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Tuneful tonic for a 122-year-old church organ

THE 122-YEAR-OLD organ at the Baptist Church in Newbold Verdon, which was beginning to lose some of its notes, has finally been restored back to its best.

The restoration work has been carried out this month by Mr. John Burns, of the Nuneaton organ building firm of F. W. Burns and Son Ltd.

It is the first major overhaul the organ has had since its installation at the church 90 years ago.

Goliath

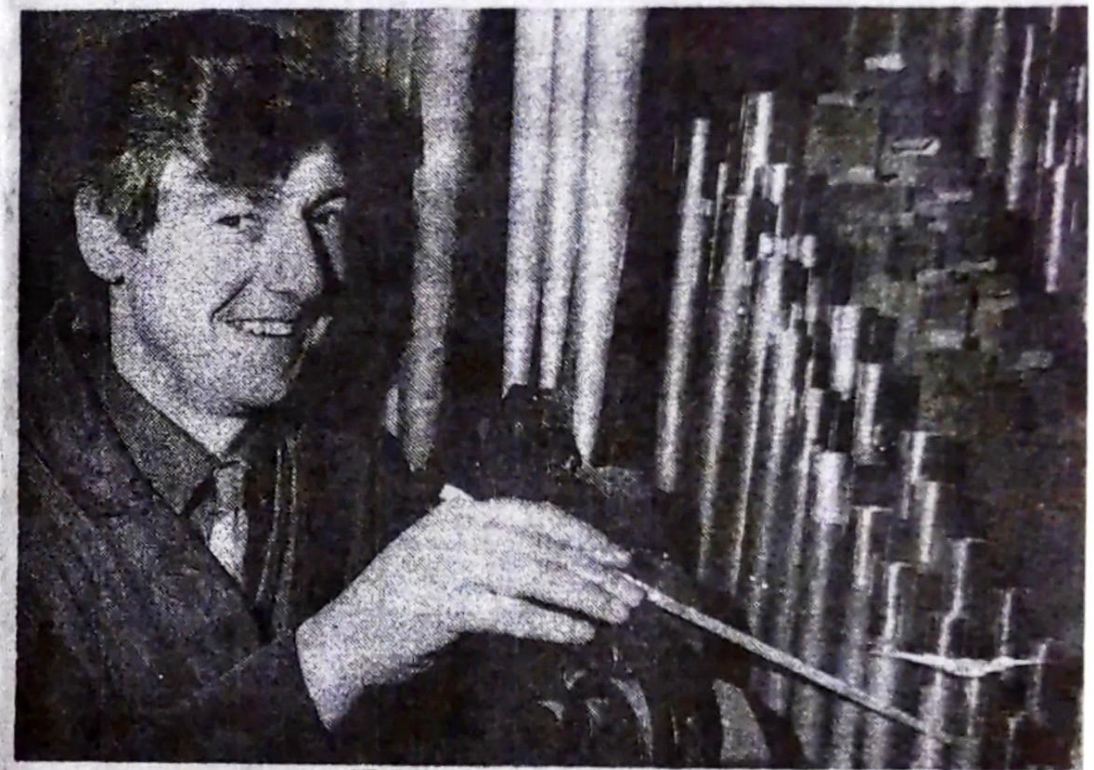
The organ was bought for £60 and came in to replace one of two harmoniums at the church known as David and Goliath.

When the organ came the smaller harmonium, David, was disposed of, but Goliath was kept on and assistant organist Mr. Maurice Farmer, who is now 61, learned to play on it when a young boy.

During its life at the church, the organ has been moved twice before settling in its present position in a special extension built in 1928.

The restoration of the organ has particularly pleased former organist Mr. Leslie Hill, who is now 68, and played it at the opening service following extensions to the church in 1929.

In all Mr. Hill played the organ at the church for about 20 years.



Mr. John Burns tuning some of the pipes on the organ he has restored in Newbold Verdon Baptist Church.



A message from the Directors

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YOUTH ATTACKED WITH LUMP OF WOOD, COURT TOLD

A YOUTH had to have four stitches in a cut on his head after an object was thrown at him, Leicester magistrates were told.

James Howard Brant (21), unemployed, of 35 Littelmede, Leicester, yesterday admitted causing actual bodily harm to Kim Harris and Gerald Knox early last Sunday. He was fined £300, to be paid at the rate of £4 per week.

David Alan Baker (19), a scaffolder, of 40 The Portwey, Leicester, admitted having an offensive weapon — a piece of wood — and was fined £150.

Fall down

Chief Inspector Peter Baker, prosecuting, said a girl and Knox on the shoulder and struck him with a piece of wood, causing a large swelling on the side of his head.

Police arrived within minutes and saw Baker waving a lump of wood in a threatening manner at Mr. Harris

In court, Brant admitted hitting the youths but said he did not throw anything. Baker admitted having the stick but denied waving it.

Slimmers hand over