
SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM DAC
**CHURCH HISTORY
PROJECT**



The University of
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NEWSLETTER No 11: October 2009

RESEARCHERS' TRAINING DAY
Saturday 28 November 2009
Dunham House, 8 Westgate, Southwell NG25 0JL

This is a half-day session aimed at all researchers – whether new or seasoned, there will be something for everyone. Please see the attached sheet for details of the programme. Would you please complete and return the cut-off slip, whether or not you intend to join this session.

Project Manager's Update

It was lovely to meet so many of you at the Researchers' meeting in July when I ran through a brief overview of the wider picture. There have been a number of developments in the project, including the setting up of education and tourism steering groups, as well as the ongoing work of the research team.

For education we are currently developing a generic pack of topics. This will form a basic resource that can be used by churches to encourage school visits. Initially this is being developed for primary schools and we will be looking at piloting this material in the New Year.

Within tourism we are working on a template for individual church guides, using existing information from the website as well as working closely with church communities. We are also looking to promote a diocesan 'open churches' event, provisionally scheduled for July 2010, which will be co-ordinated by Heather Sirrel, who has recently been appointed as the 'Open Churches' project officer.

The research group continues to add information to the website; this will provide a valuable resource for both the tourism and education groups. One particular challenge is finding volunteers to research the large number of churches in the diocese, particularly in the north, and we are always keen to hear from anyone interested in doing so.

All this would not be possible without the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and also the input from everyone who volunteers, so our thanks go to all who are working on the Project.

Please do continue to send me your timesheets each month; they are vital as part of our contribution.

If you would like any further information about any aspect of the project please email traceychp@southwell.anglican.org – or telephone me at 01636 817223.

Terry Fry: star researcher!

Congratulations to Terry Fry, who holds the record for the number of entries completed for the website. Terry's main interests were north of the City of Nottingham, which is reflected in the work he has undertaken. On the website you will find his contributions on Basford St Augustine, Daybrook St Paul, Nottingham City Hospital chapel of St Luke, Basford St Aidan and St Leodegarius, Carrington St John Evangelist and Sherwood St Martin. He also wrote the entry for Nottingham St Thomas, a lost church, and his final entry, Cinderhill Christ Church, should be up on the site shortly. Terry, who lives in Sherwood and has been interested in local history all his life, has resisted the call to do more, but with nine completed entries he has set standards for others to follow. Who is going to be the first to ten?

The 'Top Ten' Churches within the Diocese



The success of the project in attracting funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund means that we can now branch out into education and tourism in the diocese. With tourism in mind, the project team looked at a hit list of the diocese's top churches, so that those not already available on the site could be targeted for completion. We did this by taking lists of the county's premier churches drawn up by Rev. Myra Shackley, formerly the Diocesan Tourism Officer, and by our own Dr Chris Brooke, and by adding in several churches mentioned in Simon Jenkins's best seller: *England's Thousand Best Churches*.

And so, in descending order of importance, here is the top 10, with an indication of those churches still needing a researcher: Southwell Minster (under research); Nottingham, St Mary the Virgin (on website); Newark, St Mary (on website); Worksop, Priory Church of St Mary and St Cuthbert (no research started); Clumber Park, St Mary the Virgin (under research); Edwinstowe, St Mary (on website); Bingham, St Mary and All Saints (under research); Nottingham, St Peter (on website); Mansfield, St Peter and St Paul (no research started), and Clayworth, St Peter (under research).

No doubt some will grumble about which churches are in, and which are not in this list, but we believe it is important to identify our top churches and to make sure they are researched and on the website as soon as possible. So in the next Newsletter we will be introducing you to numbers 11-30 on the list – although you can have a sneak preview by attending the training day on 28 November! *Above: Spot this entry in the top ten!*

REPORT ON RESEARCHERS' MEETING St. Peter's Church, East Bridgford, 4 July 2009

After a welcome from the Revd John Chambers, vicar of St Peter's Church, Professor John Beckett thanked Revd Chambers for hosting the event, and for the refreshments provided. Tracey Akehurst thanked volunteers for attending, the Project Team, and in particular Revd Dr David Harper, the webmaster. She welcomed the newest member of the project Team, copy editor Patrick Shore, and outlined the next phase of the Project as a result of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant recently received.

David Harper reported on the current status of the project, with 108 churches being researched and nearly 80 on the website, from a possible 358. Website entries are available for restricted view for four weeks, and once the incumbent has inspected and approved the content, the entry is made available to the public. He is currently restructuring the site, for ease of navigation.

Dr Graham Lott, who is a geologist/ petrographer at the British Geological Survey, Keyworth, and Diocesan adviser on stonework, was the guest speaker. He said that of the 300+ churches in Nottinghamshire, the majority were built in stone. He outlined for us the origins of stone used to build the various churches in the diocese. He noted that the cost of moving stone was such that, until the eighteenth century when waterways, canals, and finally the railways were constructed, it would have been normal practice to acquire stone from the nearest active quarry;

but by the end of the nineteenth century stone could be brought into the county from literally anywhere. Dr Lott said that although there is often little current evidence of the site of former quarries in Nottinghamshire, it has been possible to plot their position in relation to particular churches. But as he also pointed out, individual churches were not perhaps as particular as we might assume, since many of them had used various types of stone for different parts of the church.

Later Dr Lott took us on a tour of the outside of St Peter's, noting the skerry walls, the reuse of an Anglo-Saxon cross, the Lincolnshire limestone windows, and the fact that the tower was in dressed stone, and quite unlike the walls of the nave. In the churchyard he pointed out how to tell the difference between a Welsh slate headstone (smooth on both sides) and a Swithland slate headstone (rough on the non-engraved side). He also explained to us how to identify slates on roofs.

Dr Lott's parting comment was serious: few quarries remain open, and there is the problem of finding replacement stone for crumbling buildings. He noted the importance from this perspective of an ongoing survey by English Heritage. In concluding his talk, Dr Lott offered his services to researchers on the project; and also promised to make some materials available to help us with identifying different types of stone.

SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM DAC CHURCH HISTORY PROJECT

**RESEARCHERS' TRAINING DAY
SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2009
DUNHAM HOUSE, 8 WESTGATE, SOUTHWELL, NG25 0JL**

PROGRAMME

9.30am: Coffee and biscuits; **10.00am:** Welcome – Canon Keith Turner

10.05am: Researching and Writing your entry –

Professor John Beckett will talk about what is expected from researchers, and take them through the Briefing Paper. The presentation will last about forty minutes, followed by an opportunity to ask questions. It will concentrate mainly on the sections of the Briefing Paper from fixtures and fittings onwards, on how to research the sections, how to put the information together, and how to present it. Reference will be made to sources given in the Briefing Paper.

11.00-11.15am: Break

11.15am: Writing the History and Archaeology sections: some practical tips –
Prof John Beckett/Dr Chris Brooke:

A thirty-minute presentation, followed by questions.

12.00 noon: Preparing to submit your entry – Rev Dr David Harper:
How to put the entry together; pitfalls to avoid.

12.30pm: Buffet lunch; and an opportunity to discuss specific points with the Team.

1.15pm: Close

(Car parking will be available at the venue)

**Would you please complete and return the reply slip below,
whether or not you intend to join this training session**

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Please complete and return this slip by 14 November 2009 at the latest to:

Mrs Janice Avery, 43 Derby Road, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2TB; or email
janaver1@yahoo.co.uk

I will/will not be attending the researchers' training day on 28 NOVEMBER 2009 at
SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM DAC, Dunham House, 8 Westgate, Southwell

NAME: _____ TEL NO: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHURCH/CHURCH SITE YOU ARE RESEARCHING: _____

IF YOU ARE PART OF A RESEARCH GROUP, NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

APPROXIMATE DATE YOU EXPECT TO SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH: _____

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO RESEARCH A FURTHER ENTRY ONCE YOUR
CURRENT RESEARCH IS COMPLETE? YES/NO

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NEWSLETTER No 10: May 2009



RESEARCHERS' MEETING : 4 JULY – EAST BRIDGFORD PARISH CHURCH

2.00pm: Introduction - Professor John Beckett;	2.10pm: The next phase of the Project -
Ms Tracey Akehurst;	2.25pm: Progress of the Project - Revd Dr David Harper;
	2.40pm: Lecture by Dr Graham Lott;
3.30pm: Question and Answer Session;	4.00pm: Close

Dr Graham Lott has worked as a geologist/petrographer in the British Geological Survey (BGS) since 1971, specialising in the study of sedimentary rocks. For much of his career he has been involved in studying the rock successions of oil and gas basins in the UK and elsewhere around the world. Subsequently, he has applied some of the varied techniques learned during this work to the study of the building stones of the UK.

