

Report on the fabric for 2010

THE CHURCH.

Repair works were completed to the Lych gate for £180.00 and a hood stop carving installed at a cost of £250.00.

In the last quarter part of the boundary wall to the Manor collapsed and had to be rebuilt at a cost of £1698.00, the work being done by Steve Todd our stone mason.

Additional smoke detection and a new extinguisher have been provided in the bell tower for bell ringers protection.

St ANDREWS

A smart new notice board has been erected, similar to the one here, supplied by 'Sign Stop' at a cost of £82.80

Recently the fire escape door from the kitchen was replaced at a cost of £255.00 after the old one disintegrated.

Some internal redecoration work was carried out by volunteers to tidy up the walls and white gloss work.

CHAPTER HOUSE

New lighting has been provided in the entrance lobby, which has brightened up the area, by a voluntary contribution of time and materials.

The boiler room door has been upgraded to give better fire protection to the escape lobby.

The roof continues to give cause for concern. Investigation of the structure has given us clues as to the causes of leaks through the components forming the parapet walls and gutter, highlighting poor building practice at the time of construction.

We were unsuccessful in our first consultation with Mr Bruce Deacon, an approved DAC Architect, and are actively seeking to engage another DAC approved Architect with the specialist design input for refurbishing the roof with a stainless steel sheet finish. Pamela Ward is considering taking up the job and we are hopeful that she will, as she has considerable experience with this type of work and the workings of the DAC.

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

All of our fire extinguishers have received their annual inspection.

The lightning conductor system has been tested and needs some minor remedial works done.

The gas boilers have had their annual service.

A product called 'Smartwater' has been applied to all of our valuable metals; roof lead, brass items and silver plate, this solution is brush applied and gives each object a DNA type mark that identifies it to our church. Apparently the makers boast amazing guarantees of recovery of stolen items and prosecution of the villains. It also keeps our insurance costs down.

During July our Insurers, Ecclesiastical, carried out a survey of both churches and contents and updated their valuation.

Shortly afterwards the Rev. David Powell came to carry out the Archdeacons Inspection of the same.

A Health and Safety Policy has been drawn up and a fire Risk Assessment made these documents are stored in the new Building Management files which have been produced for both sites containing all registers of safety equipment and its inspection and records of Health and Safety administration. As required under The Health and Safety at Work Act.

The Vicar, Churchwardens, Vergers and sidesmen have undergone training for their duties and especially for the action to take in case of a fire during a service.

Money was approved for the purchase of a new churchyard mower, the old one became so old and dangerous to operate that it needed renewal. A further small machine is now required for trimming around the narrow spaces between gravestones.

Thanks are due to:- Flora for her works as chair of the Buildings Committee.
Derek for all his efforts at St Andrews.
Val as booking secretary of the Chapter House.
Martin and his team for all their work in the Churchyard
And volunteers from the congregation who nobody sees,
but who perform valuable works of maintenance and repair
about the place, clearing gutters and the paths of leaves and
snow, fixing electrical fittings, and painting etc.

David Golding