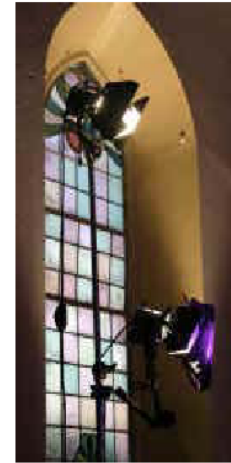


## Brockweir Lighting course Dave Chapman



We arrived as lambs to the slaughter and left refreshed after a week's tuition by Bernie Davies and Mike Baker in the basics of lighting skills. After some tuition in basic lighting and the kit available, we were set various tasks and challenges by our tutors, always working within the basic principles of lighting.

The Brockweir Moravian Church became the setting for a Songs of Praise interview, a String Quartet and a Royal Wedding. Who on the course can forget the sight of Bernie as the lead of the String Quartet, booming out Land of Hope and Glory on his Tuba (actually a light stand on this occasion), only to be reminded by more than one member of the crew that *his* brief was to light a String Quartet, his retort, you look after the lighting, I'll look after my instrument. The finale of the week was to light the interior of the local pub, a venue we had frequented at every opportunity throughout our stay. This was a very sobering experience, if only because it was the last morning of the course and we were all driving home immediately after the exercise. Had it been earlier in the week, who knows what the result might have been.

To Bernie and Mike, thanks from all of us for a week well spent, to Jeff Boden and the ladies of Brockweir, our thanks for the many tea and coffee breaks and the homemade cakes so readily available each morning and afternoon.