



Guided Walks

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I went on the guided walk of the Town Hall with Ms Kennedy and I enjoyed it very much. We started in the Main Hall where there were paintings and flags. Then we went in to the chambers.

I liked Connaught Hall best of all because of its colours, they were blue and

magnolia. At first Burges was going to paint Connaught Hall chocolate brown and creamy white. You would never think the pillars are made of cast iron, would you? But they are!

We went up top see the big bell and my tummy fluttered when I looked down, it seemed very high. I enjoyed the tour and I looked at things that would probably not notice on my own.

Basically Baroque — Pam Taylor

The lunchtime concert given by "Basically Baroque" on 29th May was simply delightful and St. Mary's Church provided an excellent setting. One of the biggest surprises for me was the impressive range of the flutes produced by the 'main quartet' of players (quite literally an eye-opener) and to see at close quarters the bassoon being played, was fascinating.

Readers will guess from this that I am no musician, merely an enthusiastic music lover and listener, but if I were to express a preference from the programme it would be for the Telemann and for the final quintet by Jean-Baptiste Loeillet, whose name was totally new to me. I feel, however, that all members of the audience, including those who evidently were musicians themselves, thoroughly enjoyed the brief hour and the applause was warm and enthusiastic.

Unfortunately we were rather a small group, as was the case at most of the Festival events which I attended. Those who didn't show their faces were surely the losers (where were all the Dovorians who can be bothered to go regularly to the Marlowe, I wondered) and we can only hope that by next year word will have got around and the attendances will improve. My final words are of thanks and encouragement to the Committee who organised the Festival – *please* persevere. I am already looking forward to hearing good live music in Dover again next year.