In 2001 Dr Lott completed and published a map of *The Building Stone Resources of the UK* showing the geological context of the historic building stone quarries throughout the country.

He has published numerous papers and articles on Britain's building stone, and continues to answer enquiries for the BGS on all aspects of UK building stones. He is particularly interested in the use of local stone for vernacular building in the UK, where we are very fortunate in having a building stone heritage of great diversity. This heritage is now under considerable threat from increasingly bland urban and village developments and also from a shortage of local quarries producing stone, not only for repair and conservation, but also in encouraging new building projects using vernacular stones.

THE THIRD PHASE OF THE PROJECT

As you are aware, the Church History Project has been in progress for some years, but we have now been fortunate to secure a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund which should make us financially secure to complete the project, and also to link it to related work on education and tourism within the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham. The idea is that the research undertaken for the individual church histories can be used in the future to prepare materials for use in local schools, and also to help update, and in some cases provide for the first time, good quality guidebooks to promote church tourism in the county. We believe it is important that our children, and visitors to the county, should be able to learn about our churches, and to do so with the confidence which comes with the well researched and presented material on our website.

The HLF grant includes funding for our project costs, including research expenses which contributors are always welcome to claim, and for which we now ask you to complete time sheets. The grant also includes funding for training, and we hope to be able to offer future workshops to supplement the occasional researchers' meetings. These will not be compulsory in any way, but will be designed to provide help with researching and writing your entry. We hope to have more information on all this at the East Bridgford meeting on 4 July. Incidentally, our speaker on that occasion, Dr Graham Lott, is well qualified to turn the potentially rather dull subject of stone into a fascinating discussion, which will enable you to look at the outside of churches in quite a different light in future!

APPOINTMENT OF HLF-FUNDED PROJECT MANAGER

Since April this year Tracey Akehurst has been appointed to the newly-funded part-time post of Project Manager. Her remit is to draw together staff and volunteers, develop and promote the project's resources for schools and communities, and help Nottinghamshire churches to raise their profile in terms of tourism. Originally from Essex, Tracey has a degree in Botany and Zoology, and has worked in the pharmaceutical industry. After some time spent liaising with publishers and advertisers at the *Times Education Supplement*, she returned to plant research, working for the International Institute of Parasitology. She has worked for the National Trust, both as part of the team re-instating the Kitchen Garden at Clumber Park, and being involved in promoting horticulture to both adults and children. She regularly give talks to various groups, and edits *The Woodborough Newsletter*.

**REPORT ON RESEARCHERS' MEETING AT
ST LAWRENCE PARISH CHURCH, NORWELL, 25 OCTOBER 2008**

About thirty people attended the meeting at Norwell. Professor Michael Jones and Dr Elizabeth Jones spoke about the four churches in the benefice that they and their group are researching, and in particular related the history of Norwell church, which is probably of Anglo-Saxon origin. The original building was replaced c.1100 by a stone structure, and during the 12th century construction began on the south aisle.

The church was again enlarged towards the end of the thirteenth century, probably by extending the chancel and the addition of two transepts, and enlarging the tower and tower arch. When fashions changed and fortunes improved, the clerestory with five windows was introduced, some time after 1450. At the same time the walls were raised and a new roof built in the chancel. By the Middle Ages the church was large and well used.

However, it began to fall into disrepair between the Reformation and the 19th century, and by the late 18th and early 19th centuries was in a very poor state and in danger of falling down. In 1857-8 the chancel was restored, and fifteen years later the Church Commissioners received a report on the state of the whole church, having agreed to meet some of the cost of refurbishment.

Dr Chris Brooke then spoke to the group on the subject of monuments. He said these were

erected to commemorate the war, individuals or architecture. Many public war memorials were created by local committees as a result of the First World War. The Cenotaph was designed by Sir Edward Lutyens, and the project rushed through in time for 11 November 1919. Few separate memorials were built to commemorate the Second World War; it was more usual for memorials from the First World War to be added to. Typically, in smaller churches, granite, marble or simple stone plaques were erected, and were usually provided by local masons – this was more economical than constructing a memorial. More extravagant ones appear in memorial chapels. It is less common to find preserved rolls of honour, such as can be seen in Oxford. Often memorial gates (lych gates), and in some instances stained glass windows, were installed as war memorials. Phoebe Traquair, a Dublin artist, was commissioned to produce paintings, and used local children as models. Most of her work is evident in Scotland.

For further information, check the UK National Inventory of War Memorials, sponsored by The Imperial War Museum, at their website <http://www.ukniwm.org.uk>. To inspect names on memorials, look up the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website at: <http://www.cwgc.org>.

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RESEARCHERS' MEETING, 4 JULY AT 2.00pm, EAST BRIDGFORD PARISH CHURCH
I will/will not be attending the researchers' meeting

NAME _____ **TEL NO/EMAIL ADDRESS** _____

IF YOU ARE PART OF A RESEARCH GROUP, NUMBER ATTENDING: _____
CHURCH/CHURCH SITE YOU ARE RESEARCHING _____

DATE YOU EXPECT TO SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH _____

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO RESEARCH A FURTHER ENTRY? YES/NO

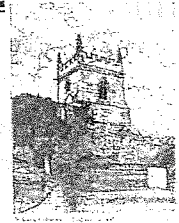
All researchers, present and former, are welcome to attend our researchers' meetings.
If, however, you are no longer conducting research for the Project AND do not wish to receive further Newsletters, please tick here _____

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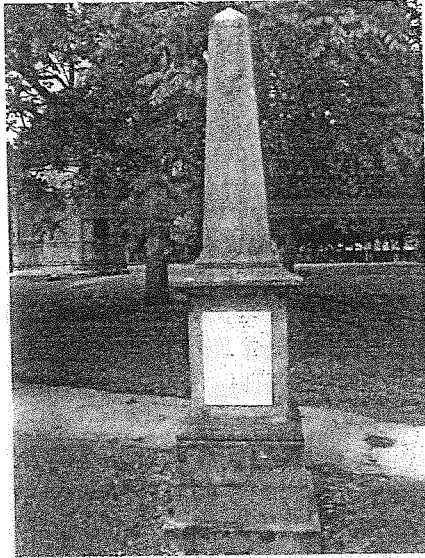
WOULD CURRENT RESEARCHERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT MONTHLY TIME SHEETS TO JONATHAN PICKETT
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SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM DAC CHURCH HISTORY PROJECT

NEWSLETTER No 9: September 2008



RESEARCHERS' MEETING: 25 OCTOBER AT NORWELL



The next Researchers' Meeting will be held at the church of St Lawrence, Norwell, from 2-4pm on Saturday 25 October 2008. The theme is War Memorials and our speaker will be Dr Chris Brooke, who is a member of the Project's Management Team and has always taken a particular interest in war memorials. A DAC Archaeologist adviser for many years, Chris is currently working for the National Trust For Scotland as Head of Conservation Planning & Projects.

Refreshments will be available, and there should be adequate on-street parking in the village.

If you are able to join us please complete and return the slip overleaf by 17 October 2008.

Pictured: the Crimean War Memorial at Beeston Parish Church. The monument was erected in memory of those from the village who served in the War. Four men are named, two of whom fought at Balaclava, and two at Alma and Inkerman.

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING SECURED

Following the submission of a 5-year action chart, cash flow figures and management structure, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) have given permission to start our ambitious and exciting research, education and tourism project for which they have granted £382,000.

The funding will bring church history alive across Nottinghamshire as we take this innovative project forward. It means the rich heritage and history of our churches can be recorded and shared worldwide & locally. The project will achieve the following main aims:

- A website with fully researched histories of every church in the Diocese
- New tourism leaflets and historical information in every church
- Tourism trails and other initiatives for visitors to the area
- Educational materials linked to local churches.
- Resources and training to enhance school visits to church buildings

The end result will be that churches and their fascinating histories will be more accessible to all people of all ages and all levels of interest.

