

NEW CHURCHWARDEN APPOINTED

DAVID CRICK

MUSICIAN, COMPUTER-WIZARD AND FOOTBALL REFEREE



David Crick was elected Churchwarden at a brief Meeting of Parishioners on Sunday, 3 September, in succession to Hamish Reid who finished at the end of July. Our new warden is probably known by sight to all the congregation, because he is frequently seen conducting the choir. However, some other words about him will help to fill out the picture, for the benefit of those who only see him at a distance, and for other readers of *EPN*.

He is one of the longest-serving members of the present congregation, having become a chorister at St Mary's in 1966 (Ruby anniversary this year). He went to school at our former church school for boys in West Street, and later he was one of a long-running contingent of Sutton Grammar School boys, who have sung at St Mary's over the years. His lifetime's association with the world of Church music developed from its first beginnings to attendance at quite a few of the Royal School of Church Music courses during his teens, and he ended up as a House Captain and Head Chorister and the three-day course at Guildford Cathedral. He was the Deanery representative for the RSCM for about eight years. During his time in St Mary's choir he has been Librarian and Choir Secretary, and is now the Choir Administrator.



In his professional life he worked for the Bank of England for 24 years in a variety of jobs, but mainly with a computer theme. Since 1998 he has worked for the Financial Services Authority, in charge of a team looking after their many and varied databases.

He qualified as a football referee in 1970 at the age of 14. He worked through the ranks, reaching the International List as an Assistant Referee (undertaking 17 international appointments), and having the honour of officiating at Wembley on four occasions, including the FA Charity Shield in 1996 and the 1997 FA Cup Final between Chelsea and Middlesbrough. He was promoted to the Referees' List of the Football League in 1997, serving until 2003. He now assesses referees at national level, as well as refereeing locally. He served as Secretary to the Surrey Referees' Association for 18 years, and is now Head of Refereeing at the Surrey County Football Association, looking after some 1300 officials.

David married Melanic in 1981 (Silver Wedding kept this year in August), and they have one son Matthew (23) and two daughters, Lauren (19) and Hannah (16). The family is completed with a big black dog and the guinea pigs. Hannah, as noted elsewhere in *EPN*, has just been installed as Head Chorister, just like her brother and sister before her.

We are grateful to David Crick for consenting to accept office as Churchwarden, and wish him well for his term of office.