

## NADFAS Church Recorders

The Cotswold DFAS group of Church Recorders has finished the Record of St. Mary-the-Virgin in Shipton and the Presentation of the bound volume was made to the Church during the service of Morning Prayer on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Recording Church Contents

Church Recorders are volunteers who work in groups under the local branch of NADFAS (National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies). They have completed the records of over 1000 Churches (not all Church of England) in the country, thus creating a valuable description of the contents of these churches. Five copies are made and distributed to the parish, the County Records Office, the Council for the Care of Churches, the V. and A. Museum and the National Monuments Centre in Swindon, and are available for consultation.

A local group chooses a church with the approval of the Vicar and Archdeacon. When it came to the next church, (the last

one we did was in Cassington), Shipton was chosen because Bruce Chalmers, leader of the Cotswold group, lived there and was becoming rather frail but wanted to continue 'recording'.

### A Rigorous and Precise Format

The rules for recording are extremely rigid and a standard form for the precise description is required by NADFAS so that the Record of each church has the same format. The field work is done by about 20 people meeting in the church at regular intervals to prepare the individual sections.

We were very grateful for the help given by the Church Wardens over the years and for the Rev. Anne Hartley's interest and support in making the arrangements for the Presentation. We would also like to thank those who provided the refreshments after the Service, which were much appreciated.

**Ann Gilbert, Leader**  
**Verity Brown, Compiler**

## Burford Police Office

From Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 the Burford Police office will be based in Burford library at 86A High Street, Burford, for a trial period of three months.

The existing office above the Tourist Information office will not be open during this time.

Services provided will include crime reporting, Neighbourhood Policing information and general advice.

Thames Valley Police Volunteers will be available there at the following times within library hours: **Tuesday and Friday 2pm to 4pm, Saturday 10am to noon.**

If you would like to volunteer to help in the office, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for West Oxfordshire through the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number: 08458 505 505 for more information.

## Thanks to Jan Harvey

How many times do we say this, but yet again a very big 'Thank You' to Jan for her marvellous illustrations on Pages 5 and 9. Jan you did us proud!