The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, the Rt Revd George Cassidy has said that, "many of our historic churches continue to attract visitors from all around the world and I am delighted that this new funding will enable the project to move to another level and offer resources to help children, visitors and worshippers alike discover some of the hidden gems in our local churches."

Stephen F Langford
Project Co-ordinator

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Identifying sources of building stone used in Nottinghamshire's Churches

The county of Nottinghamshire has a wide range of building stones local to the area which have been quarried and used in many of its churches and other stone buildings. Today, however, only the quarries at Linby, producing yellow-orange Permian limestone, still survive. Identifying the stones present in older buildings, therefore, is something that requires experience, close observation and a reasonable knowledge of the local geology. A local geological map is an essential requirement.

In general the stone used in older buildings, particularly churches, did not travel very far from the quarry because of the great expense of transporting such heavy materials. By gaining an understanding from the geological map, where the best building stones occur and were once quarried, it is possible to see a pattern of use developing within the county. In the west brown and grey Millstone Grit and Coal Measures sandstones are mixed with pale yellow and darker orange Permian limestones, while across the eastern part of the county, grey and yellow Jurassic limestones become more common. In the central part of the county

these two sources begin to intermingle and some churches will have several stones in their fabric. Over the central and southern parts of the county greenish-grey and reddish Triassic sandstones are more common, particularly in church towers and spires. Occasionally, near the border with Leicestershire, harder rocks from the Charnwood Forest area may appear such as the famous green and purple slates from Swithland. There are even some areas where local boulders have been taken from old river gravels and used to patch-up church fabrics.

Perhaps the best way to gain experience in identifying these local stones is to go out and look at some of the churches in the county, where I have already described the stones that are present for the Diocesan History Project [see Briefing Document for further information]. However, should you have problem identifying particular stones then give me a call at the British Geological Survey office in Keyworth and I can perhaps give you some further help and advice.

Dr Graham Lott

0115 936 3100

This invitation is extended to past and current researchers. If you wish to attend the Researchers' Meeting at Norwell, please email dac@southwell.anglican.org, or return this slip by 17 October 2008 to Jonathan Pickett, Southwell DAC, Dunham House, 8 Westgate, Southwell, NG25 0JL.

I/We will be attending the Researchers' Meeting on 25 October.

NAME (CAPITALS PLEASE) _____

IF GROUP ATTENDANCE, GROUP NAME _____ AND No.. ATTENDING _____

Please complete if applicable: I am/we are currently researching _____ church.

The research is _____% complete. I/we expect to submit by _____

NB: If you are no longer able to continue your research for the Project, please inform Jonathan Pickett or Janice Avery (janaver1@yahoo.co.uk) – it is important that we know which churches are being actively researched, in order to monitor the Project's progress.

PROJECT UPDATE

Recent entries added to the website: Ossington Holy Rood, Sneinton St Christopher, Gunthorpe St John the Baptist, Thoroton St Helena, Hockerton St Nicholas, and Rempstone St Peter in the Rushes. The Webmaster and Editors currently have several entries including Caunton St Andrew, Headon-cum-Upton St Peter, Carlton-in-Lindrick St John the Evangelist, and further research on Nottingham St Mary.

For the latest on the Project's progress, see <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk>.

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NEWSLETTER No 8: April 2007

RESEARCHERS' MEETING – 23 JUNE 2007 – LAXTON

The next Researchers' meeting will take place at Laxton Parish Church on Saturday 23 June. Professor John Beckett is willing to take a group around the medieval village of Laxton before the meeting, if there is sufficient interest. At 2pm Dr Chris Brooke will speak on identifying and understanding the recording of monuments and war memorials. The Revd Dr David Harper, our webmaster, will give an update on the website; and there will be a question-and-answer session at the end of the afternoon. The event will close at around 4pm. If you are able to join us please complete and return the slip overleaf. Please note that on-street parking is available in the village.

REPORT ON MEETING AT OSSINGTON PARISH CHURCH, 1 JULY 2006

About thirty people attended the meeting at Ossington. After a welcome by Professor John Beckett, Mr Derrick Fielden related a brief history of the church. The first mention of a church was in 1144 when it was granted to Lenton Priory, but relatively little is known about it, and little structural evidence remains, since the current one was built on the same site, mainly between 1782-5. It was ordered by Robert Denison as a memorial to his elder brother William, a wealthy West Yorkshire woollen merchant. The architect was John Carr of York, who also built Newark Town Hall. His plans for Ossington included a domed mausoleum at the east end, in the neo-Classical Georgian style. Due to its instability, the mausoleum was demolished in 1838 by John Evelyn Denison. There remains, however, a vault containing the bodies of thirteen members of the Denison family.

Ossington church is laid out as an estate church, with pews for the nobility and for servants. Lady Eleanor Denison, wife of William Evelyn Denison, dedicated much of her life to it, and carved the wooden frieze around the nave, the pulpit and lectern. She obtained the rood from Oberammagau in 1911, and changed the church's dedication from St Mary to Holy Rood. No mention is made by Pevsner of the 19th-century or later windows; Simon Jenkins, however, has referred to them as 'ferocious modern glass'. The great house was occupied by the Air Force in World War Two, and by the 1960s it had been demolished.

Mr Howard Fisher talked about photographing churches and said the briefing document, which contains detailed information on photography, should be read closely. Researchers needed to work systematically, making extensive notes, beginning with outside the building and taking various aspects, and following the light around. For the interior, photographs should be taken from both east and west angles, to include the organ, pulpit, font, and any other fittings in the body of church, before working around the walls. Moveable objects (which will not appear on the website) should be included. Jpeg files should be used. Embedded pictures in Word files cannot be used. Care should be taken with focusing and to include the tops of images.

The Revd Dr David Harper gave an update on the current state of the project. He said submitting photographs in good condition saves time when formatting for the website. There are around 170 churches/church sites under research, with over fifty now on the site.

A Question and Answer session followed, during which Dr Chris Brooke said no attempt should be made to clean stained glass. He said it was preferable to submit too many pictures rather than too few, from which the webmaster can choose. Professor Beckett concluded the meeting by asking attenders to be patient in awaiting their submissions appearing on the website, since the process is very time-consuming, and the Coordinating Team members are volunteering their time and efforts.

Logo, top right: picture from a drawing of St Mary's Church, Colston Bassett (1991) by John Severn

Researchers might be interested in the following events:

Saturday 5 May 2007: Day School on 'The Archaeology of the English Parish Church', led by Dr Chris Brooke. Chris is a leading archaeologist and church historian, and archaeological editor of the Southwell & Nottingham DAC Church History Project. The event will consist of morning sessions at Nottingham University's Jubilee Campus on 'Introduction to Church Archaeology: reading the fabric' and 'Collecting the Evidence: documents and archaeology'; and the afternoon will be spent visiting two north Nottinghamshire churches. Cost is £29 for the day, including refreshments. Booking essential: for further details and to reserve a place, contact the Centre for Local History, University of Nottingham School of Education, Jubilee Campus, Nottingham, telephone 0115 9516526.

Saturday 10 November 2007: The Thoroton Society's Nottinghamshire History Lecture, 'The Medieval Stained Glass of Nottinghamshire – Society, Patronage, Liturgy and Iconography', by Dr Allan Barton. Dr Barton's doctoral thesis was on the stained glass of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, 1400-1550. He works as a researcher on medieval stained glass for the British Academy's Corpus Vitrearum Medii Aevi project, and has been commissioned to write a catalogue of the medieval stained glass of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. The lecture will begin at 2.45pm at the Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham, and is open to members of the public, and booking is not necessary. For more information on this lecture and on the Thoroton Society, the county's principal historical society, visit Thoroton's website at www.thorotonsociety.org.uk

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Project Development:

The Diocesan Advisory Committee and Project Team are very grateful for all the efforts of volunteer researchers, team members and advisers. The web site is there as an excellent resource, internationally and locally available. The Project team have been looking at ways to ensure that the historic and church building information is used in powerful ways in the community. An application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund to provide funds to enable schools to use the resource in teaching and for the provision of church guides for visitors and tourism. I will keep you informed of the outcome of the funding application and developments of this important work as it progresses.

