

THE RESTORATION OF 1991

In the Autumn of 1990 an unexpected legacy from the estate of the late Miss Mary Adeline Victoria Halford, of Oxford, made it possible to do extensive restoration work on the church. All the outstanding work (see page four) was put in hand and completed in the Summer and Autumn of 1991.

The east wall pointing and stone replacement; the stonework of the East Window; the stonework beneath the tower; the reshingling of the lower part of the tower, and work on some of the supporting framework; the replacement of the blue brick gutter by a French Drain: all this work was done!

A considerable amount of work was done on the windows. All the leadwork for those on the south side was totally replaced, as was that in the north chancel wall, together with its stonework. The remaining windows were reglazed as required.

Further, the interior of the church was repaired and redecorated, carpeted throughout (apart from the sanctuary), and thoroughly cleaned.

Miss Halford was a regular visitor to Hail Weston as a child, coming to stay here with her grandmother Mrs Lee, in the earlier part of the last century.

A Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday 17th November 1991 and was attended by a large number of village people, together with the Rural Dean and other visiting clergy. Flowers were laid on the grave of Miss Halford's grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Lee, which is situated to the northwest of the church. Tea was served in the Village Hall after the service.

A plaque commemorating Miss Halford's bequest and the restoration work has been placed by the south door of the church.

