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Dear Mr. Trant,

RINGMORE ALL HALLOWS: Banners of Evangelists: Incumbents List

Last October 22nd you wrote to me on both the above subjects; I hope that I acknowledged your letter, but at all events on 1st November I wrote to Dr. Chris Brooks and sent him a copy of your letter.

It has been an extremely busy winter for the DAC, with many extra matters calling for extra meetings, but in an unexpected pre-Holy Week lull, I am wondering whether you heard anything further from Chris Brooks? If not, I will take your letter up again and 'chivvy'. Regarding the Incumbents' List, we usually take one of two lines: a) we suggest that if there is room for a 'continuation' board it should be pretty much to match the style of the earlier one or b) if starting again from the beginning it should be an oak board inscribed in good Times New Roman lettering.

I look forward to hearing from you, and hope you will be kind enough to overlook the winter's hiatus.

Yours sincerely,

Gairon R. Bethel

Hon. Secretary

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The mention to Abbotsbury in my letter refers to the meeting for Churchwardens held at that church in Newton Abbot (very useful these are, especially for new people) when I took one of the banners and asked if we were supposed to look after such things now that they were very much out of "fashion" and would probably ~~never~~ never be seen again. Dr. Chris Brooks (Exeter University, as is Professor Swanton) concerns himself with the internal furniture of churches and said that we must do so for the future information of our successors...so I asked for help! I did bother Chris Brooks several times but he was very busy...

The pictures were difficult to take - I was in the hall and it was a bother to find something high enough and strong enough to hang them on. I changed them round because the light was too strong from the window.

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JS Miss Bethel retired long ago. The name of the present Sec. is on the old Diocesan Directory which you have

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22 October 1990.

Dear Miss Bethel,

All Hallows, Ringsmore.

Thankyou for your letter of 13 October. I have written to Luke Dampney, quoting the third paragraph of that letter and asking for an exact description of the proposals. I hope that this will clear the DAS's point; I have passed the specifications for the plaster and mortar to our builder.

Thankyou too for your kind remarks about my note on the Conference. I was somewhat taken aback by the Archdeacon's proposal that I should write something (in a very short time too) but I am glad it was acceptable.

May I now raise two different points - if you ought to have separate letters, I apologise and hope you don't mind. One is fairly simple and must have been raised elsewhere. Most churches have lists of their incumbents hanging somewhere; I have noticed that many of these have little room for more entries - and with the increasing mobility of the clergy, these will become more frequent. We here have no room for our present incumbent's name. Has the DAS any general advice on this? Do we try to copy the previous style and have a second board or should we start again with a larger 'canvas', from the beginning and leaving much more room for the future than our forerunners left us?

The second point is the one I mentioned at Abbotsbury. Two years ago, I came across banners of the four Evangelists rolled up in a blue fertilizer bag in our tower room. This did not seem to be the best storage place; Michael Swanton and Mari Glasgow from the University were measuring the church at the time and agreed that plastic was not the best cover so I have them at home at the moment, rolled on their staves.

I enclose a photograph of them on blue. Each measures 36" x 44"; the material is "Crocketts Original Leather Cloth West Ham" and naturally the paint is suffering from what I suppose could be called craquelure in some circles. Has the DAS advice on the treatment which might be given and how they banners should be stored?

Yours sincerely

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