S.F Langford Project Co-ordinator April 2007

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RESEARCHERS' MEETING, 23 JUNE 2007, 2pm, LAXTON PARISH CHURCH

I will/will not be attending the meeting

I wish/do not wish to join a short tour of Laxton village before the meeting

NAME _____ TEL NO/EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CHURCH/CHURCH SITE YOU ARE RESEARCHING _____

ESTIMATED DATE YOU EXPECT TO SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH _____

If you are part of a research group, number attending _____. If you are no longer conducting research for the Project, please tick

Please email to dac@southwell.anglican.org, or return this slip by 9 June 2007 to: Jonathan Pickett, Southwell & Nottingham DAC, Dunham House, Westgate, Southwell, Notts, NG25 0JL.

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NEWSLETTER No 7: May 2006

RESEARCHERS' MEETING: 2pm, 1 JULY, OSSINGTON

The next event will take place at Ossington Parish Church. We will begin the meeting with a lecture from Mr Howard Fisher, who will discuss how to photograph fixtures and fittings, and in particular stained glass windows. We will then divide into smaller groups, led by Mr Fisher and Dr Chris Brooke, and will look closer at how to take different types of photographs (such as interior, exterior, windows, brass, etc.). The Revd Dr David Harper, our webmaster, will give the latest update on the website; and there will be a question-and-answer session towards the end of the afternoon. The meeting will close at 4pm. **If you are able to join us please complete and return the slip overleaf.** Please note that adequate parking is available in the village.

REPORT ON TRAINING DAY, 29 OCTOBER 2005, SOUTHWELL DAC

About forty people attended the Training Day at Dunham House. After a welcome from Canon Keith Turner, Professor John Beckett guided us through the briefing document and the various resources available. The briefing document is updated when we have useful information to add, and the latest version is available at researchers' meetings.

Dr Chris Brooke gave an illustrated lecture on reading the fabric of a church. He advised researchers first to walk around the outside of the church to get a snapshot of what is going on, and then to look inside. Many books are available to help date the church from its architectural style. Helpful guides include Pevsner's *Nottinghamshire*, which gives a glossary to archaeological terms, and *The Penguin Dictionary of Architecture*. He said researchers should not fall into the trap of thinking a church is, say, thirteenth-century, when it could be much later – the history needs to be researched, old sketches and plans consulted, the stonework inspected, and style books checked for dating items such as the font, etc.

Professor Beckett then talked about compiling a web entry. He explained that many churches were rebuilt in the nineteenth century. There are very few unaltered medieval churches in Nottinghamshire. The Coordinating Team holds a list of Faculties from Lincolnshire Archives Office for the period 1837-84 and this information will soon be available on the website. Details pre-1837 are held at the Borthwick Institute at the University of York. A surprising number of Southwell diocese churches are twentieth-

century, and more documentation is available for the modern period. Professor Beckett said there is no upper limit to the length of submissions, and it is expected that some will be more extensive than others. Some editing might be required for conformity, but entries will primarily be researchers' work. He asked that in the first instance researchers visit the Archives Office and Local Studies Library, and the church itself, that they set out the material chronologically, and then write it up.

The Revd Dr David Harper spoke about the process of preparing the entry submission, using the template provided. Straight text only is required, with no footnotes or formatting, and pictures should not be embedded in the text, since web pages are laid out very differently to a word processed document. Pictures (digital or scanned-in photos) should be detailed and large, and be provided separate from the text, with a list of contents. He said that processing tabulated data is time-consuming, and columns and spacing are lost in converting to a web entry. Researchers are asked to produce work in a table rather than tabulated text.

Many attenders commented that they had found the event to be a most useful and informative exercise. Grateful thanks go to Jonathan Pickett at Southwell for organizing the day for us, and to everyone who took part. The Co-ordinating Team is planning to hold another training day in the near future.

Janice Avery

Rosemary Gatie has recently recruited volunteers in the north and east of the diocese, and we also have new research being undertaken on other churches and church sites. Latest recruits include: Auckley St Saviour, Bilsthorpe St Margaret, Blyth St Mary & St Martin, Calverton St Wilfrid, Clayworth St Peter, Farndon St Peter, Finningley Holy Trinity & St Oswald, Harby All Saints with Swinethorpe, Retford St Saviour, Underwood St Michael & All Angels, and Worksop St Anne. We look forward to seeing these entries on our website in the future.

Logo, top right: picture from a drawing of St Mary's Church, Colston Bassett (1991) by John Severn

St Michael's Church, Linby – The Living Stones Project

The extremely poor condition of the flooring, pews, the heating system and lighting, the need for a major overhaul of the organ, and a whole number of 'access' problems, meant radical decisions had to be made concerning St Michael's, Linby. These needs and an audit of both churches in the Parish developed into a vision to use the opportunity for mission, and we have been greatly blessed to have in our architect, Graeme Renton, someone who has shared that vision.

The story of God's provision and timing has been amazing; we have had to raise approximately £250,000. The first donation was £1,000 in notes in a plain envelope after a service. Enthusiasm has been matched with a real sensitivity and desire to enhance a much loved grade 2* listed building. The

work began last summer; we returned on Advent Sunday exactly two years from the Parish Gift Day in 2003.

In the process, fascinating discoveries have been made: the original plaster (some stencilled), two previous heating systems and four incised tomb slabs beneath the wooden flooring have been uncovered. The Project has involved stepping out in faith, but it has not just been about a building; it has been about people, too – and that is why it was entitled 'Living Stones' (from 1 Peter, chapter 2).

Following in the footsteps of many previous generations, we have made our contribution to the legacy of St Michael's. The blending of the new with the old has underlined that sense of on-going life.

Keith Turner

FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHURCHES

Researchers on the Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Church History project might be interested in joining the Friends of Nottinghamshire Churches. Since 1986 the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust (NHCT) has awarded grants for repairs to stonework, roofs, windows, timberwork, bell-frames and bells, and has helped to replace old heating and electrical systems. The Friends of Nottinghamshire Churches supports the work of the NHCT in preserving these historic buildings through grants for essential repairs.

Friends of Nottinghamshire Churches have priority bookings to the NHCT Summer Party at a special Friends' rate, and receive a regular report on the churches grant aided by NHCT, as well as mailings about events, lectures and church visits. Membership of the Friends is £15 a year for individuals, £25 for a couple. All proceeds go, of course, to church and chapel repair work.

If you are interested in joining, write to The Friends of Nottinghamshire Churches, 38 Manor Close, Edwalton, Nottingham, NG12 4BH, or email nhct@btinternet.com. Further information about the NHCT can be found at www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk

John Beckett

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RESEARCHERS' MEETING, 1 JULY 2006, 2pm, OSSINGTON PARISH CHURCH

I will/will not be attending the meeting

NAME _____ **TEL NO** _____

CHURCH/CHURCH SITE YOU ARE RESEARCHING _____

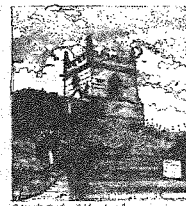
ESTIMATED DATE YOU WILL SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH _____

If you are part of a research group, number attending _____. **If you are no longer researching for the Project and wish to be removed from our mailing list, please tick**

Please email to dac@southwell.anglican.org, **or return this slip by 9 June 2006 to:** Jonathan Pickett, Southwell & Nottingham DAC, Dunham House, 8 Westgate, Southwell, Notts, NG25 0JL

SOUTHWELL DAC CHURCH HISTORY PROJECT

NEWSLETTER No 6: September 2005



RESEARCHERS' TRAINING DAY: SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER 2005

The next Researchers' Meeting will consist of a morning training session at Dunham House, 8 Westgate, Southwell. The aim of this session will be to offer additional guidance to both current and prospective researchers, and to reinforce particular points which appear in the Briefing Document (the latest copy of which will be available on the day). The programme for the morning will be as follows:

9.30am	Assemble. Coffee
10.00am	Welcome – Canon Keith Turner
10.05am	The Briefing Paper – Professor John Beckett
10.30am	Reading the Architecture – Dr Chris Brooke
11.00am	Compiling your Entry for the Web – Professor John Beckett
11.30am	Preparing your Entry – Revd Dr David Harper
12 noon	Questions/Discussion/Feedback
12.30pm	Close

Car parking will be available at Dunham House with alternative parking just a short walk away opposite the Minster on Church Street or off King Street near the Library.

