

Melanie Plumley Harrison (England)

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Melanie Plumley Harrison is a freelance Organist & Choir Director now resident near Limassol in Cyprus. Prior to moving to Cyprus, she played mostly in the London and S E England area. For over 22 years from May 1989 she was music director of Emmanuel Church, Holcombe in N W England and retains strong connections with Lancashire.

From 1968 - 71 Melanie's organ study was as a pupil of Hector C Parr FRCO and reached Associated Board Organ Grade 7 standard. From 1971 to 74 study continued with Dr Conrad Eden at Durham Cathedral and the Associate Diploma of Trinity College, London was achieved.

In later years, study has involved a number of residential courses and masterclass/workshops in the UK. Melanie is not under the guidance of any teacher at present and with limited scope for playing in Cyprus, practise is largely on her generously resourced home instrument. In Cyprus, she is organist at the British army garrison at Episkopi and for the Royal Air Force at Akrotiri.

Apart from playing the organ, Melanie has a close interest in the conservation of historic instruments and from 2002 to 2015 was a trustee and Membership Secretary of the British Institute of Organ Studies (BIOS). She retains a close involvement as its Publicity Officer.

Background

Melanie is a confirmed member of the Anglican Church. Her main daytime work is as a broadcast engineer with the British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS.com) and as a self employed broadcast consultant. She works also as an audio engineer providing music/audio-engineering services including location digital sound recording for CD and broadcast through her company of P H Music.