

NEWS FROM STEVENTON

It is wonderful to tell you that work on the Roof, Tower, and exterior rendering of St. Nicholas' Church is now completed. As this was "major work" we received generous grants from Government funds and have been able to save our "American" Fund. This stands at £5,000 which gives us the most splendid start and encouragement to re-decorate the interior of the Church. A preliminary Budget Estimate suggests that the full Schedule of work will cost in the region of £15,000, so there is much fund raising to be done. Also, there is much preparation work to be done, experts to be consulted, etc. If all goes well, we certainly hope to make a start on this project in 1987.

Thanks to your Fund, we have been able to place engraved Plates at the foot of the graves to the northeast of the Churchyard, where the inscriptions to members of the Austen and Knight families have been worn away by the weather. This is a most worthwhile achievement for future generations of visitors to the Church.

Another project that we look forward to achieving is a Garden of Remembrance, where residents and friends may place a small remembrance plaque to their loved ones who have been cremated or perhaps died in another part of the country. We hope that JASNA members will approve of the use of their Fund for this project.

Finally, I know that I speak for many Steventon residents when I say how tremendously grateful we are for your continued support of St. Nicholas' Church. Your friendship and interest have revitalized our determination to maintain our historic Church to the very best of our ability, and your donations enable us to carry out most worthwhile projects.

Joyce Brown