If you are able to join us please complete and return the slip overleaf.

We are sorry to report that Olive Taylor, who has carried out excellent work for us as a copy editor, will shortly be leaving the project due to other commitments. Grateful thanks go to Olive from the Co-ordinating Team, for all the time and effort she has afforded the Project. We are pleased to welcome back Rosemary Gatie, who retired from Southwell DAC last year. Rosemary has recently returned to the Project as our 'northern link' – see below.

LOOK NORTH!

Since 1999 the work of the Church History Project has steadily developed, and it is encouraging to see the ever-growing number of churches displayed on the website. However, a view of the diocese map shows many beautiful and interesting churches in the north of the diocese yet to be researched.

As we hope to have completed the entries onto the website in 2010, we need researchers working in the northern parishes to enable us to bring this about, and at present we are having particular difficulty in recruiting from this area. Rosemary Gatie has already made contact with several local history groups and parish priests to inform them of the work of the Project; and she would urge anyone interested – either as a possible volunteer, or if they would simply like to know more – to join us at our Training Day on 29 October (in which case, please complete the booking form overleaf). Volunteers will receive our extensive Briefing Document. For those who are not aware of it already, this sets out the information we require, the resources available, and the format in which the work needs to be submitted in order for it to appear on the website. The work, when completed, will of course be acknowledged fully.

If you require any further information, if you are interested in our Project, or if you wish to discuss any aspect of the Project, please contact Rosemary Gatie, 5 Meadow View, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0EQ; telephone 01636 813857; email trevorandrose@gaties.go-plus.net.

The Southwell DAC Church History Project Co-ordinating Team consists of:
Canon Keith Turner, The Revd David Harper, John Beckett, Chris Brooke,
Stephen Langford, Jonathan Pickett, Janice Avery, Rosemary Gatie, Olive Taylor

REPORT ON OUR LAST MEETING IN MAY

Our last Researchers' Meeting was held at Halam Parish Church in May, when our guest lecturer was Peter Gibson, OBE, a former Secretary and Superintendent of the York Glaziers' Trust, and an established world authority on stained glass. With a richly illustrated lecture, Peter informed us that the original design for stained glass would have been set out on a glazing table. Only one example of this survives in the world today - in Genoa's museum, it is dated 1320-30. The earliest known glass in Europe, which is from the Saxon period, and some 1300 years old, consists of 1,000 pieces. It was discovered during an early 19th-century excavation, and can be found at St Paul's Monastery, Jarrow.

The world's largest grisaille window, which dominates the north transept of York Minster, is known as the five sisters' window. Containing over 100,000 pieces of glass, it was made in c.1260, and was relaid between 1923-5 using 13th-century lead excavated at Rievaulx Abbey. During the Second World War most of the important windows in York Minster, some of which are from an earlier building, were taken out and stored elsewhere, for example in chambers under the wall.

The early 14th-century painters discovered a way of staining white glass a golden colour. This is called silver stain, and it helps to date the glass, as yellow glass cannot be dated earlier than c.1310.

Peter is now an independent Stained Glass Consultant who works both in this country and abroad. He has given more than 9,000 lectures all around the world. Perhaps he is best known for his repair and restoration work to York Minster following the fire in 1984, and in particular for the Rose Window, which was cracked into 40,000 pieces by the intense heat. He gave us a truly inspiring lecture, and we hope he will be able to return at some point in the Project to delight us further.

CURRENT STATE OF THE PROJECT

There are currently 157 churches/church sites being researched, and around forty entries on the website. The webmaster is currently working on Car Colston St Mary, to be followed by Shelford St Peter & St Paul. The following entries will appear on the website shortly: Ratcliffe on Soar Holy Trinity; Sneinton St Stephen; Gotham St Lawrence; Hyson Green St Paul; Basford St Aidan; Plumtree St Mary the Virgin; Perlethorpe St John the Evangelist; Hyson Green St Stephen; Eastwood St Mary; Sneinton St Matthias. For latest progress on the Project, check our website at <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk>.

REVISIONS TO THE BRIEFING DOCUMENT

Our briefing document has undergone several revisions since the Project began, adding further sources of information as we uncover them, in an attempt to make the document as comprehensive as possible. Our latest version contains several additions - this will be provided at the training session, along with a floppy disk containing the format in which we require entries to be submitted. If you are not able to attend on 29 October and would like a copy of the updated Briefing Document and/or disk, contact Jonathan Pickett (email dac@southwell.anglican.org), or tel. 01636 817210. The template, in conjunction with the Briefing Document, should make researching and writing up your submission easier.

This invitation is extended to past researchers as well as to current ones. If you wish to attend the Researchers' Training Session on 29 October 2005 at Southwell DAC, Dunham House, Southwell, please email dac@southwell.anglican.org, or return this slip by 20 October 2005 to: Jonathan Pickett, Southwell DAC, Dunham House, 8 Westgate, Southwell, NG25 0JL.

I/We will be attending the training session on 29 October.

NAME (CAPITALS PLEASE) _____

IF GROUP ATTENDANCE, GROUP NAME _____

AND NO. ATTENDING _____

Please complete if applicable: I am/we are currently researching _____ church.

The research is _____ % complete. I/we expect to submit by _____

NB: If you elected to research a church or church site for the Project, but are no longer able to do so, please inform Jonathan Pickett or Janice Avery (janave@waitrose.com) - it is important that we know which churches are being actively researched, to monitor the Project's progress.

SOUTHWELL DAC CHURCH HISTORY PROJECT

NEWSLETTER No 5: MARCH 2005



RESEARCHERS' MEETING: SATURDAY 7 MAY, HALAM

The next Researchers' Meeting will be held at 2.00pm on Saturday 7 May 2005 at Halam Parish Church, when our guest lecturer will be Keith Barley, FMGP, ACR. Keith established the Barley Studios in 1973, and offers a complete service in the Art and Craft of Stained Glass. He has won prestigious awards for the conservation of medieval stained glass, and works in close collaboration with designers, architects and clients to 'create contemporary windows with a sense of freedom that speak of the past'. He is Master Glazier to Ely Cathedral, and his written work include 'Care & Maintenance of Stained Glass' in *Treasures on Earth*, and a chapter on the history of repair & conservation of the medieval stained glass of Fairford Parish Church in *Life, Death & Art*.

The schedule for the afternoon will be:

2.00pm	Introduction – Stephen Langford
2.05-2.40pm	'Glass in Churches' – Keith Barley
2.40-3.00pm	Question-and-Answer Session on the lecture
3.00-3.15pm	Posting Entries on the Website – David Harper
3.15-3.30pm	The Future of the Project – John Beckett
3.30-3.55pm	An opportunity for researchers to pose questions to individual members of the Project Team
3.55pm	Thanks – Stephen Langford
4.00pm	Meeting ends

[Please note that although there is not a car park at the church itself there is ample space for parking nearby] We do hope you will be able to join us; and if you are, please complete and return the slip overleaf.

In *The Buildings of England Nottinghamshire*, Pevsner wrote of Halam St Michael:

'Norman chancel arch, very complete and satisfying: the orders with scalloped capitals, the arch with altogether four roll mouldings, three of them on the one major capital below. Contemporary probably the broad tower storeys without buttresses. Or are they C13? Truncated and very squat, with a modern pyramidal roof and ugly pinnacles. The triple-chamfered tower arch seems C13 rather than C12. C13 the wall of the nave with one lancet window, the s arcade on rather broad heavy quatrefoil piers with double-chamfered arches, and the s chancel doorway with bands of chevron. Windows usually straight-headed Perp. Stained Glass. In the tracery lights of a N chancel window, four good complete C14 figures: St Christopher, St Blaise, Adam naked and delving, Eve naked and spinning. The scenes lost from the main light are the Temptation of Adam and Christ blessing. Three windows by *Morris & Co.*, 1919: nave N side, a two-light window with the Annunciation and Visitation and one lancet with St Michael; s aisle W, the Transfiguration and Ascension.'

