH GEOFF FIELD

(Former Director of Music, St Catherine's School)

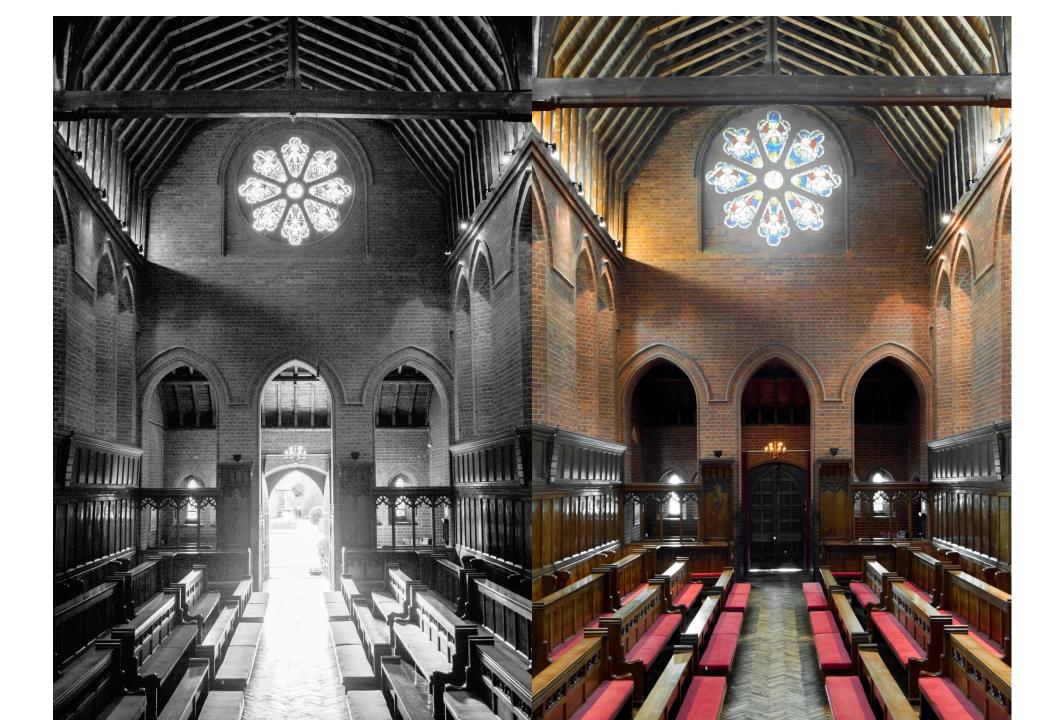
What originally drew you to the organ as an instrument? I think it was the size & grandeur of the instrument, the magnificence of the sound, and the fact that it was so different from, yet still similar to, the piano that I had learnt from the age of 4.

### Steward





# ONE MIRACLE!





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# YOUR VIEWS?