

ORGAN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

During the week commencing the 29th January 2024, three members of staff from Nicholson & Co in Malvern worked in Church to dismantle and dispose of the old organ. Scaffolding had been erected the week before and a skip had been placed in one of the parking bays on the High Street. However, when the men arrived on the Monday Morning they declared that the scaffolding that had been erected was inadequate and needed to be stronger.

Urgent discussions were held with Reds Scaffolding and to their credit they arrived later that day and doubled the size of the original structure. With that problem resolved, very fast progress was made, by the end of Thursday the organ loft was completely empty also the third skip used during the week filled. The organ console was also dismantled, thrown away and by Friday morning the men had finished and were on their way back to Malvern.

During their stay the men were looked after by Margaret Kitson, they said they had never been so well fed and watered, and that they all wanted to be on the team that will be back in Dedham in the autumn when the renovated 1902 Binns organ will be installed!!

The photos will give you an idea of the work that was completed. The remaining work still to be done in the next few weeks is an assessment by a Structural Engineer of the existing organ loft. This will determine whether it needs any strengthening to accommodate the weight loadings of the organ to be installed.

We are also awaiting arrival of a loan digital organ from Nicholson & Co and this will hopefully be in the very near future.

*David Druitt
On behalf of the Organ Replacement
Project Committee.*

Photos - Nicholsons, John Goldsbrough & Margaret Kitson.

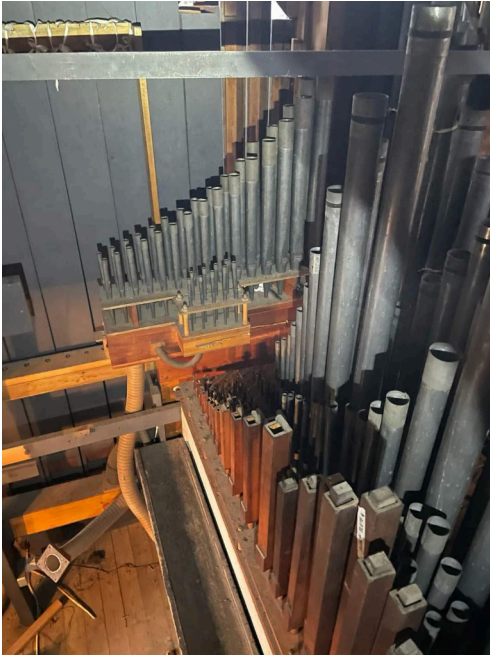


Strengthened scaffolding in place

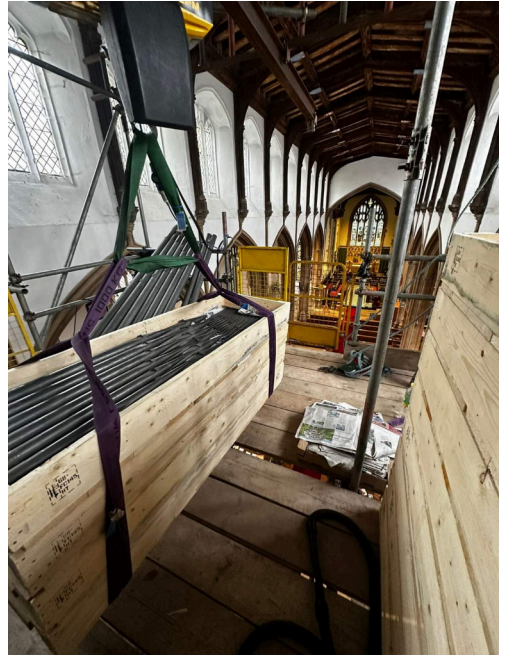


Looking down the Aisle from the platform with a load of pipes ready to be lowered to the floor.

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Part of the organ in the organ loft.



Pipes carefully packed for re-use.



The organ loft partially cleared.



Wooden organ pipes ready for shipping.

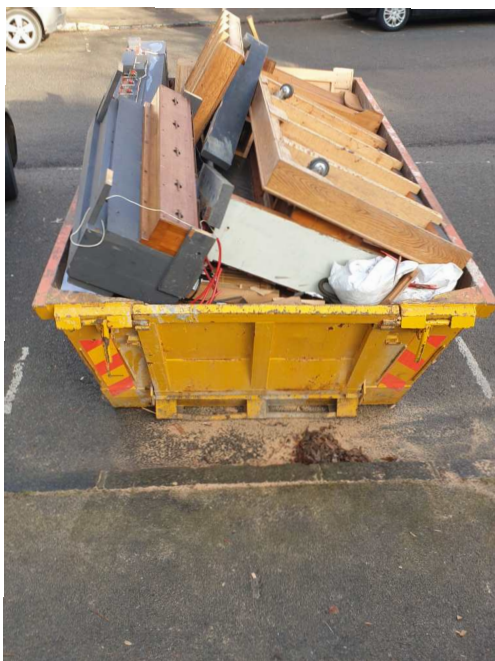
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Wooden shipping crates.



Refreshment time.



The dismantled organ console.



The organ loft cleared.