

Church Recording Report Spring 2017

St Mary's, Winkfield. SL4 4SQ

The group from Warfield has now moved on to this church.

Recording is progressing well and all sections have recorders working on them. The Church Warden is showing great interest and being extremely helpful. (Windlebrook dfas, Ascot dfas, Camberley dfas, Englemere,dfas, Surrey heath dfas, Wokingham dfas) Group Leader, Alison Day.

St Nicholas, Peper Harow. GU8 6BQ

All the recording has been done and the Record is nearing completion. The team is still waiting for a date for the presentation to the church. (Farnham dfas) Group Leader, Ellis Smith.

St Mary, Shackleford. GU8 6AY

The team is making good progress. Many of the sections have been completed and the initial check has been done on some of the sections. The church has some very interesting pieces which are proving quite difficult date. (Guildford Evening dfas) Group Leader, Elizabeth Proudman.

St Nicholas, Compton. GU3 1EG

The Record was presented to the church in December and very well received. The recording has benefited from many people from other groups joining the team over the past year to offer particular skills.

Unfortunately, the group has now disbanded. Many recorders have been recording for a long time and felt they could no longer continue. The extra helpers have returned to their original groups. I am sorry that Gillian has decided to give up as leader of the group but it has proved difficult recently to split her time between Surrey and Worcester. She has given many years' service to recording in both counties and we are very grateful for all the time she has spent with us. I don't think she will give up recording completely and has already said that she and her husband could be available to give some assistance in compiling to other new groups. Guilford Wey Valley/Camberley dfas) Group leader, Gillian Kendal.

St Bartholomew, Haslemere. GU27 1BL

Most of the recording has been done. A few more details need to be added but the compiling is progressing well. Some sections have already been checked. (Haslemere dfas) Group Leader, Jane Bradford.

St Andrew's, Grafham. GU15 0LH

Some progress has been made with the history of this little private chapel in spite of the fact that few records remain. Unfortunately the state of the building still continues to give concern. It would appear that no funds will be forthcoming to stop the damage from subsidence and damp. We are in the process of finding a way to protect from damp two banners hanging in the church. The church was built by Henry Woodyer as a memorial to his wife. Earlier last year, I went with some members of the team to a lecture in Dorking on Woodyer churches. It was interesting but unfortunately we did not get any extra information on St Andrew's. (Shalford dfas) Group Leader, Kate Bednarczyk.

All Saints', Woodham. GU21 5SU

A Victorian church with interesting features and a beautiful reredos for the team to enjoy. In spite of the lack of co-operation from the church warden, the recording is progressing well and the organist has become interested in the process and has agreed to help. Some very old Bibles have been discovered among some items that had been discarded by the church. Now the process begins to find more out about them. (Woking/Mayford dfas) Group Leader, Janet Gill.

St Michael the Archangel, Aldershot. GU11 3SS

A garrison church with some Elizabethan parts and some Victorian alterations, all joined together with some not very attractive modern additions. The recording is progressing well and the team are enjoying working at the church. There are many interesting features to record, including a vast number of hymn books, all of which have been donated in memory. (Farnham dfas) Group Leader, Ellis Smith.

St Nicolas, Cranleigh. GU6 8AS

The team are settling well into their task now, feeling more confident and doing some excellent work. Recently they invited the designer and maker of the new west window to come to the church to explain her design. It was a most interesting afternoon. (Cranleigh dfas) Group Leader, Patricia Butler.

I recently attended two study days at Guildford Cathedral with other West Surrey recorders. One on Textiles and one on Archiving. They were both very interesting days and I was able to meet more people from the area who are involved in this work and may be able to help in the future. The staff at the Cathedral are showing considerable interest in the work of Church Recording.

I now have a few past recorders who are willing to help new groups when they start a new section. This has proved a great help to me. Our next meeting of group leaders and compilers is coming up soon. We will be able to discuss the new logo and how much it will affect our work. Hopefully, it will only be necessary to change the logo for the final Record but I believe there are some copyright changes in the pipeline.

You may like to know that St Andrew's Church in Farnham have recently produced a booklet on their stained glass windows, using information from the Record.

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