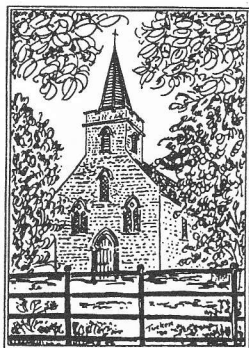


News from St. Nicholas' Church, Steventon



Old Meade, Steventon, Hampshire

Another year has passed and I am delighted to be invited to write a few words for inclusion in the 1994 edition of *Persuasions*. As I write I am thinking of you all gathering for the annual meeting in New Orleans. Many of our friends, from both your country and ours, will be there, and as always we look forward to hearing and reading about your wonderfully happy and interesting time.

Here in Steventon we have had a beautiful autumn, with mellow sunshine and many dry days giving us the opportunity to complete our farming tasks in timely fashion. St. Nicholas' Church continues to flourish with well-attended services and joyous music. Our inspecting architect is pleased with the maintenance of the Church fabric. The memorials in the Churchyard have been cleaned and conserved.

On Tuesday, 1st November, the three mediaeval bells will be lowered and taken to the bell hangers, Messrs. Whites of Appleton, near Oxford. We are making this a JASNA project in recognition of all the friendship and support we have received from members of the Society over the past 20 years. Just a few weeks ago we had the great surprise of a most generous cheque for £1,000 from the Ottawa Region, being a donation from their funds resulting from the Annual General Meeting held there in 1991. This has been just the encouragement we need as we embark on this important project.

We thank you all, sincerely. Please do not hesitate to call on us when visiting Steventon. It gives us great pleasure to meet you and show you St. Nicholas' Church and the nearby churches at Ashe and Deane.

Joyce Bown