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**A history of the
church fence from
the Fawley Site**

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New fence at All Saints' Church, Fawley

Thanks to £13,000 funding from Esso and ExxonMobil Chemical, Fawley's 12th Century All Saints' Church, has benefited from a brand new hand-crafted oak fence.

The work was carried out by local landscape consultants, Upcher & Co. The project was overseen by Churchwarden Ken Smith. Having stood for some 80 years, the existing fence was starting to show signs of wear and tear. Here's to the next 80 years!



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Buant Croft,
Milford On Sea,
Hants,
Feb. 10th. 1930

Dear F.N. Harvey, Here is a design for your Gates & Fencing which please do not hesitate to criticise if it is not quite what you want or like, I never mind friendly criticism.

Now as to cost.

The entrance Gates include the side gate posts etc and the lamps for Electric light I could get well done for £33 - 15 - 0.
The fencing I could get done for £45 - 2 - 0, but if the lower part were in cleft oak close and not all spaces you must add £6 - 3 - 0.
And if you have a brick edging on concrete between posts to keep earth back add £9 - 4 - 6.
How far this latter is needful I cannot say without another look at the Present condition of things.
May I add that I think these prices are quite reasonable and may I suggest it would be very nice to do the fencing as well as the Gates if your funds would avail.

With kindness

Yours very truly

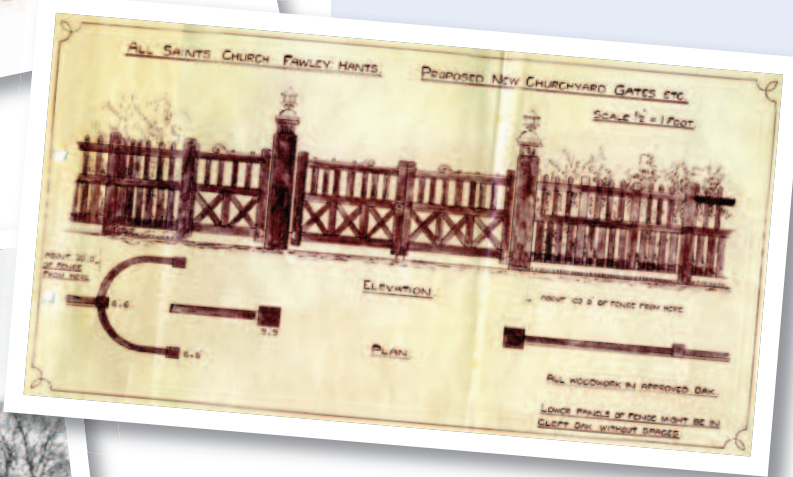
W. Ravenscroft

I have no copy of this drawing so perhaps you will kindly return it with your comments

The 1930 quotation for a total of £94 4s 6d from Mr W. Ravenscroft of Milford-on-Sea for a new church fence.

This would be 6 months salary for an average working man.

The 1930's plan for a new fence which was enclosed with the letter.



« A post-war photograph showing the church fence on Marsh Lane, opposite Read's Farm.



After the dedication ceremony of the new Esso Refinery in October 1951 by the Bishop of Winchester. The 1930 fence is clearly visible.

