



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
DEVELOPMENT APPEAL



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STOP PRESS - SOME BAD NEWS

MORE ASBESTOS DISCOVERED

It's only a matter of weeks since we distributed Newsletter 22. However, we thought that everyone in the village would wish to know that more asbestos has been discovered.

When the building contractors took down the Victorian vestry and the old boiler house (which had previously been cleared of the asbestos we knew was there) and cleared out the existing boiler, an underground chamber was found. The chamber does not appear in any records so its existence came as a surprise. In the chamber there was another, earlier, boiler.

It is riddled with blue asbestos, which is highly toxic. The experts are currently considering how to deal with the asbestos. The cost of this could be in the region of £20,000. This is a real blow, as we have already spent £7,000 on removing the known asbestos and then a further £30,000 on the asbestos subsequently discovered under the floor of the Nave.

Funding the £30,000 has used up all our original contingency and more. We now will have to raise up to a further £20,000 to fund dealing with this latest discovery of asbestos.

Any further financial help from members of the village community and former villagers would be much appreciated. The Friends' Treasurer, Danuta Tagg, will be happy to advise.

Please do not attempt to go through the fencing surrounding the site of the old vestry, and keep dogs out of the area too.

UPDATE ON THE REST OF THE PROJECT

The building contractors are working inside the main body of the church; fortunately, this is not hampered by the presence of asbestos where the vestry stood.

The inside of the church is scaffolded and the electrical wiring is going in at the moment. The walls have been stripped of the impervious plaster to allow the walls to dry out and then for the application of breathable lime plaster. Then the new heating system and the new stone floor will go in.

THE CHAIR APPEAL

So far, 18 chairs have been funded. The PCC's thanks to everyone who has contributed. There are still a further 52 chairs to be funded. Further contributions would be very much appreciated. Danuta has the necessary form.