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Denston 550 –Anniversary Year- a final round up of this year’s events.

2024 has been a busy and exciting year in Denston. The 550th anniversary of the historic Church of St Nicholas has been



St Nicholas Church, Denston, dates from 1474

celebrated in style, and its fundraising targets reached and surpassed. It is now November, the perfect time to reflect on a job well done.



The two arrangements in the porch



Members of Stellarum, the visiting choir from San Diego who sang so beautifully

Detailed planning for the anniversary year started in July 2023, with our first meeting. Hilary Bradfield was in the chair, with Charles and Camilla Hamilton, John and Amanda Wenham, Linda Dabbs and Gill Bailey on the committee. Our aim was quickly established. We wanted to promote awareness of the significance of the church building and to encourage community pride in it. We also wanted to raise funds for the future life of the church in Denston.



Seven magnificent gardens in Denston were open for the day



Garden visitors enjoyed refreshments on the village green

church led by Bishop Martin and our Rector Eve Bell, and an amazing Silent Auction. Each was a great success. We are so very grateful to everyone who helped, supported, contributed, visited, donated and bought the specially commissioned St Nicholas tea-towels and commemorative mugs. Thank you! We are especially grateful to David Burr in Clare for the signs promoting both the Open Gardens and the Flower Festival events.