NEWS ABOUT THE PROJECT'S CO-ORDINATING TEAM

Chris Brooke is soon to take up a new position in Edinburgh. Janice Avery has left Nottingham University and will shortly be taking up a post as administrator of a local charity. Both intend to remain active members of the team and project. Rosemary Gatie retired in November 2004; our grateful thanks go to Rosemary for all her work on the project. Her successor is Jonathan Pickett.

Jonathan was born in 1968 in Taplow, Bucks, and gained an honours degree in Information and Library Studies at Newcastle-upon-Tyne Polytechnic. He moved to Nottingham in 1990, and worked in the stills and cuttings library at the *Nottingham Evening Post* in Forman Street until 1997, when he joined Carlton TV as a news library assistant. In 2002 he began work as a Stills and Footage Researcher, still at Carlton TV, until he became part of their mass redundancy process due to site closure in 2004. Jonathan is married with two young sons. He says that his family takes up most of his spare time, but he does manage to squeeze in some reading and watching films; and in particular he follows Newcastle United football club, which is a passion stretching back to 1974.

Logo, top right: picture from a drawing of St Mary's Church, Colston Bassett (1991) by John Severn

CURRENT STATE OF THE PROJECT

There are currently 154 churches/church sites being researched, and forty entries on the website. We are still desperately short of volunteers to carry out research on churches in the north of the county. If you know of anyone suitable who would be interested in helping us to move the Church History Project towards its completion, please ask them to contact Janice Avery, email janaver@waitrose.com. For latest progress on the Project, check our website at <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk>.

REVISIONS TO THE BRIEFING DOCUMENT

Our briefing document has undergone several revisions during the Project's lifetime, taking on board additional sources of information as we uncover them, in an attempt to make the document as comprehensive as possible for our researchers. We are now on version 2.3, which contains only one alteration to the document distributed at our Egmonton meeting last year. This is an additional source:

There are entries for most Nottinghamshire churches, c.1912, in M. Austin, ed., *'Under the Heavy Clouds': the Church of England in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire 1911-1915* (2004) which records the parochial visitation of Bishop Edwyn Hoskyns.

If you do not have a recent copy of the Briefing Document, or the floppy disk containing the format in which we require entries to be submitted, please contact Jonathan Pickett (email dac@southwell.anglican.org), or telephone him on 01636 817210. The template, in conjunction with the Briefing Document should, we hope, make researching and writing up your submission easier.

The following is an extract from an article in the latest Thoroton Society Newsletter, and is reproduced for researchers' interest by kind permission of the Thoroton Society. Thanks are due also to John Kitchen, who discovered this information during his research of Car Colston.

DR ROBERT THOROTON AND CAR COLSTON

...As each church is researched, all kinds of new material is emerging. Research on Car Colston, for example, has revealed that during restoration work on the chancel of St Mary's church in 1845, Dr Thoroton's coffin was exposed, and was the subject of some 'outrageous behaviour'. The coffin, which was made of red Mansfield stone, was opened, Dr Thoroton's skeleton was removed, and the skull put in the village shop

as a curiosity! On hearing of this, the vicar, the Reverend John Chaucourt Girardot, immediately ordered the remains to be collected and replaced in the coffin, which was then re-interred.

In 1863 the coffin was again dug up, but this time it was placed in the church, where it was inspected by the first generation of Thorotonians on their initial excursion, which took place in May 1897.

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This invitation is extended to past researchers as well as to current ones. If you wish to attend the next Researchers' Meeting on 7 May 2005 at Halam Parish Church, please email dac@southwell.anglican.org, or return this slip by 24 April 2005 to: Jonathan Pickett, Administrative Officer, Care of Churches, Dunham House, Westgate, Southwell NG25 0JL

I will be attending the meeting at Halam on 7 May 2005 at 2pm.

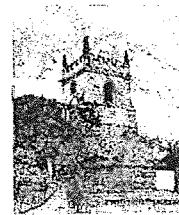
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NEWSLETTER NO 4: March 2004



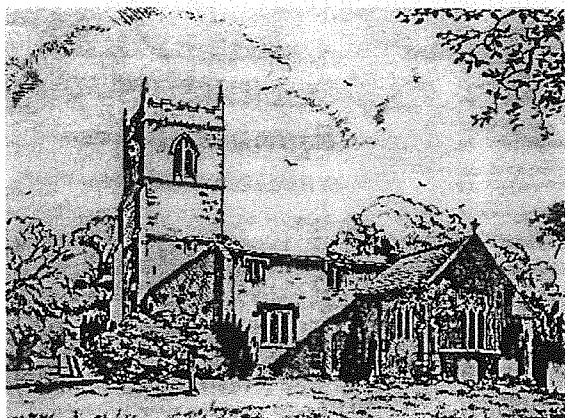
RESEARCHERS' MEETING: 24 APRIL, EGMANTON

The next Researchers' Meeting will be on **Saturday 24 April 2004 at 2.30pm at Egmonton Parish Church**, when we hope to be joined by the vicar of Egmonton, the Revd. Christopher Levy. As well as being interesting and informative (we hope!), these meetings are an ideal forum for researchers to meet like-minded people, and for raising with the Project Team any issues or questions they might have. The schedule of the meeting will be:

2.30pm	Introduction by Canon Keith Turner
2.35pm	Lecture on 'Art and Decoration' by Mr Tom Errington, followed by a question-and-answer session
3.35pm	Progress by the Project's Webmaster, the Revd Dr David Harper
3.45pm	An opportunity for researchers to pose questions to individual Project Team members if they wish
4.00pm	Thanks from Mr Stephen Langford
4.05pm	Depart

Car parking spaces will be available behind the village hall. Please return the slip overleaf or email janice.avery@nottingham.ac.uk if you intend to come, so that we know how many people to expect.

In his entry on Egmonton, Pevsner opens with: "There is no denying the fact, Comper's screen, organ case and pulpit make the church. As a piece of reconstruction the screen with its rood and rood-canopy is admirable, and as pieces of medieval revival organ case and pulpit are admirable too. But as pieces of contemporary art, they are of course valueless. Their date is early in Comper's work (1896-8), during a period when he was strongly influenced by South German Gothic art. The organ case is consequently modelled on that in Freiburg-im-Breisgau Cathedral; the pulpit, though fortuitously with a Voyseyish look about it, on the medieval pulpit in Ghent. Also by Comper (who was recommended to the patron, the Duke of Newcastle, by St John Hope) are the stained glass in the east window, the altar tabernacle, originally a hanging pyx, and the image of the Virgin in the chancel." Nikolaus Pevsner, *The Buildings of England Nottinghamshire*. The sketch is taken from a leaflet by Fr I Clark (Vicar of Egmonton 1980-94).



Newcastle, by St John Hope) are the stained glass in the east window, the altar tabernacle, originally a hanging pyx, and the image of the Virgin in the chancel." Nikolaus Pevsner, *The Buildings of England Nottinghamshire*. The sketch is taken from a leaflet by Fr I Clark (Vicar of Egmonton 1980-94).

TOM ERRINGTON, our guest lecturer on 24 April, has been a practising artist, gilder and painter of murals for more than twenty years. Among the major projects he has undertaken has been the design and redecoration of the private chapel at Sledmere House in Yorkshire; and three years designing and painting the vault of the Marble Chapel at Mount Stuart, the great house of the Bute family (19th-century developers of Cardiff Docks, who employed the High Victorian architect, William Burges, to rebuild Cardiff Castle and Castell Coch). Previously Tom was a lecturer at The Central School of Speech and Drama in London, and he has worked in theatre on the technical side, having been Production Manager at Nottingham Playhouse and a producer and director of independent films. He is Art, Art History and Stained Glass adviser to the Southwell Diocese, and is a NADFAS lecturer.

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The Southwell DAC Church History Project Team consists of

Mrs Janice Avery, Project Manager
Professor John Beckett, Historian & Editor
Dr Christopher Brooke, Archaeologist & Editor
Mrs Rosemary Gatie, Administrative Assistant
Revd Dr David Harper, Webmaster
Mr Stephen Langford, Project Co-ordinator and DAC Secretary
Miss Olive Taylor, Copy Editor
Canon Keith Turner, Chairman

REVISIONS TO THE BRIEFING DOCUMENT

The Briefing Document has been revised recently, and the updated version will be available at the Researchers' Meeting. We shall also have available a template on floppy disk, which lists the various sections that need to be completed in compiling an entry for the Project.

