

WALSINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH, NORFOLK

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Dear

We write to ask if your Charity would consider helping us in the restoration of our pipe organ. It is at present undergoing repairs but we have insufficient funds for a complete overhaul.

Walsingham Methodist Church has only a small band of regular worshippers who have many costs to meet. An important single work - such as the organ restoration - is really beyond us; the firm working on it will go halfway with the recommended work because that is all the money at present available. If we had more, the work could be satisfactorily completed.

Our Church in Walsingham is the oldest Methodist Church still in use in East Anglia, having been opened in 1794. We feel we are the custodians of a building of historic importance but, more than this, that we want to hand on to others what is worthy of the Church. The pipe organ is part of this heritage.

In addition, Walsingham is nationally an important religious centre and place of pilgrimage. The Methodist Church in the village plays its part in many ecumenical activities.

We do hope that you will be able to send us a donation - of whatever size, large or small - to help forward our work.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of our Church,

Peter Collingwood.

Present : Tommy, Sylvia, Diana and Peter

In October 2001, Holmes & Swift of Fakenham carried out a full-scale investigation of the pipe organ and produced a detailed Report of recommended repairs. The total cost would be about £8000. As this sum exceeds what we have in hand or could quickly raise, it was agreed that Tommy should approach H & S and ask them to carry out the most urgent and basic repairs up to a total cost of £4000 (which we have in hand).

Peter to ask Mrs J. Spencer (Wells) if she could discover in a Charities Handbook the names and addresses of any charities we could write to who would help with organ maintenance & repairs. It was agreed to hold an Organ Gift Day as part of the Harvest Festival Weekend - on Sat: October 5th from 11 am to 4 pm. Tea & Biscuits to be served. Diana kindly offered to provide music. The day to be widely publicised in the Circuit and village.

CABINET ORGAN

c. 1890.

In excellent condition

Quilt Stool very valuable.

Woodworm at back

No under back.

Chamber Organ upstairs

in need of overhaul.