

South Canterbury Decorative & Fine Arts Society

Church Recording: St Stephen's Church Canterbury

The small group continues to delve into the details of St Stephen's Church Hackington to record an inventory in the format required by NADFAS. What is being created is an archive, not a work of art, as we are constantly reminded in training sessions: accuracy and accessibility are our watchwords, but that does not in any way reduce the enjoyment and satisfaction in delving into the history of the building.

We have been making headway and reckon that we are about half way through with some sections completed in detailed draft and nearly all the basic data collecting finished.

The stonework, woodwork and the 'miscellaneous' sections are now being tackled in detail. However, then it's a question of putting some flesh on all the names of those people commemorated in one way or another who have left their mark on this historic building by delving in the various libraries. We would welcome contact with anyone who might have particular expertise in woodwork; just a few hours would be helpful; likewise with the stonework.

Eventually, we must check our drafts for accuracy and readability; this really needs other than the initial collectors, if possible. In some sections, the work involved would be: taking each draft description, finding each item on our location plans and checking the text description. **Please contact me if you think you might like to help – mlba@kentforlife.net**

Our final job will be to put all this together in the required format with photographs, drawings and plans; fortunately this is now in digital form. That's for next year!

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