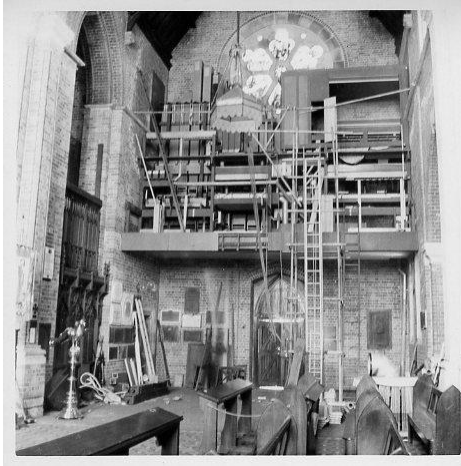


St. George's



I want to share some historic pictures and some memories in the hope members will find them of interest.

The first photograph (above) is in St George's Cathedral and shows the 1954 Walker organ partly assembled. I had ridden down on a bicycle armed with a Brownie box camera to catch the excitement. Note the Victorian styled hanging lamp.

The archway on the left was where the Hill/Dodd organ had been and you can see the fine carved wooden screen made by Robert Cecil Clifton.

The second snap (on the right) shows the completed Walker organ in the south transept.

The pipe front was somewhat disappointing as it lacked the customary casework which would have shown the pipes up to better effect, in my opinion. The 3-manual console was around the corner to the left. Nevertheless this instrument was a great improvement over the previous organ and wonderful to hear it played by many musicians, especially Pierre Cochereau. He improvised a fugue on a chromatic theme supplied by Frank Callaway.

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Historical note:

The Walker organ was dismantled in 1994 by F J Larner & Co., replaced with the three current organs in the cathedral built between 1988 and 1994 by Knud Smenge.

