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Diocesan Organ Advisers' Annual Conference

27th – 29th August, 2024 Norwich Diocese (based in Norwich)

Dear Diocesan Organ Advisers and interdenominational colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to our annual conference in August, which this year will be held in Norwich. We are looking forward to all the city has to offer, from the splendour of the cathedral and St Peter, Mancroft to the delights of the hearty east-Anglian welcome I am sure we will all experience.

Accommodation will be at the Travelodge in Norwich (NR1 1BT), and the Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning sessions will be held at the cathedral nearby. Our visit to 'instruments of note' on the Wednesday will take in St Peter, Mancroft (which is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its Peter Collins organ) and St Helen, Bishopsgate, amongst others.

We are very grateful to the dean of Norwich for the use of Priors' Hall during the conference and we are delighted to welcome Professor Paul Binski (Emeritus Cambridge professor of the history of medieval art & fellow of Gonville and Caius College) as our speaker at the formal dinner. There will be opportunity to hear the cathedral organ in its new evolution, together with the RSCM Millennium Choir who will be singing evensong on the Tuesday evening.

Keeping the costs within manageable levels for this year's conference has been a challenge, with ever increasing charges having to be set against ever decreasing diocesan budgets and available funds. As a result, the cost of this year's event has, unfortunately, had to be increased in an attempt to balance things, but even this almost 10% increase on last year's fee will demand some serious thinking about the future way in which the conference is presented. A lively discussion I am sure for our annual meeting on the Thursday morning!

In a bid to make the administration side of things slicker, and reduce our carbon footprint, could I please ask that this year booking forms are returned to me electronically and all payments made by BACS. If that is going to pose challenges for you please do let me know.

With all best wishes

David