

To all Incumbents/Priests-in-Charge/Churchwardens/PCC Secretaries/Fabric Officers

November 2011

DAC MEETINGS & DEADLINES IN 2012

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
DAC Meeting	16	13	12	16	14	11	9	No Meeting	10	8	12	10
Deadline Date	4 Jan	30 Jan	27 Feb	2 Apr	30 Apr	28 May	25 Jun		20 Aug	24 Sep	29 Oct	26 Nov

THE DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC)

Sadly 2011 has been another year dominated by the increase in lead thefts across the diocese. This has been the worst year for our parish churches since 2007 when the latest upsurge in metal crime first began to escalate.

Southwell & Nottingham is the third worst hit diocese in the country in terms of insurance claims according to the latest Ecclesiastical Insurance figures. No part of the diocese has been left untouched and a third of all our churches have had lead stolen in some form or another. The worst hit have been attacked multiple times.

However the picture isn't all bad. The local police now have this metal theft issue high on their agendas and there have been significant arrests and the pressure being brought to bear on scrap dealers is gaining momentum nationally as well. Although thefts have escalated in line with the price worldwide, there has been a dip in thefts since the highs of late summer. We can only hope and pray that this devastating crime begins to abate as we go into 2012 and beyond. Please be assured that the DAC in conjunction with other bodies are doing all we can to educate people and eradicate this problem.

Elsewhere, 2011 has seen a dramatic rise in proposals for Solar PV Panels with several churches applying for schemes. From grade 1 churches to unlisted buildings, the interest has been significant, however recent changes in the FiT tariffs set by the government and coming into affect from December, will mean this isn't quite as an attractive proposition as it once was.

2011 also saw the Church History Project celebrate 100 entries on its website with a celebratory event in the Great Hall at the Bishop's Manor.

The DAC will be staging the Northern DAC Conference in March, a first for us, having staged the national event back in 1999. This gives a chance for those DACs north of Notts to get together and discuss items of relevance and importance and for us in particular to show what we have been doing and have achieved.

The new year 2012, will be a year of celebration with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics.

Let us be positive that these events can spark a resurgence for the country as a whole and mark the start of an improved outlook for all of us in the midst of these troubled financial times.

If you require any help or advice on any DAC matter please contact my office on 01636 817210 or by email to jonathan.pickett@southwell.anglican.org .

Very best wishes for 2012 from me and all those connected with the DAC

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