**Profile of Olive Taylor,
our recently appointed Copy Editor**

Olive migrated to Nottingham from Bury in Lancashire in 1962. During the next ten years she worked with, amongst others, Dr Frank Lake, (Director of Clinical Theology), a local firm of solicitors, and the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. In 1972 she enrolled at Trent Polytechnic and received a Nottingham B.Ed. (Hons) award in 1976; but waited until 1982/3 before undertaking a part-time M.Ed. course, again at Nottingham. She

taught for eighteen years in primary education, and took early retirement in 1994.

Olive has served as churchwarden and P.C.C. Secretary at Daybrook St Paul's, and singing with the Music Group keeps her in contact with younger members of the congregation. In association with the Nottinghamshire Village Ventures Scheme and with help from fellow church members, she enjoys bringing professional entertainment to Daybrook.

Progress of the Project

We now have 150 churches either under research or on the website, and are very grateful to you, our team of volunteer researchers – without you we couldn't hope to complete the Project! However, with over 400 churches and church sites to be documented, we still need volunteers, particularly for parishes in the north of the diocese. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Janice Avery. If you are able to take some leaflets in order to advertise the Project more widely, you can collect these at the next Researchers' meeting. If you have access to the Internet, don't forget you can see the website for yourself at <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk>.

I intend to come to the Researchers' Meeting on 24 April 2004 at Egmanton Parish Church.

My research is _____ % complete. I expect to submit my entry by _____

NAME (CAPITALS PLEASE) _____

CHURCH/CHURCH SITE YOU ARE RESEARCHING _____

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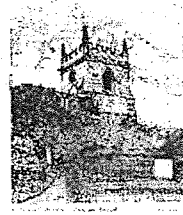
If you are no longer engaged upon researching an entry for the Southwell DAC Church History Project, please let us know – it is important that we have this information so that we can accurately log the Project's progress.

Please return this slip by 10 April 2004 to:

Mrs Janice Avery, School of History, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD.

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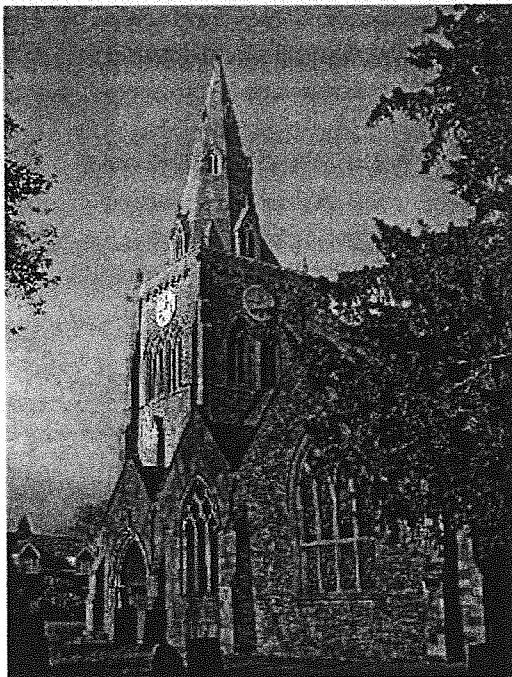
NEWSLETTER NO 3: March 2003



HOW TO READ YOUR PARISH CHURCH

The next **Researchers' Meeting** will take place on **Saturday 3 May 2003 at St Michael's Church, Linby, at 2.30pm**, when Dr Chris Brooke, archaeological editor of the Project Team, will speak on '**How to Read Your Parish Church**'. The session will examine the basics of how to 'read' the physical fabric of the building, looking at masonry types, changes in construction and style, scar features, and the problems of areas hidden by plaster or paint. We shall also discuss some of the more esoteric and hidden elements of churches such as roof timbers and bell frames, and look at what they may tell us about the building. Although researchers are not expected to become experts in the archaeological study of the fabric, a little rudimentary knowledge is often of great help in working out the history of the building. Afterwards tea will be served, and there will be a chance for researchers to raise any queries with members of the Project Co-ordinating Team. The meeting will finish at 4.00-4.30pm.

Directions: St Michael's is on Church Lane off Main Street (B6011); it is quite visible. The approach to the village is either via the A60 or from Hucknall. Parking is 'on road', but care should be taken not to block driveways. If you wish to park at the Horse and Groom Inn, ask the publican first. Please let Janice Avery know if you intend to come along, using the slip overleaf, so that Canon Keith Turner (rector of Linby - and also a member of the Team) knows how many people to expect.



Report on Meeting at St Mary's Church, Bingham - 5 October 2002

Over 30 researchers attended the meeting at Bingham church (left). Revd. Dr. David Harper, rector of St Mary's and Project Webmaster, introduced the meeting and acknowledged the work of Terry Fry, who has had major involvement in the project, but is currently unable to continue due to ill health. Diocesan Archivist Adrian Henstock gave an illustrated lecture on archival resources available in researching a church history. He used St Mary's as an example, drawing attention to aspects of the exterior and interior of the church, and pointing out some of the pitfalls researchers might encounter in 'reading' these. He then drew attention to the various periods when a church was likely to undergo alteration or enlargement, and the documentary sources which relate to them.

John Beckett thanked Adrian for giving the lecture, and David for his hospitality. After tea and biscuits, kindly provided by the ladies of St Mary's church, researchers were invited to circulate amongst Project Team members with any questions or comments relating to the project.

Logo: picture from a drawing of St Mary's Church, Colston Bassett (1991) by John Severn

Report on Visit to Nottinghamshire Archives Office - 28 August 2002

A group of twenty researchers attended a visit to Nottinghamshire Archives Office. Archivist Chris Weir gave a very interesting and informative lecture on resources available, particularly in relation to researching a church history, and the group was able to examine the samples exhibited. Chris then led the group on a tour of the Office and explained various aspects of the archival system and how to access documents.

Proposed visits to Borthwick Institute, York, Church of England Record Centre, Bermondsey, and Lambeth Palace Library

Until 1837 Nottinghamshire was in the archdiocese of York, and some material relating to the county's churches is held in the **Borthwick Institute**.

CERO at Bermondsey holds information on Church Commissioners and their predecessor bodies, e.g. the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and Queen Anne's Bounty; a limited amount of Church Building Commissioners papers; the entire National Society Archive (church schools); and documentary material, on a parish by parish basis, relating to all matters of property, boundaries etc., and including diocesan-wide surveys in 1832, 1887 and 1922.

Lambeth Palace Library holds entries for all parishes that have received money from the Incorporated Church Building Societies for repairs, improvements etc; and also a large collection of nineteenth century church plans.

Small groups occasionally travel to these institutions for a day's research. If you are interested in joining such a group, please contact Howard Fisher on 0115 9372898.

Update to the Briefing Document

We aim to update researchers via this occasional Newsletter. Please keep the following information with your Briefing Document.

pp 8-9: two NADFAS publications:

Stained Glass Marks and Monograms compiled by Joyce Little (eds. Angela Goedicke and Margaret Washbourn, 2002), obtainable direct from NADFAS.

Church Furnishings: A NADFAS Guide by P. Dirsztay (Routledge & Kegan Paul, London). ISBN 0 7100 8820 5/8897

p 10: Bibliographic sources: Church guide book, if there is one, but **check sources before quoting**.

Current state of the Project

Over 140 churches are either currently under research or with completed submissions on the website. We still need more volunteers, particularly for parishes in the north of the county. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact janice.avery@nottingham.ac.uk (tel 0115 9515929). If you have access to the Internet, you can see the website for yourself at <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk>

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Please return this slip by post in the sae provided, or email your responses to janice.avery@nottingham.ac.uk

I will/will not be attending the researchers' meeting on 3 May 2003 at Linby Church.

I estimate that I have completed _____ % of my research on _____ church,

and expect to submit by _____

NAME _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SOUTHWELL DAC CHURCH HISTORY PROJECT

NEWSLETTER NO 2: July 2002



Our first Researchers' Networking Group Meeting held at the University of Nottingham on 15 April last was a great success, and it was encouraging that so many people attended. We hope you found the event useful, both in meeting fellow labourers, and in having the opportunity to meet members of the Co-ordinating Team.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 5 October at 2.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Bingham, when Adrian Henstock will talk about his experiences in researching the church and relating documentary and architectural evidence. Members of the Project Co-ordinating Team will be present, and there will again be a Question and Answer Session when researchers can raise any queries, problems or suggestions. The meeting will last approximately 90 minutes.

We have also organized a session at Nottinghamshire Archives Office on Wednesday 28 August at 10.00 am for anyone who is either new to research, or who wishes to learn more about resources available at the Archives Office and how to access them. Attenders are limited to twenty, and attendance will be by application only. If numbers exceed this, a further visit can be organized.

Attached is a form which we should be grateful if you would complete and return – even if you are not able to attend. Please either post or email the form to Janice Avery by 12 August at the latest.

If your contact details change, or you have recently acquired an email address which we do not have, please let Janice Avery know.

Current state of the Project

There are over 130 churches either with completed submissions on the website or currently under research.

We still need more volunteers, particularly for parishes in the north of the diocese (e.g. Bawtry, Harworth, Auckley, Finningley, Misson, Clayworth, Hayton, Misterton, Blyth, Beckingham, the Levertons) and in the south-east (e.g. Staunton, Shelton, Kilvington, Flawborough, Sibthorpe, Aslockton, Whatton, Orston, Granby, Hickling, Kinoulton). If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact us!

If you have access to the Internet, remember you can see the website for yourself at

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk>

Update to the Briefing Document

We aim to update researchers via this occasional Newsletter. Please keep the following information with your Briefing Document.

- **Addition to Archival Sources:**
State of the Church in the County of Nottingham and Diocese of York. Compiled from Authentic Sources with Hints for Its Improvement, (1836) by Rev. Robert Simpson, M.A. (L21, Nottingham Local Studies Library, blue folder). Gives incumbent in 1836 and any preferments held; observations, e.g. endowments, dates and costs of repairs and rebuilds; population in 1831 and church accommodation.
- **NADFAS:** (National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies). NADFAS HOUSE, 8 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1DT. tel. 020 7430 0730). The Association photographs and records the history and details of church furnishings, monumental inscriptions, and stained glass. All NADFAS completed church records go to the Diocesan Records Office, as well as the church, the CCC, the Victoria & Albert Museum, and to NADFAS's Church Recorders' archives. The area representative is Lady Kennedy, tel. 01572 737333, who can supply details of local NADFAS contacts.

Photographs

- When submitting photographs please try to supply the following:
 - * At least two (preferably four if aspects are possible) views of the exterior from different sides;
 - * A view showing the churchyard (if there is one, and if a reasonably photogenic view is possible);
 - * At least two views of the interior, to include one from the west looking east, and in most cases one from the east looking west;
 - * More detailed photographs of important interior and exterior features, in particular:
 - the War Memorial, if there is one
 - some of the more important stained glass windows (if any)
 - the most significant monuments/memorials
 - the clock, if a reasonably close shot can be achieved
 - possibly the organ case, if it can be seen to advantage from any aspect
 - any other significant features or fittings, especially anything mentioned in the text (but excluding anything that could be stolen)

Also if possible (though obviously these will need to come from other sources):

- * Old photographs of the church, especially any showing features which have now vanished
- * At least one plan of the church, and if possible several from different periods of its history
- * Drawings of the church (or of important features), again particularly any showing things no longer in existence

Before photographing smaller items it is wise to move out of the way moveable items which obscure them. Somehow one mentally edits these out when one is present in the building, but they do spoil the photo. Similarly for exterior photographs, items like telegraph poles, litter bins and parked cars can get in the way. If they cannot be moved they can sometimes be avoided by a suitable choice of vantage point.

Please remember to identify all photographs, either by writing on the back or using labels or post-it notes. If you wish to have original documents and photographs returned, please specify this when submitting your work; otherwise the material will be lodged in Southwell DAC Archives.

SOUTHWELL DAC CHURCH HISTORY PROJECT

We would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire, and either email it back or, if you have received it by post, return in the prepaid envelope provided.

RESEARCHERS' NETWORKING GROUP MEETING, SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 2002

I will be attending the Meeting at St Mary's Church, Bingham

YES/NO

VISIT TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHIVES OFFICE, WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 2002

Chris Weir of Nottinghamshire Archives Office will lead a session at Nottinghamshire Archives Office, and volunteers new to research, or those wanting to discover more about the Archives Office holdings, are invited to attend. Please note that attendance is by application only using this form below, and is strictly limited to twenty people. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so if you want to attend do book early to avoid disappointment! If the session is over-subscribed we will organize another next year.

The event will begin at 10.00 am and last for approximately 75 minutes, and will include:

- an illustrated talk introducing the range of material available at the Archives Office
- examples of material available relating to church history
- a tour of the archive and microfiche search areas and reference library
- a question and answer session

If you are successful in securing a place on this session, further information regarding where to meet, car parking, etc. will be sent to you by the Friday preceding the visit. If you have not received details by then please assume you have not been successful on this occasion; your name will be put on a reserve list to join a future session if you wish.

I wish to join the session at Nottinghamshire Archives Office on 28 August 2002. YES/NO

If you use a wheelchair please tick so that arrangements can be made for the use of the lift

If your application is not successful, tick if you wish to be put on the list for a future visit

NAME: (CAPITALS PLEASE)

CONTACT TEL NO and/or EMAIL

Please email this form to janice.avery@nottingham.ac.uk or return it to
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by Monday 12 August 2002

SOUTHWELL DAC CHURCH HISTORY PROJECT

NEWSLETTER NO.1

This is the first Newsletter from the Southwell DAC Church History Project Management Team – the Revd Keith Turner, Mr Stephen Langford, the Revd Dr David Harper, Professor John Beckett, Dr Chris Brooke, Mrs Rosemary Gatie and Mrs Janice Avery.



Firstly, we would like to express our grateful thanks to all of you who have volunteered to undertake research on the Project – without you we couldn't hope to complete it! Through the Newsletter we will keep you informed of the Project's progress, and we are currently setting up a networking group which will get together occasionally, where you can meet other researchers working on the Project, share ideas, raise any difficulties you might have encountered, and generally air your views.

We would like to invite you to our first NETWORKING GROUP MEETING, which will be held at the University of Nottingham History Department on Monday 15 April 2002 at 7.45 pm (see map enclosed). This will be an informal get-together lasting no more than 90 minutes, and will be an opportunity to meet like-minded people – so we hope you will come along and join us – this is YOUR chance to tell US about your experiences!

Current state of the Project

If you have access to the Internet, remember you can see the website for yourself at

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk>

And if you are a complete novice without a computer don't forget that you can go along to your local library and access the internet. Take the website address with you and, if necessary, ask one of the library staff for some help.

You will find nine churches on the website so far, and research for several more has been completed. These entries will be added to the website in the next few weeks. Another 35 or so churches/church sites are actively being researched at the present time. But with more than 300 churches and

sites in the diocese of Southwell, there is still a long way to go, which means there is plenty of scope for new volunteers.

The enclosed flyer is being distributed to the county's churches, libraries, museums, colleges, and local history societies, to advertise the Project more widely in the hope of recruiting more volunteers. Do you know of any individual or group who might be interested in joining us? If so please bring the flyer to their attention; and if you want further copies to distribute yourself, contact the Project Manager.

February 2002

Picture from a drawing of St Mary's Church, Colston Bassett (1991) by Mr J A Severn

SOUTHWELL DAC CHURCH HISTORY PROJECT

Are you fascinated by local history? Interested in churches or church sites?
Want to do some research on a church/church site in the county?

The Southwell DAC Church History Project aims to compile a historical record of every parish church/church site in the county. Are you interested in researching your local parish church, or another in the county? More volunteers (individuals or groups) are needed to prepare entries for our website, guided by a comprehensive briefing paper. No previous experience is necessary, and you don't even need a computer – word processing is preferred, but typed or legibly written submissions are acceptable. Internet access would be useful but not essential. Full acknowledgement of authorship will be made on the website.

To register your interest, or for more information, contact the Project Manager, Janice Avery,
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